

Salt Lake County Council
Legislative Update
February 9, 2021

New Bills

HB 81 Mental Health Days for Students (Winder/Fillmore)

This bill adds mental or behavioral health as a valid excuse for a school absence. This bill passed the House 60-5-10.

Status: Senate Rules.

SB 67 Workplace Violence Protective Orders (Weiler/Snow)

This bill creates a workplace violence protective order.

Status: House Rules

SB 155 988 Mental Health Crisis Assistance (Thatcher)

This creates an account to hold funds for mental health crisis services to be disbursed by Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health for the following purposes in the following priority: 1) to pay for the 988 crisis line; 2) to mitigate any negative effect 988 has on 911; 3) to pay for MCOTs; 4) to pay for receiving centers; 5) to pay for other crisis services. There is no funding source for this fund yet, but Senator Thatcher is working with the Governor's Office to decide upon a small fee to levy on every phone line in Utah, and he also plans to ask for a small amount of one-time funds as a safety net.

Status: Senate Rules

Update on Bills Previously Discussed

3rd Sub SB 18 Property Tax Exemption Amendments (Harper)

The substitute bill cut the exemption amount from \$50,000 to \$25,000. It also reinstates an exemption cliff (once the \$25,000 amount is reached the whole exemption disappears). This bill is a tax cut, not a shift.

Status: Senate 2nd Reading Calendar

1st Sub 58 Metro Township Amendments (Mayne/Dunnigan)

The substitute includes language that requires a public hearing before a metro township can impose a municipal energy sales and use tax or a municipal telecommunication's license tax. It passed the Senate without a "no" vote.

Status: House Rules

2nd Sub SB 88 Local Option Sales Tax Distribution Amendments (Fillmore)

The substitute bill removed the requirement to distribute Tier II revenues by population and instead included softer language that states the revenues shall be distributed in "communities throughout the county".

Status: House Rules

3rd Sub HB 82 Single-Family Housing Modifications (Ward)

This bill was considered at committee again. The sponsor and stakeholders committed to finding a balance between affordable housing needs, property rights and local control.

Status: House 3rd Reading Calendar

HB 98 Local Government Building Regulation Amendments

Update on negotiations: Plan Review and Inspections

- Only applies to single family, duplex or townhouse
- Plan Review 14 days – building permit must be issued
- Inspection within 3 days or builder can hire their own

Design Standards

- Expands exemptions for: FEMA , Historic Buildings (local, state and federal), Wildland Urban Interface, Development Agreement, PRUDS and other types of overlay zones, Pre 1940 neighborhoods

Status: House Political Subdivisions

1st Sub HB 243 Privacy Protection Amendments (Gibson)

The substitute gives local government 180 days to rectify a problem and a local government representative on the Committee. UAC is still working with the sponsor on amendments county auditors have requested.

Status: House 3rd Reding Calendar