

Salt Lake County Council
Legislative Update
January 26, 2021

SB 58 Metro Township Amendments (Mayne)

This bill allows a metro township to impose a municipal energy sales and use tax or a municipal telecommunications license tax.

SB 65 CRA Amendments (Harper)

Option for existing CRA/RDA that is sunseting, would allow agency and certain taxing entities to enter into an interlocal agreement that allows them to transfer project area incremental revenue.

HB 97 Property Tax Penalty Amendments (Gwynn)

This bill reduces the penalty from a minimum \$25 to \$10. This reduction will result in more taxpayers failing to file which forces the Assessor's staff to estimate more taxpayer values.

HB 122 Property Tax Relief Amendments (Lyman)

This bill reverses the order of partial payments for property taxes to the earliest year of delinquency. Currently a property owner who does not pay their property taxes will face a tax sale of their property on the 5th year of nonpayment. It would allow a taxpayer to perpetually be 4 years delinquent on their property tax.

SB 26 Property Tax Relief Amendments (Davis)

This bill amends the tax relief program known as circuit breaker to allow more people to qualify. It increases the income level by \$3,000 and eliminates certain incomes having to be included in the total income calculations, such as income from minors living at home, disability income from social security and incomes related to caring for elderly parents. SLCo supported during the 2020 session.

SB 52 Property Tax Deferral Modifications (Fillmore)

This bill requires a county to grant a property tax deferral to an owner of a single-family residence who is 66 years old or older and whose residence is valued at less than \$500,000.

HB 94 Microenterprise Home Kitchens (Watkins)

This bill creates permitting guidelines for microenterprise home kitchens. SLCoHD has concerns.

HB 117 Vaccine Reporting Requirements (Ward)

This bill requires a vaccine provider to register with the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS) and report vaccine information. Passed out of committee 13-0-0

HB 17 Utility Permitting Amendments (Handy/Hinkins)

This bill prohibits municipalities and counties from restricting the connection of utility services to customers on the basis of the type of energy the utility service provides.

HB 82 Single-Family Housing Modifications (Ward)

A city or county may not establish any restrictions or requirements for the construction or use of an internal accessory dwelling unit. SLCO is in the process of adopting an ordinance that prescribes restrictions and requirements on ADUs and this bill would eliminate the County's ability to adopt this ordinance.

HB 98 Local Government Building Regulation Amendments (Ray)

Allows developers to use their own engineers and inspectors for plan review, building inspection and issue certificates of occupancy for both residential and commercial buildings and eliminates cities/counties' ability to adopt design standards, including water-wise landscape standards.

SB 61 Outdoor Advertising Amendments (Sandall)

This bill prohibits a municipality or county from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that prevents conforming signs from upgrading to an electronic/mechanical changeable sign.

HB 168 Sale of Sexual Assault Test Kits (Romero)

This bill prohibits over the counter sexual assault evidence kits and imposes a \$500 fine as a penalty.

iSEE Funding: Informal Science Education Enhancement (10 groups)

As a member of the iSEE Consortium, Clark Planetarium receives almost \$1M in funding from the State every year. The iSEE group is asking for restoration of the \$200k COVID-related cut in 2020; CP would receive a \$39k increase back to previous level. This request will be presented Thursday, January 28th at Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

SB 88 Local Option Sales Tax Distribution Amendments (Fillmore)

This bill amends SLCo's ZAP tax and requires the County Council to ensure the revenue distribution is reasonably consistent with the population distribution within the county.