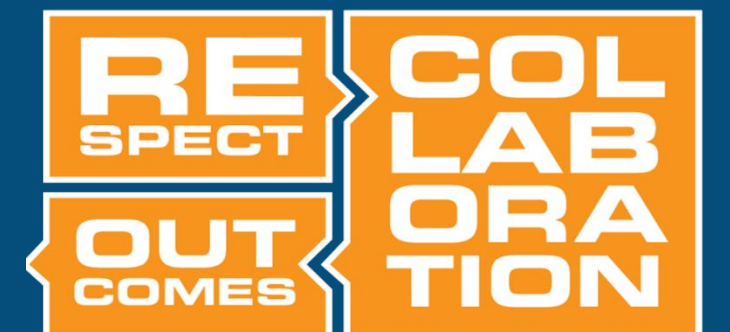


Legislative Policy Committee

February 23, 2026





ULCT Bill Tracker



LPC Sign-in

AGENDA:

1. Welcome & Adoption of 2/23 minutes
2. Appropriations
3. Housing and Land Use
4. Homelessness
5. Transportation
6. Economic Development
7. Public Safety
8. Revenue & Taxation
9. Impact Fees
10. Water
11. Elections
12. Legal
13. Bill Tracker Ratification
14. Adjourn

REMINDERS:

- April 22-24: Midyear Conference in St. George
- Spring training webinars start in March

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Upcoming LPC: 3/2

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South Metro Fire Chief Greg Stewart

Upcoming Events

**National League of
Cities Congressional
City Conference**

March 16-18 in Washington, DC

2026 Spring Training

March 12th, 18th, 25th, 30th, & April 2nd online via Zoom

**ULCT Midyear
Conference**

April 22-24 in St. George, Utah



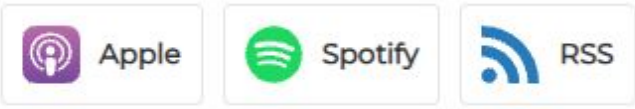
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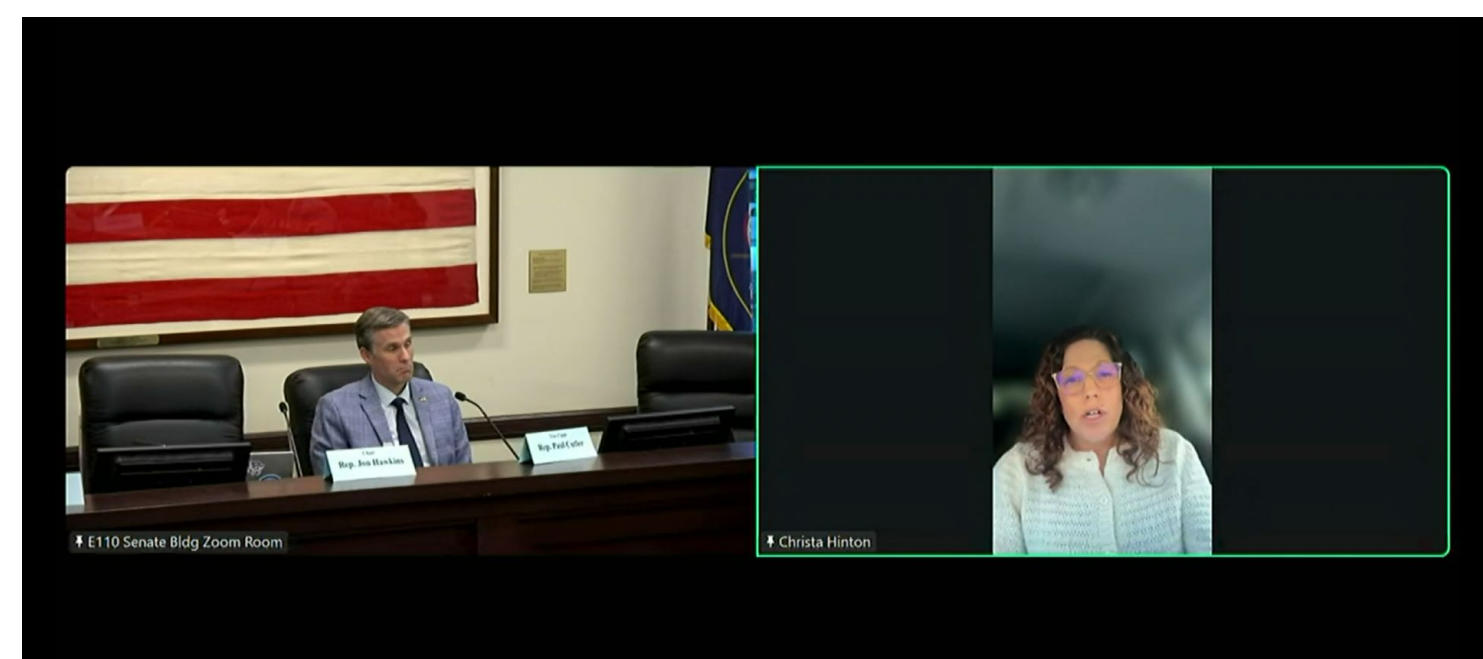
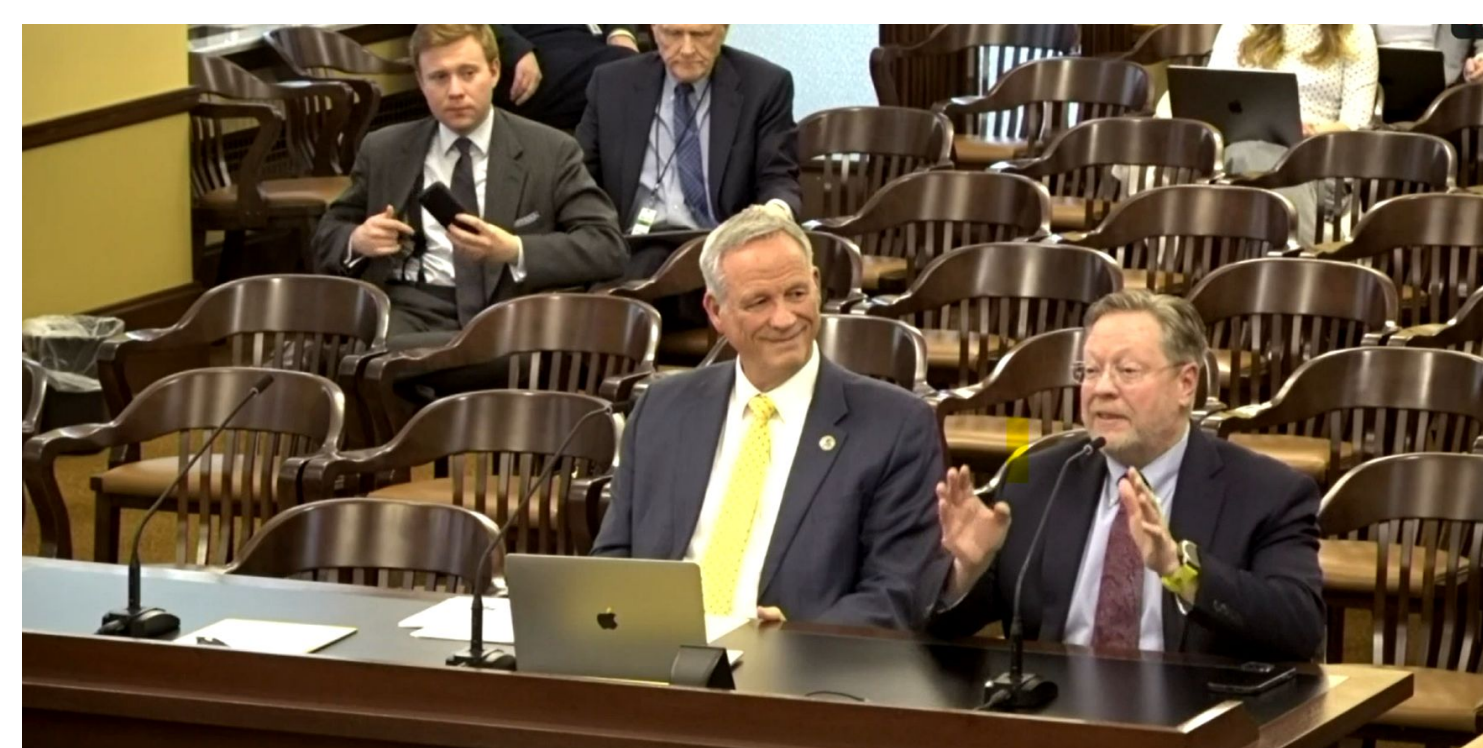
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Bill Data



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Session	Before	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
2022	308	364	444	546	635	723	801	814
2023	326	404	496	600	700	823	917	929
2024	424	509	613	705	812	883	928	934
2025	435	512	611	731	824	911	953	959
2026	484	594	727	843	924	979		



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Week 5

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- 2023 164
- 2024 163
- 2025 137
- 2026 124

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Appropriations

Newly Available Revenue from February Revenue Estimates

Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 (in millions)

	One-time	Ongoing
General Fund	\$ 26	\$ 50
Income Tax Fund	\$ 99	\$ 38
Total	\$ 125	\$ 88
	<i>1.10%</i>	<i>0.74%</i>
Transportation Fund	\$ 11	\$ 4

Update on Local Administrative Advisor Funding: ask is \$500k ongoing

- General Government Appropriations Subcommittee prioritized the restoration of LAA funding as #4 on the list
- Removed the potential cut to other technical assistance (Consolidated Community Advisor grant program)

Thank you to everyone who reached out to their legislators in support of LAA funding!

LET'S KEEP IT UP!

Exec Approps

- Sen. Stevenson (Senate Chair)
- Sen. Sandall (Senate Vice Chair)
- Sen. Adams
- Sen. Cullimore
- Sen. Escamilla
- Sen. Kwan
- Sen. McKell
- Sen. Plumb
- Sen. Riebe
- Sen. Wilson
- Rep. Val Peterson (House Chair)
- Rep. Brooks (House Vice Chair)
- Rep. Schultz
- Rep. Bolinder
- Rep. Dailey-Provost
- Rep. Hayes
- Rep. Owens
- Rep. Pierucci
- Rep. Romero
- Rep. Snider

Cybersecurity

RFA: Utah Cyber Center – Local Government and Education Agencies Cybersecurity Support

Senator Wayne Harper and Representative Carl Albrecht

General Government

The Challenge - Security Gap:

- Funding Cliff: The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP), which has funded local defense since 2022, is set to expire in TY 2026, threatening the continuity of current protections.
- Resource Deficits: Many local governments and education agencies lack the budget and personnel to manage sophisticated cyber threats independently.
- Interconnected Risks: Because state and local systems are interdependent, a single local vulnerability creates a “pivot point” that puts the state’s digital infrastructure at risk.

Whole-of-State Defense:

- Baseline Security: Establishes a high-level defense standard for every local entity, regardless of size.
- Cost Efficiency: Leverages massive economies of scale, saving significantly more money than if entities purchased tools separately.
- Coordinated Response: Creates a shared operating environment that allows for proactive threat hunting and rapid, “surge” support during major incidents.

Housing & Land Use

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S.B. 284 Local Land Use
Modifications (L. Fillmore)



Staff Recommendation:
Support the pending sub

- 1) All land use regulations, fees, and land use application **checklists must be posted on municipal website**, if you have one; otherwise at the place of business
- 2) If **planning commission does not make a “timely” recommendation, the legislative body must adopt or reject** the land use regulation
- 3) **Removes the ability of a third party to challenge a “land use law”**
- 4) **Removes legislative bodies as appeal authorities**
(separation of powers)
- 5) Definitions that address development agreements and property owners.

Feb 23: sub coming with agreed-upon language

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H.B. 477 Land Use
Regulation Revisions (J.
Koford)



Staff Recommendation:
Support 1st Sub

Planning commission bias/training:

- Planning commissioner cannot act with “impermissible bias” when acting in administrative or in quasi-judicial role
- Training must involve ethics and may involve conflict of interest training

Legislative Body as Appeal Authorities:

- Removes legislative bodies from being appeal authorities

West Hills

- Provides the same process to remove property owners added after the first submission

HB 368/SB 179

- Clarification of bonding interest for cash bonds (only new bonds after May 7, 2025)
- Clarification on new conditional uses - no planning commission requirement
- Additional provisions that never made it into the county code.

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H.B. 477 Land Use
Regulation Revisions (J.
Koford)



Staff Recommendation:
Support 1st Sub

Detached Accessory Dwelling Units:

- June Board mtg: “explore a path forward” on DADUs
- Jan LPC: 78% medium to high priority to hold the line on 10,000 square foot lot standard in state code for DADUs
- 9/10 LPC Housing Advisory: 85% very or somewhat comfortable with detached ADU proposal as outlined
- 8/25 LPC: 66% very or somewhat comfortable with DADU “Option D” (city required to allow DADU but flexibility to design its own ordinance)

2/23: 1st Sub dropped:

1. Adds in 10k sq ft lot size
2. Clarifies setbacks, conversion process, system and project infrastructure sufficiency

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S.B. 219 Highway Signage
Amendments (C.
Musselman)



Staff Recommendation:
*Oppose as drafted, Support
counter proposal*

Context: last year's HB 198 facilitate relocation of billboards due to expansion of freeways/highways within the same city and along the same road

State law: 65 foot height (or 25 feet above grade of main way) is state default; city can have height ordinance too

SB 219: (billboard near freeway/highway expansion)

Problem to solve: UDOT rebuild (e.g. I-15), uncertain design but urgency to move sign or face condemnation

- 1) if a billboard seeks to relocate, the owner shall apply to city/county, but if city/county does not respond in 30 days, then owner can take action without approval
- 2) billboard can exceed 65 feet in order to be fully visible
- 3) re-writes/clarifies existing law

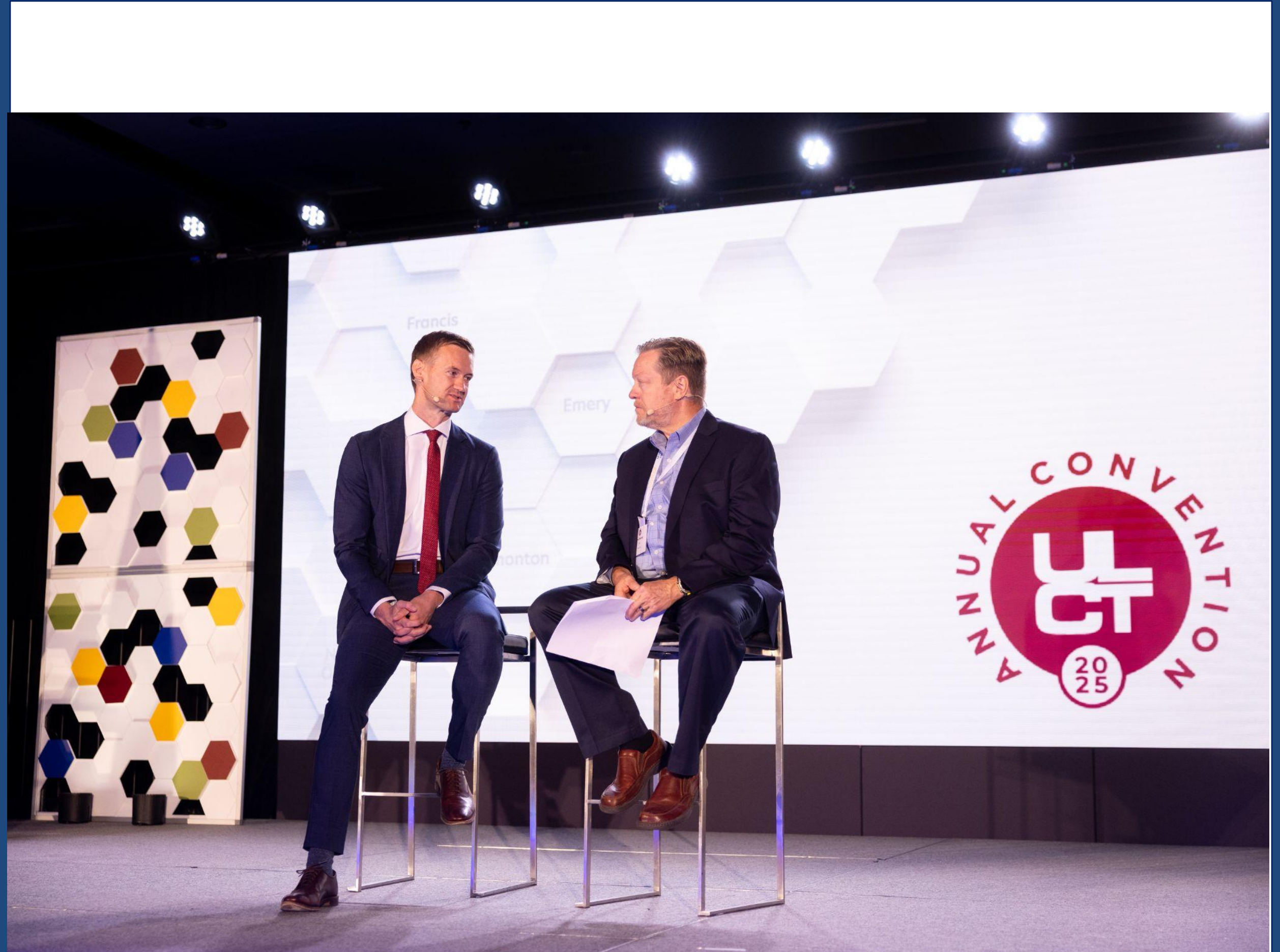
2/23 update: bill not moving forward

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H.B. 492 Transportation,
Infrastructure, & Housing
Amendments (C. Roberts)



Staff Recommendation:
Support



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H.B. 492 Transportation,
Infrastructure, & Housing
Amendments (C. Roberts)



Staff Recommendation:
Support!!!

1) State Housing Infrastructure Partnership (SHIP)

- a) \$100 million revolving *loan* fund
- b) system infrastructure: drinking & secondary water, wastewater, sewer, stormwater, drainage, road part of general, regional plan
- c) 5 member state board to approve projects
- d) will establish criteria (e.g. MIHP 2.0) that includes:
 - i) builder will meet timelines
 - ii) repayment plan
 - iii) number of units
 - iv) ownership
 - v) affordability

2) SL County specific

- a) up to \$140 million in bonds to provide *grants* for infrastructure to support housing (same process as SHIP)

3) Prioritize owner-occupied housing

4) State surplus land

- a) rulemaking authority to sell land at pre-entitlement appraisal value & defer payment until after owner-occupied housing built

5) Point of the Mountain: \$18 mill for infra

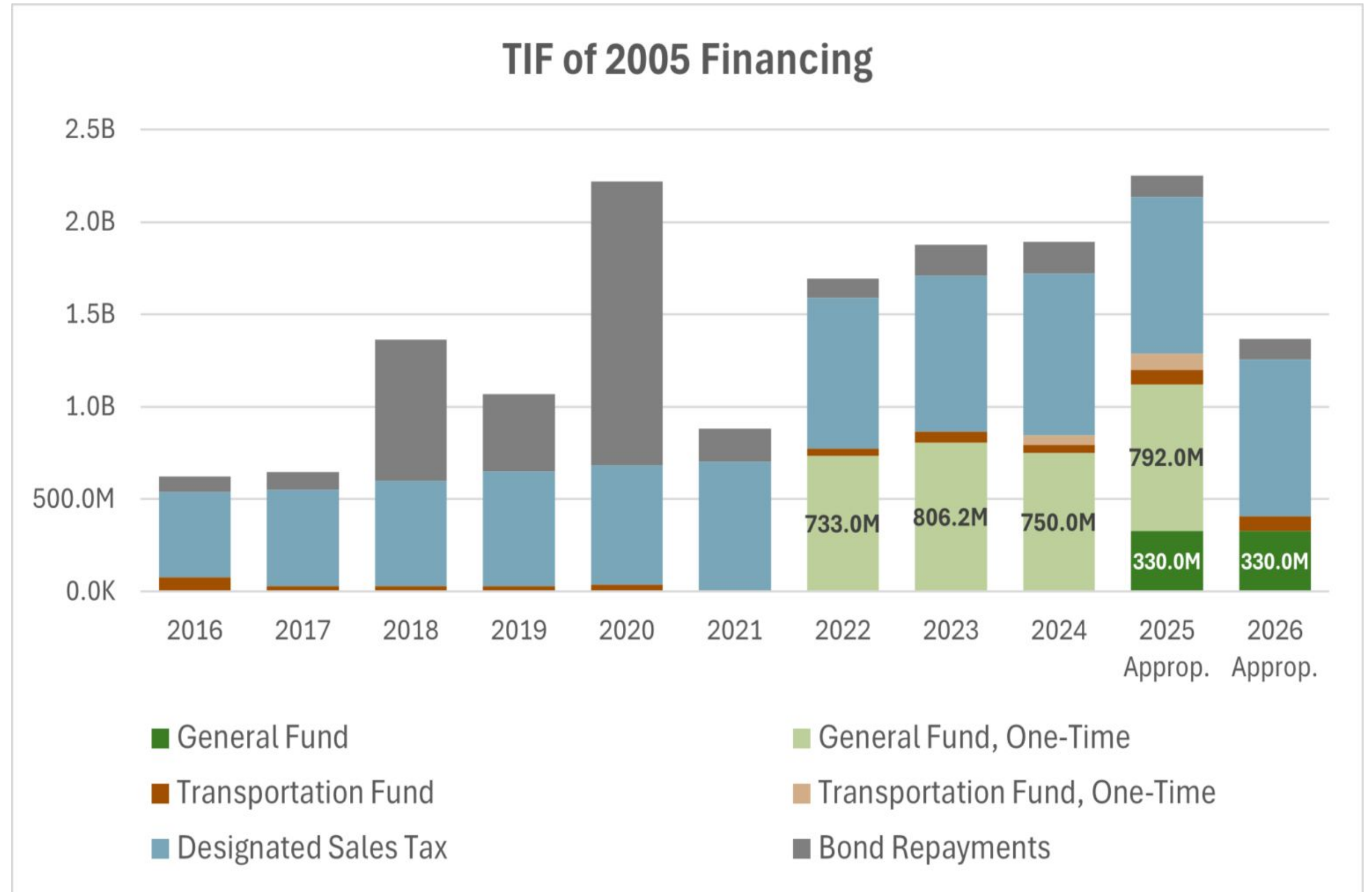
**Homework 2/23: 1) Examples for media request
2) proactively contact House members!**

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H.B. 492 Transportation,
Infrastructure, & Housing
Amendments (C. Roberts)



Staff Recommendation:
Support



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H.B. 457 Municipal Annexation
Amendments (J. Dunnigan)



Staff Recommendation:
Support

- Annexation amendments only apply to 2nd class counties (Weber, Davis, Utah Counties)
 - Automatic annexation for inner islands, but only if:
 1. Currently servicing sewer and water of existing residents; OR
 2. Infrastructure is up to city standards; OR
 3. No infrastructure - (Agricultural); AND
 4. Dedications of future right of ways for roads or utilities are on master plan are included as part of the
- Negotiations: 2nd class counties under 350,000 population (aka Weber County) AND without future dedication of right of way

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H.B. 457 Municipal
Annexation Amendments
(J. Dunnigan)



Staff Recommendation:
Support

- General plan/coordination only applies to local governments located in 3rd and 4th class counties that touch a 1st and 2nd class county
- Applicable counties have to create corridor preservation and urban reserve areas.
- Applicable cities have to “review” the counties corridor preservation and urban reserve areas in general plan process.

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H.B. 436 Moderate
Income Housing
Infrastructure
Amendments (S. Gricius)



Staff Recommendation:
Wait until next slide...

Moderate income housing plans (MIHP) status quo:

- 1) city of 5k+ shall select at least 3 (no transit) or 5 (transit) strategies from menu
- 2) If city selects 5 (no transit) or 6 (transit), then “priority consideration”
- 3) “weighted menu item” (last year’s HB 37) focused on affordable home ownership
- 4) compliance = eligibility for:
 - a) state Transportation Investment Fund
 - b) city portion (.05) of the “5th 5th” (county .20 sales tax)
 - c) no fee to Olene Walker Housing Fund

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H.B. 436 Moderate
Income Housing
Infrastructure
Amendments (S. Gricius)



Staff Recommendation:
Support w/amendments

HB 436 objective: “priority consideration” for cities whose housing stock increases by 2.5% annually

MIHP 2.0 concept (ULCT idea from interim):

- a) point system for new state \$ or priority for other state \$
- b) city + builder = outcome of affordable home ownership
 - i) city gets points for what city controls

Status: Rep. Roberts looking at 2.0 w/his infra bill

Other: dialogue on “freezing” MIHP for one year due to HB 68

LPC Housing Advisory Subgroup: 78% very or somewhat comfortable with MIHP 2.0 being optional to qualify for add’l state funding for infrastructure, other state \$ (Sep. 10, Oct. 15)

2/9 ULCT proposed amendments:

- 1) pause in MIHP reporting in 2026 (HB 68)
- 2) clarify how “priority consideration” works w/C of Os
- 3) MIHP 2.0 first steps

Revenue & Taxes

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S.B. 97 1st sub Property
Tax Rate Amendments
(D. McCay)



Staff Recommendation:
Oppose 1st sub, Position
Pending on new sub

1. Tax entity may not raise prop. tax more than 5%
2. Change def. of “locally assessed new growth”
 - a. current definition, “minus any change in value to property as a result of physical improvements, that is less than **200%** higher than the taxable value of the property for the previous year”
3. “Project area new growth” for certain entities does not include a change in value for tangible personal property
 - a. **cannot count improvements until they are complete**

1st SUB

1. fund balance limit reduced from 35% to 25% for cities
2. Residential exemption: 1 per household; rebuttable presumption that business owned house doesn't qualify
3. prop. tax can't be in reserve fund for capital improvements
4. certified tax rate won't include interest from investment

2/23: He's working on new sub (fund balance, new growth)

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HB 236: Truth in Taxation
Amendments (K. Peterson)



Staff recommendation:
Position pending

Problems to solve:

- Public concern that entity has started their new budget by the Aug Truth in Taxation hearing & thus the tax proceeds
- 1) Required prelim. property tax increase meeting
 - In May/early June, taxing entity shall notify public of the intent to raise property taxes
 - Shall do May/June mtg or you can't do Aug TinT hearing
 - Notice & meeting shall include “approximate” dollar and percentage amounts
 - 2) “Tentative operating budget”
 - Adopt a budget that does not include the proposed property tax increase revenue
 - Present an “alternate tentative budget” with the proposed tax increase revenue

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HB 236: Truth in Taxation
Amendments (K. Peterson)



Staff recommendation:
Position Pending

Summary of feedback to ULCT staff:

1) Timing

- a) Certified tax rate and new growth (June 8)
- b) Current June 1 deadline; meeting prior to June 8

2) Form of gov't concerns (mayor-council)

- a) Mayor proposes budget & council approves; doesn't fit in bill

3) Scenarios of tax increases

- a) Single reason, city-wide needs
- b) Does this bill illustrate city need or push residents against city?

4) Clarify details of “adopt tentative operating budget,” “present an alternative tentative budget” & other defs

5) Effective date

6) Address issues from Aug 2025 (county notice, appeal, etc.)

Update 2/23: sub coming

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HB 236: Truth in Taxation
Amendments (K. Peterson)



Staff recommendation:
Neutral on pending sub

Summary of upcoming sub (presented in concept at Feb 17 LPC):

- 1) Between **May 1 and June 13, hold a public meeting to consider a proposed tax increase**
 - a) approximate dollar amount
 - b) approximate percentage amount
- 2) if proposing a tax increase, do an **interim budget**
- 3) The interim budget includes approving the tax rate with the proposed tax increase
- 4) interim budget includes a **restricted account with the equivalent of the proposed tax increase**
- 5) **follow truth-in-taxation process**
- 6) **one year grace period for these new provisions**

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S.B. 238 Property Tax
Adjustments (C. Wilson)



Staff Recommendation:
Support w/amendments

Objective: clarify process issues from summer 2025 & more

- 1) judgment levy notice**
- 2) virtual participation in the truth-in-taxation hearing**
 - a) this was an issue in 2025
 - b) post instructions on city's website at least 24 hours before
- 3) if the county auditor makes a list of all taxing entities, then city posts on website for 14 days**
 - a) this was an issue in 2025 but not exactly what we requested
- 4) Truth-in-taxation hearing cannot occur with another public meeting**
 - a) this was an issue in 2025
- 5) process for submitting info to Tax Commission about compliance**
 - a) was an issue in 2025; we asked for appeal process but no go

ULCT next steps: amendments to clarify 2, 3, 4, 5

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H.B. 365 Taxation
Notification Requirements
(T. Peterson)



Staff Recommendation:
Oppose

- 1) A taxing entity shall notify the Tax Commission by **April 1** of the intent to increase property taxes
 - a) current law requires June 1
 - b) **Problem: elected city council has not even officially deliberated about the budget yet & city must notice a tax increase**
 - c) **Problem: this will confuse the public about a potential tax increase before the city has finished a tentative budget**
- 2) A taxing entity may not increase property taxes above the amount stated by April 1
 - a) de facto cap on the city before councils can deliberate
 - b) **Problem: bill reduces the authority of elected city councils by locking in a taxing entity to a maximum rate prior to April 1**
- 3) inconsistent with HB 236
 - a) HB 236 requires a public meeting about the proposed tax increase between early May & June 8 (13)

Effective date of January 1, 2027

Update 2/23: Need to oppose on House floor now!!!

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H.B. 449 & H.J.R 20

Utah Taxpayer Oversight of
Government Spending
Amendments (T. Auxier)



Staff recommendation:
Oppose

- **Requires voter approval for an increase** in state or local government revenue
- **Prohibits** the state or a local government from spending more than the previous fiscal year's budget adjusted for inflation plus any new tax increases passed by the voters
- **Requires a refund** if the previous year fiscal year budget is exceeded (can be in the form of a lower rate)
- **Prohibits** the state from imposing on a political subdivision new spending requirements or an expansion of existing spending unless the state appropriates money "to offset cost"

Feb 23: still in Rules but could emerge

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HB 565 City Library
Property Tax
Amendments (A.
Stoddard)



Staff recommendation:
Support

Bill clarifies that a city library levy can be a stand-alone item on the property tax bill

This has been the standard operating procedure until recent legal interpretations in Salt Lake County

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H.B. 575 Fuel Tax and
Supply Amendments (C.
Roberts)



Staff Recommendation:
Neutral

Part 1: gas tax cut

- **Current law:** 37.9 cents per gallon (cpg)
- 70% goes to UDOT, 30% to local gov'ts
 - 50% weighted lane mile, 50% population
 - approx. 60% to cities/towns, 40% counties
- **Current law:** Jan 1, 2027, expected to drop to 33.9 cpg
- HB 575, July 1-Dec 31: rate drops to 31.9 cpg, adds “3 year rolling average” to formula

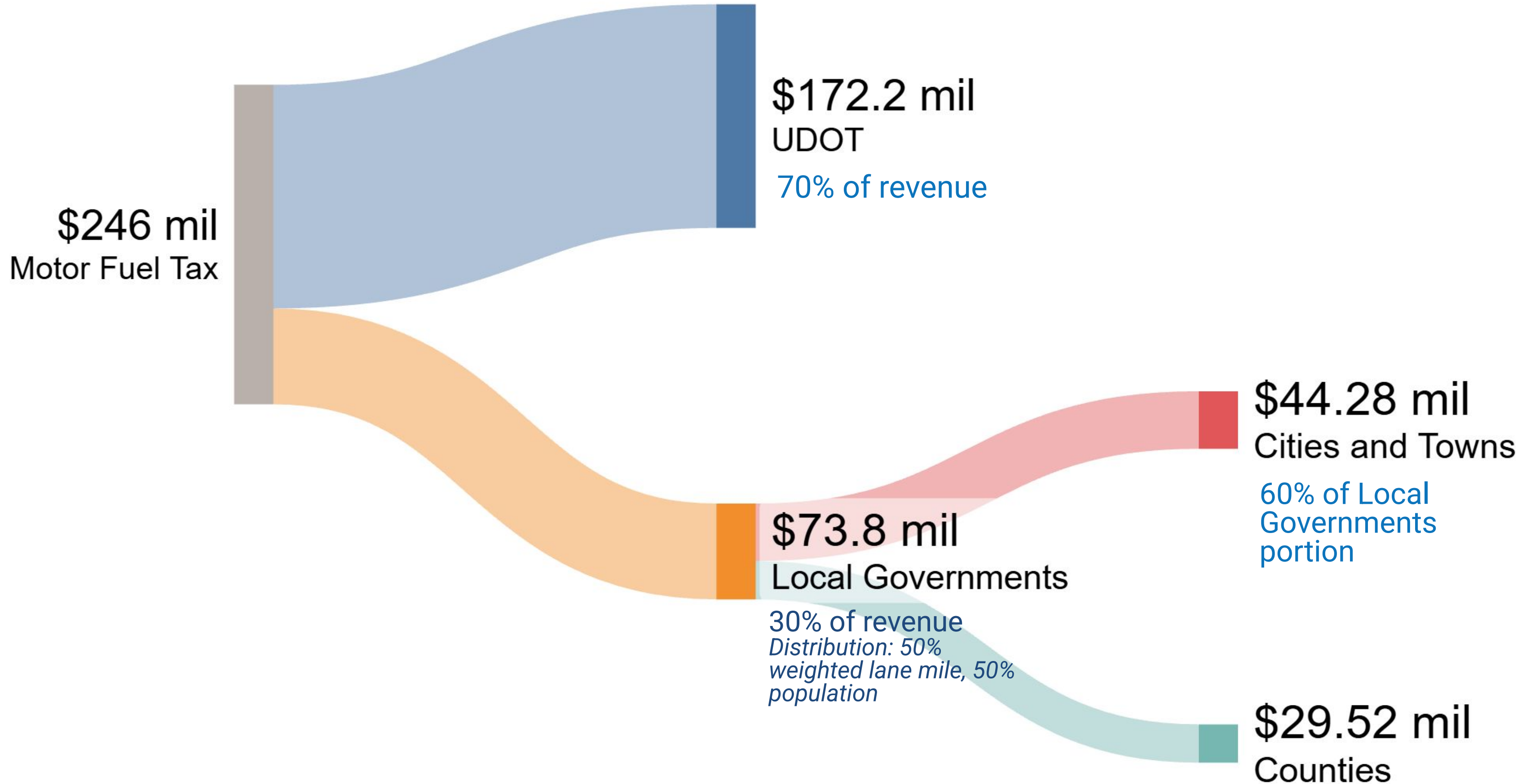
Part 2: state permitting

- 120 days for state to approve/deny

Part 3: quarterly reports from Utah refiners

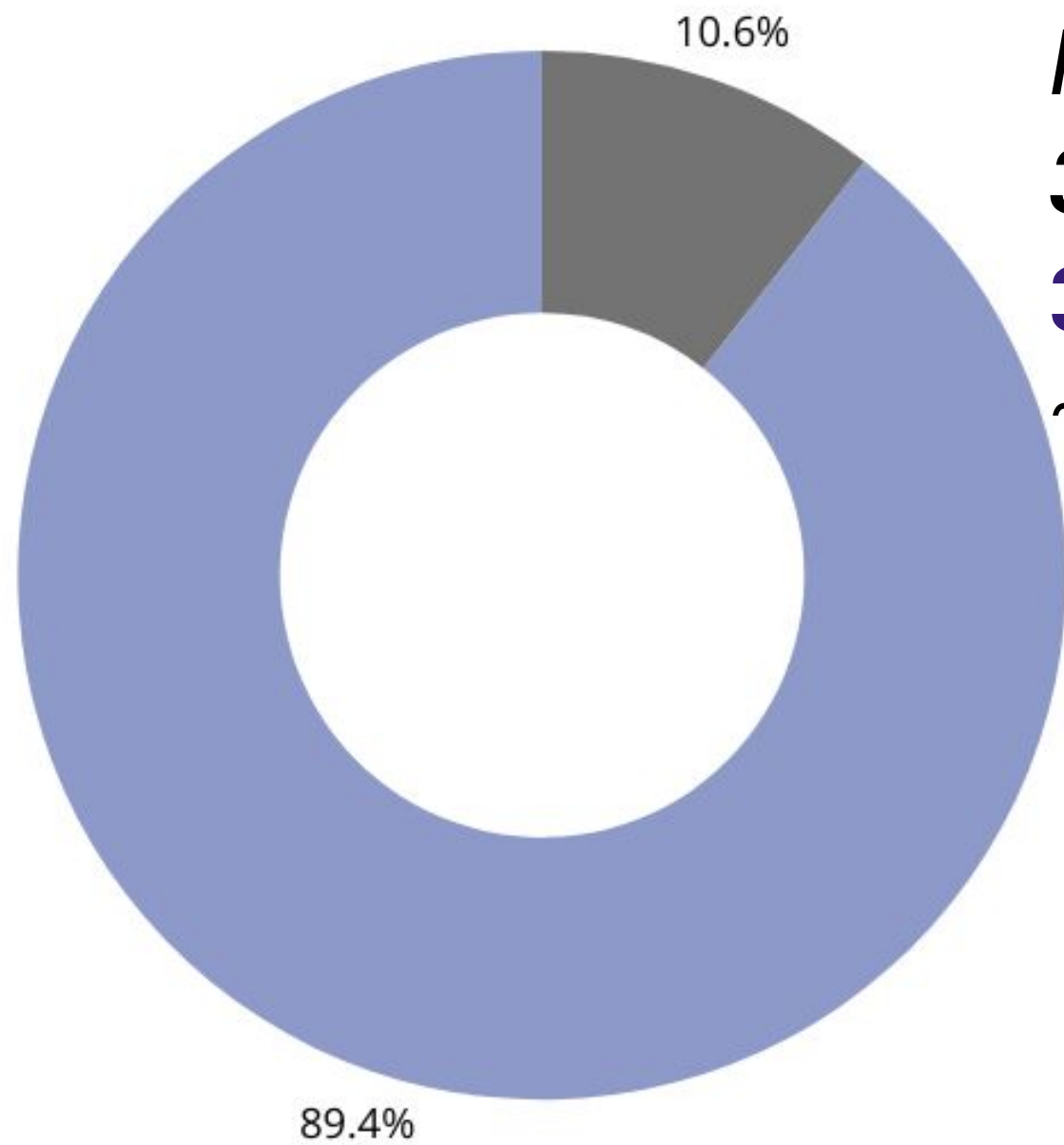
New sub: the state will use \$11.9 million of state \$ to hold local gov'ts harmless from the gas tax cut

Approximate Distribution Last Fiscal Year



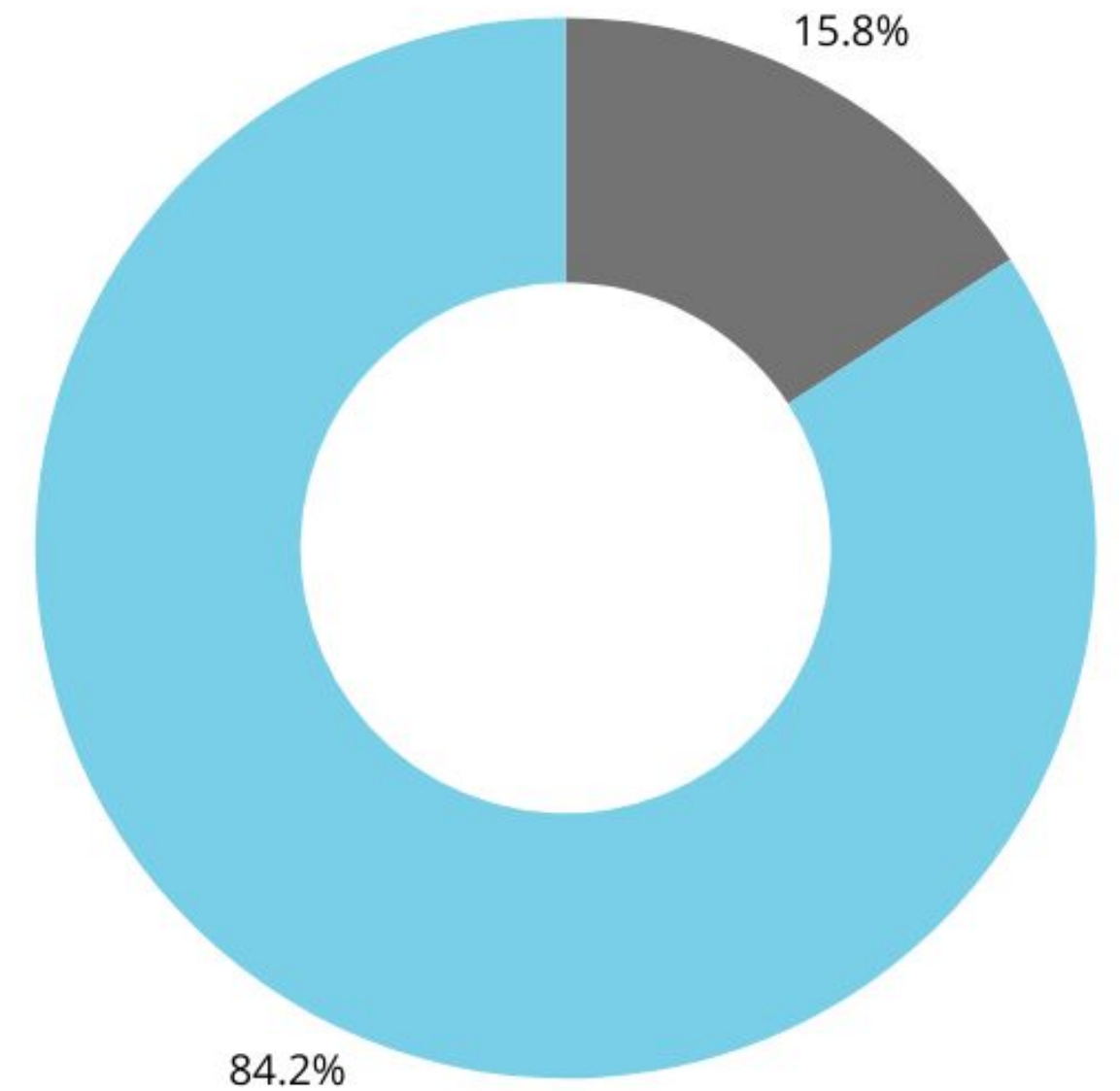
Current Rate

37.9 cents per gallon



Percent change from
**37.9 cents per gallon to
33.9 cents per gallon**
~10.6% less

Percent change from
**37.9 cents per gallon to
31.9 cents per gallon**
~15.8% less



Homelessness

To Campus or not to Campus?

That is the question.

Utah homeless leaders look to focus funding on 'high utilizers' while not 'backing away' from campus

BY KATIE MCKELLAR - FEBRUARY 6, 2026



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H.B. 596 Homelessness
Amendments (S. Eliason)



Staff Recommendation:
Position Pending with officer
discretion as needed

Key Municipal Provisions:

- Land Use
 - Moves shelter capacity determinations from the hosting cities through conditional use permits to the Utah Homeless Services Board based on Office of Homeless Services rulemaking.
 - Allows OHS to operate a facility owned by DFCM to be used as a shelter
- Mitigation
 - Currently: lesser of 2.55% or \$275k
 - 2026: lesser of 2.93% or \$316,250
 - 2027 on: lesser of 5% or \$500k*
 - *Intended to force mitigation overhaul conversation in the interim

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H.B. 596 Homelessness
Amendments (S. Eliason)



Staff Recommendation:
Position Pending with officer
discretion as needed

Additional Provisions:

- Seasonal changes:
 - Code Blue increased to 25°
 - Introduces Code Red at 110°
- Creates Fund for counties to access with matching dollars to fund services in the county to be funded by the increased tobacco tax revenue. Can be used for:
 - Winter overflow shelter, micro-shelter community, PSH, payments to service providers, capital improvements for shelters, behavioral health support, ACT teams, mobile crisis outreach, and other services deemed appropriate by OHS
- Allows forward payments for service providers

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H.B. 596 Homelessness
Amendments (S. Eliason)



Staff Recommendation:
Position Pending with Officer
discretion as needed

Proposed Bridge Concept:

- Focus shelter expansion on the specific occupancy rates at the three targeted shelters through April, 2028 (one shelter in South Salt Lake and two in Salt Lake City)
- Recognize WVC as a Tier 1 shelter city as they operate with 200 beds
- One time municipal contribution assessment to increase mitigation funding available for cities operating at the increased capacity
- Interim taskforce to update the mitigation fund for a variable homelessness system

Transportation

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S.B. 197 Transportation
Funding and Governance
Amendments (W. Harper)



Staff Recommendation:
Neutral

- Changes from 3 member Board to 7 member Commission
- Senate appoints 2, House appoints 2, Governor appoints 3 with recommendations from local COGs
 - no elected officials
- Primary state objectives for new board:
 - efficiency of transit system
 - reduce debt
 - increase ridership

ULCT recommended priorities on SB 197:

- 1) Robust local involvement on/with Board**
- 2) State funding partnership for transit**

Feb 23: Sen. Harper accepted local gov't amends

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HB 586 Transportation
Funding Amendments (C.
Roberts)



Staff Recommendation:
Support

- 1) **Create dedicated revenue stream for the Transit Transportation Investment Fund (TTIF)**
- 2) Starting in FY 28, 5% (bill says 10%) of incremental growth in state sales tax above FY 26 baseline goes to TTIF
- 3) TTIF dedication only occurs if economy grows
- 4) TTIF currently programmed through 2029
- 5) Status of TTIF applications statewide
 - a) 38 proposals; 5 funded
 - b) 9 fixed guideway (FrontRunner, TRAX, BRT, street car); 3 funded
 - c) 22 core routes/bus; 1 funded
 - d) 7 transit hub; 1 funded

Strategic double track of FrontRunner (cost of approx. \$1 billion)



TTIF: Transit Transportation Invest. Fund

What would HB 586 mean?

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33	FY34	FY35
Current TTIF	\$103.3	\$106.1	\$109.2	\$112.5	\$115.9	\$119.3	\$122.9	\$126.6	\$130.4	\$134.3
5% growth	BASE	\$0	\$16.4	\$24.9	\$33.7	\$42.8	\$52.1	\$61.8	\$71.7	\$81.9
Total TTIF	\$103.3	\$106.1	\$142.0	\$162.3	\$183.3	\$204.9	\$227.2	\$250.1	\$260.7	\$268.5

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HB 481 S2 Transportation
Modifications (K.
Christofferson)



Staff Recommendation:
Neutral

- SB174 (2025) gave authority, supervision, and construction of UTA projects to UDOT
- UDOT challenges for one project and one budget along wasatch front. Already supercede land use regulations on their own projects.
- Applies only to frontrunner
- Removes land use authority from cities for the capacity project (includes stations, double track, parking lots, etc.)
- Does not include city roads
- UDOT committed to collaboration

Economic Development

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H.B. 507 State Coordination of
Regional & Local Economic
Development Projects
Amendments
(C. Roberts)



Staff Recommendation:
Position pending, work to
support upcoming sub

Objective: take the HTRZ tool and broaden it for projects of regional significance while also sunseting other tools

- 1) **Creates the “Regionally Significant Development Zone”**
 - a) city or county created
 - b) must meet criteria of “significant capital investment” or “regionally significant” (def’n still being drafted)
 - c) increment pays for infrastructure
 - d) sub-categories for HTRZ, FHIZ, sports
 - e) HTRZ-style framework
 - i) GOEO committee approves the increment, all taxing entities must participate; up to 60% of increment for 25/40 years
- 2) **PIDs**
 - a) Clarifies relationship with city or county with infra transfer
 - b) Clarifies dissolution process & governance
- 3) **Creates State Reinvestment Restricted Account**
- 4) **Sunsets HTRZ, FHIZ, HOPZ, MSEVZ**

2/23: ULCT working on amendments

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H.B. 507 State Coordination of
Regional & Local Economic
Development Projects
Amendments
(C. Roberts)



Staff Recommendation:
Position pending, work to
support upcoming sub

Large Load customer provisions

Principal concern

- Before offering a TIF incentive to a large load customer, the local government must seek approval for an RSDZ

Practical concern

- TIF incentives are capped at 60% for large load customers through the RSDZ tool

Just the beginning...



Voters know what the next big issue is. They don't know how they feel about it.

Our new poll reveals the early contours of an evolving political battle.

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Tax Increment Transparency Bill (SB 206)

TIF Transparency/SB 206

HB 427 (N. Walter)

- Notice, disclosure



Documentation of project authorization meeting

Disclosure

Public purpose of project

type, amount of tax increment

cost analysis

“but for” analysis

SB 228 (W. Harper)

- Reporting,
dormancy/extension



HB 461 (R. Ward)

- State Land Use Authority
Reporting



Reporting

GOEO -> STATS system

Project area budget, plan, map

Amount of tax increment collected, spent

Change in project taxable value

Expenditures

Benefits to taxing entities

HB 507 (C. Roberts)

- RSDZ, reporting



Aggregate STATS report to Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

Discussions ongoing on all TIF bills

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SB 206 Multicounty
Appraisal Trust
Amendments (W. Harper)



Staff Recommendation:
Position Pending, working
toward neutral on 4th sub.

Disclosure components

- Details of local gov't TIF authorization meeting
 - Notice, minutes
 - May be part of a regular public meeting (e.g., council meeting)
- Public good to be addressed
- Type of tax increment sought use for
- Maximum total tax increment (by each type, if multiple types)
- Project admin. cost
- But for analysis
- Proportionate benefit analysis
 - 40-year net present value formula
- 30 days notice to affected taxing entities
- Notice to county assessor not later than Dec 31 year prior to collecting increment
- Must re-authorize if tax increment not triggered in 5 years

If disclosure documentation missing, the STATS program manager must notify the TIF entity of remaining info, and they shall respond.

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Amendments (W. Harper)



Staff Recommendation:
Pending, work towards
neutral on 4th sub

Excess Tax Increment

- Tax increment use is limited to purposes outlined in the disclosure
- An entity who receives more tax increment than projected is required to use excess to pay back debt.
- Tax increment collected in excess of the identified max must be returned to taxing entities
- Entity may no longer receive tax increment after total amount has been reached or collection period has lapsed

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Appraisal Trust
Amendments (W. Harper)

1 of 2 Slides



Staff Recommendation:
Pending, work towards
neutral on 4th sub

STATS Reporting

Beginning Jan 1, 2027 TIF entities must submit for each project area:

- Project area plan
- Project area budget
- Applicable interlocal agreements
- Map of each project area
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Appraisal Trust
Amendments (W. Harper)

2 of 2 Slides



Staff Recommendation:
**Pending, work towards
neutral on 4th sub**

Annual Reporting:

- **Project area progress**
- **If TIF received:**
 - Change in project areas value
 - comparison of actual TIF receives vs predicted
 - project area receipts and expenditures
 - Percentage of additional value that each taxing entity provides to project
- **If no TIF received:**
 - year in which entity expects to begin receiving tax increment
 - list of taxing entities in project area
 - description of benefit each entity is expected to receive
 - percentage of add'l value that each taxing entity provides to the area
- **Total amount of TIF an entity may received from the project area (from each taxing entity)**
- **A TIF entity's outstanding principal on bonds/loans for project area costs**
- **Description of current and anticipated project area development**
- **Summary of project area plan and budget**
- **description of how TIF is furthering goals, policies, and purposes of project area**

DRAFT LEGISLATION

HB 535 Disposition of
Public Property
Modifications (N. Walter)



Staff Recommendation:
Position Pending

Significant parcel:

- Parcel valued > \$500,000 OR designated as 'significant' by a municipality's ordinance

Before disposing of real property, local governments must:

- Post a physical sign at the property stating it is for sale and that offers may be made to the local government
- Announce the intent to dispose of public property during a public meeting

Before disposing of a significant parcel, the local government must also:

- Publish an announcement of intent to dispose of the property on the local government's website OR a real estate offering website for at least 45 days

Disposal of property must be approved by majority vote, details of the proposed offer must be disclosed.

Public Safety

DRAFT LEGISLATION

H.B. 88 S5 Public
Assistance Amendments
(T. Lee)



Staff Recommendation:
Oppose as drafted

- Prohibits an agency or political subdivision from providing state or local benefits to an individual who is unlawfully present in the US.
- An employee of a city that knowingly fails to verify lawful presence or fails to maintain records regarding the verification of lawful presence is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. An executive director who is vested with a responsibility to administer or make policy for a state agency and who knowingly violates or allows an employee to violate this section is subject to removal from office
- An individual taxpayer who is injured by a violation of the section has a private right of action against an employee or executive director that knowingly violates the section- and the employee or executive director is not immune

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S1 H.B. 450 Data Privacy
Amendments
(D. Shallenberger)



Staff Recommendation:
Support, as amended for
S2

Truth in Surveillance:

- Before implementing facial recognition system, persistent aerial surveillance, a license plate reader, or cell site simulator, approved by legislative body or elected official via a public hearing must be held providing the public:
 - A description of the technology to be implemented
 - A description of the data to be collected through the technology
 - A description and acknowledgement of the risks associated with technology;
 - A description and acknowledgement of how the technology will be governed and overseen
- Reauthorized by legislative body or elected official annually
- Important Dates:
 - If already implemented, then by November 30, 2027 must report to the legislative body the information above
 - Before May 6, 2028 must go through public process in order to continue the technology

DRAFT LEGISLATION

S1 H.B. 450 Data Privacy
Amendments
(D. Shallenberger)



Staff Recommendation:
**Support, as amended by
S2**

- Must submit your privacy report to ODP
- Ombudsperson:
 - Limits authority to mediate:
 - No GRAMA disputes
 - No Government Records Ombudsman issues
 - State Privacy Auditor role
 - Cannot conduct audit of governmental entity's privacy practices
 - Cannot expand the scope of mediation beyond complaint
- Can only use controlled or private records obtained for the purposes outlined in the record series sent to the state archives.
- Moves contract provisions to 2027.
- Redefines what a chief administrative officer is for this section.

Continuing Negotiations:

- Better defining authority and role of ombudsperson
- Better defining authority and role of state privacy auditor

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SB 262 Law Enforcement
Usage of Unmarked
Vehicles (D. McCay)



Staff Recommendation:
Oppose

- Prohibits an employee from a law enforcement agency from using an unmarked law enforcement vehicle to pull someone over for a traffic infraction
- Clarifies that an employee of a law enforcement agency can use an unmarked vehicle to stop a vehicle for the purpose of investigation a crime other than a traffic violation

Impact Fees

DRAFT LEGISLATION

S.B. 245 Impact Fee
Amendments (C.
Musselman)



Staff Recommendation:
Oppose as drafted

- Requires impact fee facilities plans designate a service area for each impact fee imposed
 - Plans must demonstrate that the geographic area included in each service area is necessary to include.
- Service area may **not** be the entire city
- Requires separate interest bearing ledger account for each service area.
- Limits impact fee expenditures to areas identified in the plan and states that plan must have been adopted prior to the collection of the impact fee.

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H.B. 568 Impact Fee Limit
Amendments (T.
Peterson)



Staff Recommendation:
Oppose

- Prohibits a political subdivision from imposing an impact fee more than \$50,000 for a single public facility type

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H.B. 570 New Home
Impact Fee Amendments
(R. Ward)



Staff Recommendation:
Oppose

- Requires a political subdivision or private entity to use the number of plumbing fixtures shown in the building plans for the single-family residential unit to determine the development activity's proportionate share during impact fee calculation

Water

DRAFT LEGISLATION

H.B. 501 Water Modifications
(B. Bolinder)



Staff Recommendation:
Position Pending

Beginning January 1, 2027:

To qualify for receipt of state funds for water infrastructure or water development, a public water system or wastewater system shall raise their rates

-The funds would stay with the local system

Fee determined by Water Development Coordinating Council using this formula:

Median Adjusted Gross Income

X

1.5% (if only water or wastewater) or

3% (if both water and wastewater)

X

Number of connections

~~Beginning January 1, 2031 every system pays~~

Elections

DRAFT LEGISLATION

H.B. 479 Election Code
Modifications (J. Burton)
Sub 1



Staff Recommendation:
Oppose

Requires ballot drop boxes to be attended by two poll workers:

- Voters will be required to show Voter ID
- Drop Boxes will basically work like polling places

Week before Election Schedule:

Monday - 12:00 - 8:00

Tuesday - 7:00 - 3:00

Wednesday - 12:00 - 8:00

Thursday - 7:00 - 3:00

Friday - 12:00 - 8:00

Saturday - 7:00 - 8:00

- 1 drop box if less than 30,000 active voters in municipality
- 2 drop boxes if more than 30,000 active registered voters, plus 1 extra drop box per 30,000 active registered voters

DRAFT LEGISLATION

H.B. 479 Election Code
Modifications (J. Burton)
Sub 1 & 2 not adopted



Staff Recommendation:
Oppose

Requires ballot drop boxes to be attended by two poll workers:

- Voters will be required to show Voter ID
- Drop Boxes will basically work like polling places

Week of Election Schedule

Monday - 7:00 - 8:00

Tuesday - 7:00 - 8:00

- 1 drop box if less than 10,000 active voters in municipality
- 2 drop boxes if more than 10,000 active registered voters, plus 1 extra drop box per 10,000 active registered voters

Local Government

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this legislation could result in a total cost to local governments of an estimated \$934,000 one-time in FY 2026 and \$10,074,200 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 for additional staff and equipment.



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