

2026 LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKER

Bill #	Title	Description	ULCT Position
<u>HB13</u>	Municipal Services Fees and Political Subdivision Lien Amendments	Allows municipalities to establish and bill fees for water, sewer, and related utility services and place a political subdivision lien on a property when those service fees go unpaid. Also permits charging interest and administrative penalties on past-due service fees.	Support
<u>HB33</u>	Political Signs Amendments	Limits where cities can prohibit political signs in parking strips. Requires Cities to identify one or more locations where removed political signs can be stored for safekeeping while the City contacts the sign owner.	Oppose
<u>HB60</u>	Water Rights Amendments	Adjusts procedures for approving and rejecting water appropriation and change applications, clarifies what factors the State Engineer must consider (such as protection of existing rights and public welfare), modifies protest and approval timelines, and updates rules for temporary changes.	
<u>HB88</u>	Public Assistance Amendments	Prohibits political subdivisions from providing public benefits to individuals who are not lawfully present in the US. See HB386	
<u>HB161</u>	Property Tax Modifications	Raises the primary residential property tax exemption from 45% to 60%	
<u>HB184</u>	Local Land Use Revisions	Creates a process for a property owner to request that a city or county apply a “preferred land use regulation” (such as standards intended to lower housing costs by enabling certain smaller or more affordable residential units) to a specific parcel, even if local zoning currently prohibits it. If the local jurisdiction does not deny the request within 30 45 calendar days, the requested preferred regulation automatically becomes a vested permitted use. The bill also establishes timelines for municipal review, defines what constitutes a preferred land use regulation, and clarifies administrative vs. legislative actions on denials.	Oppose
<u>HB190</u>	Child Care Business Tax Credit	Expands employer-focused incentives to support child care in alignment with Section 45F of the federal “Big Beautiful Bill,” allowing employers to leverage both federal (40–50%) and state (10–30%) tax credits. Increases the state credit, extends eligibility to small businesses, and broadens the range of qualifying child care expenditures.	
<u>HB215</u>	Landscaping Restrictions Amendments	Restricts municipalities from prohibiting a property owner from removing vegetation on their property located within the Wildland-Urban Interface area.	
<u>HB231</u>	Restaurant Tax Repeal Amendments	Repeals county authority to impose the 1% “restaurant tax” on food/alcohol sold at restaurants, and “customized prepared foods” sold at convenience stores, gas stations, and grocery stores. It also tries to keep counties whole by letting them apply a replacement tax on other taxable transactions (not food/food ingredients) to generate equivalent revenue.	Oppose
<u>HB238</u>	Utah Energy Generation and Transmission Planning	Outlines how the Public Service Commission could receive data access and reporting about power planning and market activities. The opt-out notice for the Renewable Energy Program has been clarified in the third bill substitute.	
<u>HB242</u>	Initiative and Referendum Signature Gathering and Removal Amendments	Requires anyone gathering signature-removal statement to be at least 18 years old, required paid gatherers to wear an identifying badge and verify signer information, include clarifying information about signature removal, prohibits the use of signer's email for other purposes, and expands penalties for misrepresentation during signature removal or collection.	Support

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HB302	Government Speech Neutrality Amendments	A city may only display the city's one, official flag at a city courthouse or transit facility. A ceremonial flag may be adopted for other purposes and flown at other locations, but adoption of additional flags is subject to review by "the Rules Review and General Oversight Committee created in Section 36-35-102 to ensure compliance with this section."	
HB381	Electric Mobility Device Amendments	Prohibits modifying/tampering w/e-bikes. Prohibits operators from being under the influence of alcohol. Requires individuals under 21 to wear helmets when operating electric mobility devices. Preserves local government's ability to address safety and recreation needs.	Support
HB386	Immigration Amendments	Repeals the Guest Worker Program and Utah Pilot Sponsored Resident Immigrant Program. Substitute language added a citizenship check requirement for home loans guaranteed by the VA or FHA, a license required from the Department of Commerce, and Higher Education Assistance.	
HB415	Building Code Amendments	Allows addition, alteration, or repair to an existing structure to not conform to the requirements for a new structure unless the addition, alteration, or repair results in a less safe condition	UCOLA & ULCT Oppose
HB420	Municipal Office Vacancy Modifications	Modifies the process for filing a municipal vacancy, including how to break a three-way tie	Support
HB436	Moderate Income Housing Infrastructure Amendments	Does not require the MIHP this summer. We will be required to report on the number of residential units issued certificate of occupancies by July 1, 2026.	Support
HB450	Data Privacy Amendments	Requires elected-body authorization before implementing certain surveillance tools, including facial recognition systems, automated license plate readers, cell-site simulators (to collect cell phone data), large-scale location tracking systems, or broad data-sharing networks. Requires privacy training and annual compliance reporting.	Oppose
HB470	Building Inspection Amendments	Municipalities shall automatically approve a complete SFD application for a plan review for an alteration to an owner-occupied SFD, which includes a signed statement from a licensed and certified inspector affirming that the project complies with the building code and local ordinances.	Oppose
HB477	Land Use Regulation Revisions	Changes requirements for allowing ADUs, including removing the minimum lot size required for an ADU.	Support
HB479	Election Code Modifications	Required ballot drop boxes to be attended by at least 2 poll workers to verify voter identity.	Oppose
HB492	Transportation, Infrastructure, and Housing Amendments	Establishes the State Housing Infrastructure Partnership Fund to provide financial support for local public infrastructure projects that facilitate new housing developments.	Support
HB501	Water Modifications	Requires water fees charged to customers be at least 1.5% of the areas median income as a condition of receiving state funding. PCMC fees are already over 1.5% on the area's median income- no impact.	
HB548	Primary Election Amendments	Allows municipalities to hold a primary election if the number of candidates exceeds twice but does not exceed three times the number of seats. Requires primary elections if the candidates exceed three times the number of seats.	Support
HB591	Nuisance Amendments	Makes changes around right of action for public and private nuisances	
SB97	Property Tax Rate Amendments	Requires general fund balance to be reduced over the next 5 years based on a sliding scale. For general fund balances between \$25-\$49M, the fund balance would be required to be reduced from 35% to 28% over 5 years. Property taxes can not go to CIP reserve fund.	

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SB108	Online Marketplace Amendments	Prohibits municipalities and counties from regulating the operation of online marketplaces (STRs). Consistent with HB256 (2025).	
SB211	Tort Amendments	Prohibits discovery, evidence, and settlement offers in tort litigation that reveal actual medical costs rather than gross billed charges	Oppose
SB242	Transportation Amendments	Allows the Transportation Commission to prioritize how Transit Transportation Investment Fund revenue is used (expand the current definition) and required local governments receiving highway funds to report how funds were spent and project progress.	
SB245	Impact Fee Amendments	Requires designating a geographic service area, demonstrating that the area is necessary, and accounting for the fees within each service area.	Oppose
SB262	Law Enforcement Usage of Unmarked Vehicles	Prohibits law enforcement officers from using unmarked vehicles to initiate a traffic stop.	ULCT & ULELC Oppose

The City's bill tracking spreadsheet is updated frequently, but not as frequently as bills change during the session. Check the [ULCT 2026 Bill Tracker](#) and the Utah State Legislature's [2026 List of Bills](#) for current information.

Significant Dates

- January 20 Legislative Session Begins
- January 22 Last day legislators can designate priority bills
- January 29 Last day to either pass or defeat each base budget bill
- January 30 Last day to request bills without floor approval
- March 4 Last day to prioritize fiscal note bills and identify other programs for new funding
- March 4 Final action must be taken on each appropriations bill
- March 6 Last Day of the Session
- March 26 Last day the Governor may sign or veto bills
- May 5 Last day a veto-override session may begin
- May 6 Normal effective date for bills
- May 6 First day a legislator can open a bill file for appropriation request for the next general session