

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

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September Interim

The Legislature met together in September to resume interim meetings. Committees discussed several important and timely issues including vaccine requirements, childcare access, student mental health, bail reform, and more. The topics discussed and committee action items can be found [here](#).

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REDISTRICTING

The Legislative Redistricting Committee has been busy at work, traveling across the state to gather input and review maps.

Be sure to submit your own maps for consideration using the state-of-the-art map drawing tool.

The Legislature will convene in a special session in mid-November to approve maps that will determine Utah's boundaries for the next decade.

You can stay up-to-date by following the Legislative Redistricting Committee on social media: Twitter & Facebook, and visiting redistrict.utah.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the State Capitol
Thursday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the State Capitol
Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Grantsville
Thursday, September 9 at 2:00 p.m. in Ogden
Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Logan
Monday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Orem
Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Rose Park
Friday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m. in Cedar City
Saturday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m. in St. George
Wednesday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Richfield
Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Moab
Thursday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. in Price
Friday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Vernal
Friday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Park City
Wednesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Clearfield
Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the State Capitol
Monday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the State Capitol
Tuesday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Capitol
Wednesday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Capitol



UTAH REDISTRICTING
Legislative Committee

VETERANS HOME SERVICE PROJECT

The Utah House Majority Caucus participated in a service project at the William E. Christoffersen Salt Lake Veterans Home. Representatives pulled weeds, painted garden boxes, planted flowers, and helped with other landscaping needs. We loved the opportunity to give back to our veterans and appreciate all they have done to serve our country. Click [here](#) to watch a recap video of the service project.



VACCINE MANDATES

President Biden recently instructed the Department of Labor to require all businesses with more than 100 employees to either mandate employees receive the COVID-19 vaccine or show a weekly negative test. The President's decision to mandate vaccinations on private entities is unprecedented and unacceptable. While a private business may choose to require vaccinations or testing for its employees, the government requiring businesses to take those steps is textbook overreach.

We want to reaffirm our continued support for the vaccination effort. Vaccines have proven to be the most effective measure to reduce the strain on our hospitals and save lives. However, requiring employers to force these decisions upon their employees is not the proper role of government and should not become the new precedent.

MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TREATMENTS

Monoclonal antibody treatment centers are now providing care for Utah patients. These treatments should not be a replacement for the vaccine but can reduce the burden on our hospitals by preventing hospitalizations and saving lives. Consult with your healthcare provider if you are high risk and test positive for COVID-19.

Learn more about monoclonal antibody treatments here:

<https://coronavirus.utah.gov/noveltherapeutics/>



UTAHRAPTOR STATE PARK UPDATE

Earlier this year, the Legislature passed H.B. 257 to create UtahRaptor State Park. New plans for development, engineering, and design for the park are well underway. This new State Park will include two new campgrounds with an estimated 60-70 individual campsites, a handful of group campsites, a large entrance station, a visitor center, and many other exciting amenities.



EAC HIGHLIGHTS

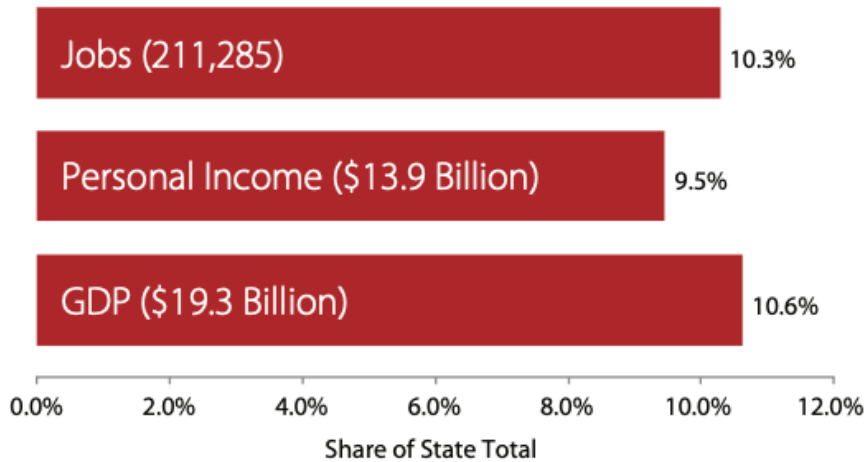
The Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst presented the 2021-22 Budget of the State of Utah to the Executive Appropriations Committee during September interim. This budget funds all our state's needs including education, transportation, outdoor recreation, affordable housing, and more!

You can read the full report [here](#).

The Executive Appropriations Committee also discussed how the state can utilize ARPA funds to assist with our critical water needs and received an update on the new mental health facility at the University of Utah and reviewed a report from the homelessness council.

MILITARY AND DEFENSE ECONOMIC IMPACT

Defense Sector Economic Impact Summary, 2019



Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute analysis using the REMI PI+ model

The Utah Defense Alliance commissioned the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute to assess the economic impacts of Utah's defense industry. Utah's defense industry makes a substantial contribution to the state's diverse economy, contributing 10.3% of the state's employment and 13.9 billion in personal income. Listen to the presentation or read the full report [here](#).



PODCAST

Head over to our Spotify or Apple Podcasts to listen to the Utah House Majority's recent podcast, covering topics from economic development to our new civic engagement program!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dreamscapes- Immersive Art Exhibit (Salt Lake) Now until December Thursday-Sunday

Cedar Saturday Market (Cedar City) Every Saturday

Tuacahn Saturday Market Every Saturday

Tuacahn Amphitheater (St. George) Outdoor theatre shows now until October 21

Downtown Farmers Market (Salt Lake City) Saturday's June- October

Provo Farmers Market Saturday's now-October

Park City Farmers Market Wednesday's now-October

Utah Shakespeare Festival (Cedar City) now-October

Cross E Ranch Fall Festival (Salt Lake City) Now- October 30

Nature Hills Harvest Fest (Cedar City) Oct 2-16

Moab Red Rock Festival Oct 9

Fall Harvest Festival (Cache) Oct 15-16

Fall Festival and Pumpkin Alley (St. George) Oct 25

