

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

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2022 General Session

We are busy preparing for the upcoming legislative session! Stay tuned for information about upcoming town halls. In the meantime, please reach out about issues that are important to you!

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SPECIAL SESSION

Last month, we were called into a special session to pass several important pieces of legislation.

1. Redistricting Maps- The primary purpose of the Special Session was to establish new Congressional, State Senate, State House, and State School Board boundaries based on the population growth of the state. View the new maps by clicking the links above.
 2. Utah Tech- We passed legislation renaming Dixie State University to Utah Tech University. The new name fits the vision and mission of the university as it changes its aim to focus on technology and engineering. Additionally, in a way to respect the heritage of the university, we have designated the main campus as the “Dixie Campus”. We also funded a Heritage Committee to preserve the heritage, culture, and history of Utah’s Dixie.
 3. COVID-19 Vaccine Exemptions- allows an employee to receive an exemption to a workplace vaccine requirement for health, religious, or personal reasons. It also prohibits employers from taking “adverse action” against an employee or prospective employee who seeks an exemption.
 4. Bail Reform- In follow up to the action we took in the general session, we passed sweeping bail reform legislation that will ease the state’s reliance on cash bail.
 5. Financial Reporting Requirements- We passed a resolution denouncing the bank reporting requirements proposed by the Biden administration that would require banks to furnish the IRS with information about accounts that had yearly deposits or withdrawals totaling more than \$600.
- The legislature also passed legislation to:
- Extend the period of time for the State Flag Task Force to present options for a new state flag.
 - Adjust the 2022 election deadlines to align with dates and holidays so people have sufficient time to evaluate and select candidates.
 - Limits the powers of the Intermountain Power Authority (IPA).
 - Modify the unemployment insurance tax rate to reinforce our unemployment funds.

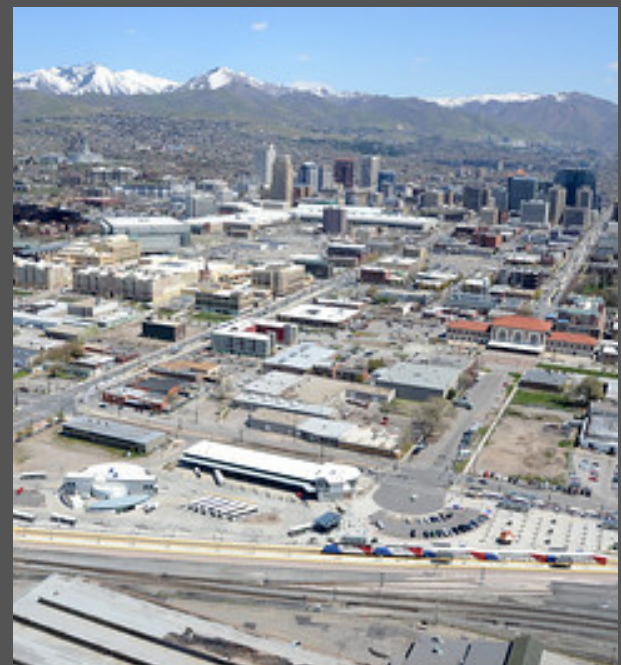
NOVEMBER INTERIM



Legislators met last month for the final interim meetings of the year. Our interim committees have worked hard the past seven months studying key issues and preparing for the 45-day general session. Read the highlights [here](#).

2021 BUDGET SURPLUS

Utah's 2021 fiscal year is ending stronger than anticipated. State leaders will have an additional \$614 million to appropriate during the 2022 General Session. These funds are likely an anomaly due to federal stimulus money and economic volatility. The funds will be spent with careful emphasis on fiscal responsibility, including the use of one-time money on one-time costs such as investments in infrastructure and capital improvements.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season!

Podcast

You won't want to miss our newest episodes!

- Six members of the Utah House who served in the armed forces joined us to talk about what Veterans Day means to them.
- Rep. Steve Handy explains the Utah Flag Task Force which is seeking public input on the design and symbolism of the new state flag.
- Plus a bonus episode with the legislative auditors explaining the November Audits!

Listen now on Spotify or Apple Podcasts.



UPCOMING STATEWIDE EVENTS:

Winter Market (Salt Lake) Now- April

Christkindlmarkt (Salt Lake) Dec 1-4

Intermountain Festival of Trees (Salt Lake) Dec 1-4

North Pole Express (Wasatch) Now- Dec 23

Downtown Holiday Market (Washington) Dec 11

Holiday Lights at Red Hills Desert Garden (Washington) Now- Jan 2

Christmas in the Canyon (Washington) Now- Dec 23

Layton City "Lights Before Christmas" Now- Dec 31

Ogden Christmas Village Now-Jan 1

