

Michelle Blue

From: Frank Pignanelli <frank@fputah.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 5:11 PM
To: AmeliaP@utahcounty.gov; Ricky Hatch; Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen
Cc: Molly Wheeler; Holly Isaman Meagher
Subject: Preparatory conference call

Dear friends,

So we are "getting the band back together" at the request of the Hinckley Institute. I really appreciate the great presentation all of you gave at our prior event.

In preparation for the September 28 discussion, I thought it would be helpful to have a preparatory zoom call toward the middle or end of next week.

My assistant Holly will send out a doodle poll to see what works for you.

In the meantime, please have a great weekend.

Thanks,

Frank

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From: Frank Pignanelli <frank@fputah.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:17 PM
To: MOLLY WHEELER
Cc: Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen; Hatch,Ricky; Jessica Murphy
Subject: Re: Hinckley Forum on 2020 Election & Covid-19

MOLLY, thank you for sending the email. As you may have noticed from other emails, the days selected are those scheduled for Interim Committees at the Legislature. Thankfully, these are electronic meetings and so no one will be traveling to the Capital.

But to be sensitive to those who will be following committee hearings, we will want to ensure that we start and end in a timely manner.

MOLLY and I will generate some topics for the panel so we can have a pre-event conversation-either by email or electronically-to insure all are comfortable. I especially will need the time to prepare because everyone else on the email has much more knowledge and expertise than this political hack. So I am honored to participate.

Thanks,

Frank

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On Jun 2, 2020, at 10:25 AM, MOLLY WHEELER <molly.wheeler@hinckley.utah.edu> wrote:

Hello all,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our virtual forum! I wanted to get everyone on one email thread so we could discuss the date and time, specific topics/questions you would like addressed, format, and some technical details.

As far as dates/times: Would Tuesday, June 16th or Wednesday, June 17th at noon work for everyone?

Working Title: Preserving Democracy in a Pandemic: A Conversation with Utah's Election Officials
Moderator: Frank Pignanelli, Partner, Foxley & Pignanelli
Panelists:

Michelle Blue

From: Frank Pignanelli <frank@fputah.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Justin Lee
Cc: MOLLY WHEELER; Sherrie Swensen; Hatch,Ricky; Jessica Murphy
Subject: Re: Hinckley Forum on 2020 Election & Covid-19

Tomorrow 2-4:30 works and Monday 11:30 -1:30 and after 4pm. I may be able to do 2-4 also depending on the Interim Committee Agenda but that has not been posted yet.

Thanks,

Frank

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On Thu, Jun 11, 2020 at 11:15 AM Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov> wrote:

Molly,

I'm open after 2:00 p.m. tomorrow, and could make almost anytime work on Monday.

Best,

Justin Lee
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justinlee@utah.gov

On Thu, Jun 11, 2020 at 11:12 AM MOLLY WHEELER <molly.wheeler@hinckley.utah.edu> wrote:

Hi all,

As I stated in my original email, there are a few topics that I think we could address in this forum and would love to incorporate what other ideas/challenges/questions you would like to explore as well.

- How has COVID-19 impacted our elections process? How is Utah prepared to handle that? Why is Utah one of the few states prepared?
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 - How does it impact voter turnout, fraud, election timelines etc.

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I'm looking forward to the conversation and grateful to you all lending your time and expertise!

Best wishes,

Molly Wheeler

Managing Director, Community Outreach

Hinckley Institute of Politics

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Michelle Blue

From: Frank Pignanelli <frank@fputah.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Hatch,Ricky
Cc: Molly Wheeler; Jessica Murphy; Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen
Subject: Re: Hinckley Forum on 2020 Election & Covid-19

Thanks everyone for your flexibility and understanding. I look forward to speaking with you all.

Thanks,

Frank

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On Jun 12, 2020, at 8:45 AM, Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us> wrote:

3 works great. Thx.

From: MOLLY WHEELER <molly.wheeler@hinckley.utah.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 8:43:58 AM
To: Jessica Murphy; Justin Lee
Cc: Sherrie Swensen; frank@fputah.com; Hatch,Ricky
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Hinckley Forum on 2020 Election & Covid-19

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Great! Thank you all for your flexibility.

Ricky, does 3:00 still work for your schedule?

Best wishes,

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<rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>, Jessica Murphy <JessicaMur@utahcounty.gov>,
"Justin Lee - State Election Division (justinlee@utah.gov)" <justinlee@utah.gov>
Subject: Re: Hinckley Forum on 2020 Election & Covid-19

Hi all,

Let's plan on meeting tomorrow at 2:30. I'll send a Zoom/calendar invite shortly.

Best wishes,

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From: Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 12:51 PM
To: MOLLY WHEELER <molly.wheeler@hinckley.utah.edu>
Cc: "frank@fputah.com" <frank@fputah.com>, Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>, "Hatch,Ricky" <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>, Jessica Murphy <JessicaMur@utahcounty.gov>, "Justin Lee - State Election Division (justinlee@utah.gov)" <justinlee@utah.gov>
Subject: RE: Hinckley Forum on 2020 Election & Covid-19

Hi Molly,

I could make tomorrow afternoon work. I have a meeting scheduled on Monday at 1:00 pm, but after that would work.
Thank you,

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From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:15 PM
To: MOLLY WHEELER <molly.wheeler@hinckley.utah.edu>
Cc: Frank Pignanelli <frank@fputah.com>; Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>; Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>; Jessica Murphy <JessicaMur@utahcounty.gov>
Subject: Re: Hinckley Forum on 2020 Election & Covid-19

Molly,

3. Justin Lee, State Elections Director
4. Sherrie Swensen, Salt Lake County Clerk

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From: Frank Pignanelli <frank@fputah.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Hinckley Institute of Politics Staff Calendar
Cc: Hatch,Ricky; AmeliaP@utahcounty.gov; Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen
Subject: Re: Hinckley Forum: Election Security & Voting Rights

Just a quick reminder, we have a zoom call today at 4 PM to prepare for the seminar. I'll likely send out a proposed agenda very soon. Not that I'm worried about the great content you will all provide. But there are some items in the news that I think would be both informative and fun for you to provide comment.

I'll talk to you later this afternoon.

Thanks,

Frank

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On Sep 24, 2020, at 9:48 AM, Hinckley Institute of Politics Staff Calendar <HIPstaff@hinckley.utah.edu> wrote:

MOLLY WHEELER is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Election Security and Voting Rights in the 2020 Election

Time: Sep 28, 2020 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://utah.zoom.us/j/98650193155>

Meeting ID: 986 5019 3155

69.174.57.160 (Canada)

207.226.132.110 (Japan)

Meeting ID: 986 5019 3155

Passcode: 615755

Join by Skype for Business

<https://utah.zoom.us/skype/98650193155>

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Michelle Blue

From: Frank Pignanelli <frank@fputah.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Hatch,Ricky; Amelia Powers Gardner; Sherrie Swensen; Justin Lee
Cc: MOLLY WHEELER
Subject: Re: Speaker Request: Hinckley Forum on Election Security and Voting Rights

I am excited to reconnect with everyone.

As we get closer I'll work with you to schedule a preparatory call.

Please know that we received excellent feedback from many viewers of our last presentation. I expect there will even more viewership in light of all the attention that will be given to voting in the general election.

Thanks,

Frank

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On Aug 19, 2020, at 1:25 PM, Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Molly,
September 28th from 12:00 to 1:00 pm will work for me.

Thank you,

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From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 9:32 AM
To: MOLLY WHEELER <molly.wheeler@hinckley.utah.edu>; Amelia Powers Gardner <AmeliaP@utahcounty.gov>; Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>; Sherrie Swensen <sswensen@slco.org>
Subject: Re: Speaker Request: Hinckley Forum on Election Security and Voting Rights

Hi Molly,

Thanks for checking and for having another forum on elections.

Mid-October is crunch time for us - any way you could do it a week or two earlier?

Thanks,

R.

From: MOLLY WHEELER <molly.wheeler@hinckley.utah.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 6:01:39 PM
To: Amelia Powers Gardner; Justin Lee; Hatch,Ricky; Sherrie Swensen
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Speaker Request: Hinckley Forum on Election Security and Voting Rights

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Hello, everyone!

I hope you are all holding up well! Thank you all again for participating in our summer forum. It was incredibly well received, and you all did such a phenomenal job—so phenomenal that I'm hoping you will come back?

We would like to schedule another forum looking at election security and voting rights on Monday, October 19th from 12-1 PM. I would imagine that this will likely be another virtual event, but I will be sure to keep you posted. If you are available and interested please let me know. If not, let me know and I will try to leave you alone for a few more months 😊

All the best,

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Michelle Blue

From: Got-Vote
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 4:52 PM
To: Justin Lee - State Election Division (justinlee@utah.gov); Shelly Jackson
Cc: Lannie Chapman; Michelle Blue (mblue@slco.org)
Subject: FW: Accessible voting

Hi Justin and Shelley

Are you aware of an online voting system that is used in Utah County? I am not sure how to respond to this email.
Thank you,



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-----Original Message-----

From: Pauline Butterfield <phbutterfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 5:19 AM
To: Got-Vote <Got-Vote@slco.org>
Subject: Re: Accessible voting

Utah County has an online secure voting system. This not only makes it accessible for the visually impaired but also allows them to vote from home and not have to arrange for transportation to get to a voting machine. Utah County did a wonderful presentation on their system at the National Federation for the Blind conference held virtually in July. It was secure and accessible. Is this a possibility for our county?

Sent from my iPad

> On Aug 3, 2021, at 4:53 PM, Got-Vote <Got-Vote@slco.org> wrote:

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> Hi Pauline,

> Our electronic voting machines provide an audio ballot. What system does Utah County have that provides a visually impaired person to vote other than that?

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> Thank you,

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> Sherrie Swensen

> Salt Lake County Clerk

> sswensen@slco.org

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Michelle Blue

From: Got-Vote
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Justin Lee
Cc: Ronald Buckley; Jenn Fowler; Lannie Chapman; David Martinson
Subject: RE: OSCE Election Observation in Utah

Hi Justin,

We are receiving quite a few of the voter registration forms from the State's website coming through with digital signatures. We are responding to applicants that they need to sign their form with a manual signature and resend it. We have to explain that the signature on the ballot affidavit will be compared to the signature on their voter registration form, and it wouldn't match. They have time to resend their form now, but they won't at the deadline of October 23rd. Would you be able to have a message added to this that says digital signatures are not acceptable?

"You must have a valid Utah driver license or valid Utah ID to register to vote using the online voter registration system. However, you can register by filling out a paper form and mailing it to your county clerk's office. It must be received by your county clerk no later than 5:00 pm 11 days before the election."

Thank you so much.



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messaging about the safety and security of vote by mail as well. We will continue to do everything we can to encourage people to vote by mail.

Justin

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On Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 5:35 PM Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us> wrote:

https://urlprotection-sjl.global.sonicwall.com/click?PV=1&MSGID=202010070034450139789&URLID=2&ESV=10.0.6.3447&IV=097DA059F47B87C45065483C8CBEB312&TT=1602030886788&ESN=G0xES42y5UiH9fP6ZL%2F186Z%2F%2FTnCWPpyuyeryPdSAfFY%3D&KV=1536961729279&ENCODED_URL=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sltrib.com%2Fnews%2Fpolitics%2F2020%2F10%2F05%2Futahns-are-excited-vote&HK=EC17DD0EF2FBC76E0A22AFC24DB276D29B73C306E18E9BB83EDDB3AF77E3EEE6/

Justin,

This poll sent shivers down my spine. If 22% of Utah voters plan to vote in person on election day, our vote centers will be absolutely overrun, and we'll see lines worse than 2016.

Weber's equipment's capacity can handle about 14K in-person voters. This 22% estimate would be at almost double that number – an absolute disaster.

Anything additional the state can do to help push people to vote by mail/drop box? Maybe you strongly message long, long lines on election day?

Help!

Thanks,

R.

Ricky Hatch, CPA, CPO

Clerk/Auditor

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From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 4:58 PM
To: alainal@juabcounty.com; bacrowther@sevier.utah.gov; bmckenzie@co.davis.ut.us; bpeart@richcountyut.org; braymond@daggettcounty.org; BrendaT@emery.utah.gov; bryan@uacnet.org; camille.moore@garfield.utah.gov; ckoch@co.davis.ut.us; clerkkj@kane.utah.gov; cyingling@utah.gov; datapro@manti.com; dianna.schaeffer@cachecounty.org; djessen@ironcounty.net; Intern,Elections; ginger McMullin@beaver.utah.gov; jdnilson@sanjuancounty.org; jevans@duchesne.utah.gov; JGranger@wasatch.utah.gov; jjhansen@utah.gov; justin.anderson@cachecounty.org; justinlee@utah.gov; jwhittaker@ironcounty.net; kgleave@piute.utah.gov; kim.hafen@washco.utah.gov; krobinson@summitcounty.org; Lannie Chapman; lori.perez@carbon.utah.gov; lshafer@utah.gov; Taylor,Lynn; markm@utah.gov; mcrook@wasatch.utah.gov; melanie.abplanalp@washco.utah.gov; mgillette@tooeleco.org; mhoward@summitcounty.org; mjackson@co.davis.ut.us; mrowley@co.millard.ut.us; mwilkins@uintah.utah.gov; myoung@boxeldercounty.org; Cowley,Ryan; rjudd@summitcounty.org; rwheeler@utah.gov; ryan@wayne.utah.gov; scwall@sevier.utah.gov; seth.marsing@carbon.utah.gov; slafitte@morgan-county.net; slyon@sanpetecountyutah.gov; Stephen Moore; sneill@sanpetecountyutah.gov; Sherrie Swensen; Scott Tingley; Stuart Tsai; swilkerson@morgan-county.net; tduncan@uintah.utah.gov; tlake@morgan-county.net; tmcMullin@beaver.utah.gov; wmcknight@wasatch.utah.gov; lincoln@uacnet.org; zeke@uacnet.org; Lindsey Parkinson; qhall@grandcountyutah.net; 'Shaneal Bess'; Brandy Grace; Sasha Clark hunter@uacnet.org
Cc:
Subject: County Clerks/Election Officials named "Exemplary Public Servant of the Year" by American City & County

Here's a nice surprise.

<https://www.americancityandcounty.com/2021/02/26/american-city-countys-2020-exemplary-public-servant-of-the-year-award/>

They have a few too many quotes from me in the article. It's obvious I made them late one night during a particularly stressful time in January. Sorry about that!

Still, it's nice to have election officials as a group get recognition for their impressive work in 2020. Congrats!

R.

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From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Derek Dowsett; ckoch@daviscountyutah.gov; Sherrie Swensen; Lincoln Shurtz (lincoln@uacnet.org); Justin Lee
Cc: Brandy Grace; bryan@uacnet.org
Subject: County Seat episode about Ranked Choice Voting

Looks like Wednesday at 3 PM works for everyone. Thank you!

Derek,
The participants are:
Curtis Koch, Davis Co. C/A
Sherrie Swensen, Salt Lake Co. Clerk
Justin Lee, State elections director
Ricky Hatch, Weber Co. C/A

If that's too many panelists, I'm happy to step back.

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From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Cc: Derek Dowsett <derek@thecountyseat.tv>; ckoch@daviscountyutah.gov; Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>; Lincoln Shurtz (lincoln@uacnet.org) <lincoln@uacnet.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: County Seat episode about Ranked Choice Voting

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Hey Ricky,

I can do this Wednesday at 3:00. Sounds good.

Justin

Justin Lee
Director of Elections

From: Derek Dowsett <derek@thecountyseat.tv>

Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 2:36 PM

To: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>

Cc: ckoch@daviscountyutah.gov; Lincoln Shurtz (lincoln@uacnet.org) <lincoln@uacnet.org>; Sasha Clark <sasha@thediciogroup.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Possible County Seat about Ranked Choice Voting

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Ricky,

We'd love to cover the topic and get it on the air ASAP. When could we get together to record that program? Would it make sense to include that other point of view so we can point out the issues their proposal creates for clerks?

I also wanted to get an update mail in voting program recorded since there still seems to be a lot of misinformation about it's reliability. I think we would reair the story I did with Jon in Iron County to take people through the process.

We could shoot something as soon as this week or Sept. 1st or 2nd the following week. Please let me know what you would like to do.

Thanks,

Derek Dowsett

On Tue, Aug 25, 2020, 8:43 AM Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us> wrote:

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Derek Dowsett; ckoch@daviscountyutah.gov; Sherrie Swensen; justinlee@utah.gov
Cc: Lincoln Shurtz (lincoln@uacnet.org)
Subject: County Seat episode about Ranked Choice Voting

Curtis/Sherrie/Justin,

County Seat would like to do a show on Ranked Choice Voting. I thought you three and I might be a good panel and wanted to see if you'd be interested. The show would do a fairly neutral story about RCV, how it works, it's claimed benefits, where it has been used, including in UT. Then we as the panel could discuss some of the complications and issues.

Right now we're looking at filming this Wednesday afternoon, around 3 PM. However, there's plenty of flexibility, as I just learned that RCV will likely NOT be on the Sept. 15 Gov Ops Interim Committee agenda. I think it might be nice to air the episode right before Winder's bill is heard in committee (probably October).

If we decided to film Wednesday, would you be willing/available? We would film at the UAC offices in Murray.

Thanks,
R.

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Subject: Deseret News article about SB83 - Voter Privacy

Here's an article on Sen. Anderegg's voter privacy bill that our group currently opposes. We've met with the Senator and state party leaders and are still trying to work out a solution. Curtis is doing great work on this and will provide an update at tomorrow's meeting.

<https://www.deseret.com/utah/2020/2/4/21123275/should-only-political-parties-have-access-to-your-voter-information>

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Subject: Deseret News op-ed - finally in print!

<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/900056449/guest-opinion-utah-voters-can-handle-the-truth-voting-process.html>

Here's the op-ed that we submitted to the Deseret News. Not sure yet which printed version it is (or will be) in, but wanted to get it out as quickly as possible. Please consider emailing it to your legislators, and/or posting it on your websites, Facebook, Twitter (be sure to tag #utpol), etc.

Thanks everyone for your input – hopefully this will have a good impact on voters and legislators alike.
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Subject: disability language

Importance: High

Instead of the "reasonable notice" language for ADA voters in the bill, are you OK with this language?

The Disability Law Center doesn't like the reasonable notice language. Threatening to sue (are we surprised?).

Thanks,

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We could replace the current disability language in the bill with something like:

- (iii) An election officer shall:
 - (A) provide a method of accessible voting to a voter with a disability who is not able to vote by mail; and
 - (B) include, on the election officer's website and with each ballot mailed, instructions regarding how a voter described in Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(A) may vote.



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Subject: Input on Fiscal Note for HB0173
Attachments: HB0173.pdf

Looking for fiscal input. Rep. Hall wants us to report, each day between ED and Canvass, how many "voted ballots" we have that have not yet been counted.

I think that if a ballot is a "voted ballot" by definition it has been counted, but I think we'd better talk to him to see what he means by "voted ballot."

I'm guessing he wants to know how many ballots have passed vote history and sig ver, but that have not yet been scanned and tabulated. If that's the case, would you see any measurable additional costs to obtain and publish these numbers? If so, how much?

Also wondering if we should ask him if we can amend to have this be a best estimate.

Thanks,
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FYI: Rep. Hall's bill on reporting ballots that have not yet been counted.

(c) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(d), on each day, beginning on the day after the 48 date of the election and ending on the day before the date of the canvass, the election officer 49 shall publicly release:

50 (i) the results of all ballots, including provisional ballots, counted on that day[.]; and

VOTE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Craig Hall

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses the information to be reported by election officials when tabulating election results.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ in certain circumstances, requires an election officer to report the total number of ballots in the election official's custody that remain to be counted; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-3a-402, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31

20A-4-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **20A-3a-402** is amended to read:

20A-3a-402. Custody of ballots voted at a polling place -- Disposition -- Counting



59 vote.

60 (e) On the date of the canvass, the election officer shall provide a tally of all ballots,
61 including provisional ballots, counted, and the resulting tally shall be added to the official
62 canvass of the election.

63 (4) (a) On the day after the date of the election, the election officer shall determine the
64 number of ballots received by the election officer at that time and shall make that number
65 available to the public.

66 (b) The election officer may elect to publicly release updated totals for the number of
67 ballots received by the election officer up through the date of the canvass.

68 Section 2. Section **20A-4-104** is amended to read:

69 **20A-4-104. Counting ballots electronically.**

70 (1) (a) Before beginning to count ballots using automatic tabulating equipment, the
71 election officer shall test the automatic tabulating equipment to ensure that it will accurately
72 count the votes cast for all offices and all measures.

73 (b) The election officer shall publish public notice of the time and place of the test:

74 (i) (A) at least 48 hours before the test in one or more daily or weekly newspapers of
75 general circulation in the county, municipality, or jurisdiction where the equipment is used;

76 (B) if there is no daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation in the county,
77 municipality, or jurisdiction where the equipment is used, at least 10 days before the day of the
78 test, by posting one notice, and at least one additional notice per 2,000 population of the
79 county, municipality, or jurisdiction, in places within the county, municipality, or jurisdiction
80 that are most likely to give notice to the voters in the county, municipality, or jurisdiction; or

81 (C) at least 10 days before the day of the test, by mailing notice to each registered voter
82 in the county, municipality, or jurisdiction where the equipment is used;

83 (ii) on the Utah Public Notice Website created in Section 63F-1-701, for four weeks
84 before the day of the test;

85 (iii) in accordance with Section 45-1-101, for at least 10 days before the day of the test;
86 and

87 (iv) if the county, municipality, or jurisdiction has a website, on the website for four
88 weeks before the day of the test.

89 (c) The election officer shall conduct the test by processing a preaudited group of

121 (4) The election officer may:
122 (a) conduct an unofficial count before conducting the official count in order to provide
123 early unofficial returns to the public;
124 (b) release unofficial returns from time to time after the polls close; and
125 (c) report the progress of the count for each candidate during the actual counting of
126 ballots.

127 (5) If an election officer releases early unofficial returns or reports the progress of the
128 count for each candidate under Subsection (4), the election officer shall, with each release or
129 report, disclose the total number of voted ballots in the election officer's custody that have not
130 yet been counted.

131 [~~(5)~~] (6) The election officer shall review and evaluate the provisional ballot envelopes
132 and prepare any valid provisional ballots for counting as provided in Section 20A-4-107.

133 [~~(6)~~] (7) (a) The election officer or the election officer's designee shall:

134 (i) separate, count, and tabulate any ballots containing valid write-in votes; and
135 (ii) complete the standard form provided by the clerk for recording valid write-in votes.
136 (b) In counting the write-in votes, if, by casting a valid write-in vote, a voter has cast
137 more votes for an office than that voter is entitled to vote for that office, the poll workers shall
138 count the valid write-in vote as being the obvious intent of the voter.

139 [~~(7)~~] (8) (a) The election officer shall certify the return printed by the automatic
140 tabulating equipment, to which have been added write-in and absentee votes, as the official
141 return of each voting precinct.

142 (b) Upon completion of the count, the election officer shall make official returns open
143 to the public.

144 [~~(8)~~] (9) If for any reason it becomes impracticable to count all or a part of the ballots
145 with tabulating equipment, the election officer may direct that they be counted manually
146 according to the procedures and requirements of this part.

147 [~~(9)~~] (10) After the count is completed, the election officer shall seal and retain the
148 programs, test materials, and ballots as provided in Section 20A-4-202.

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Subject: Legislative Update - Final list of bills for 2021
Attachments: Bills-FINAL.xlsx

Attached is the final list of bills, including which bills passed and which didn't. Here are some general stats:

Total # of bills we tracked: 56
Total # of bills we supported: 20
Total # of bills we opposed: 12
Total # of bills we were neutral/no position: 24

Key stat to cite when talking to legislators: **We only opposed 20% of bills that we tracked.**

Total wins: 29 (85%)
Total losses: 5 (15%)

85% of the bills we supported ended up passing, 15% did not pass (HB203, HB104, SB235).
17% of the bills we opposed ended up passing (HB243, SB65), 83% did not pass.

Thank you everyone for your hard work this session!

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TOTAL: 56

WINS: 29

LOSSES: 5

Bill #	Title	What Bill Does	C/A Position	Outcome	Win/Loss	House Sponsor	Sen Sponsor
<u>HB108</u>	Vital Records Amendments	Clarifies that marriage license & certificate are vital records; permits inspection of marriage license & certificate only under certain circumstances.	Support	Passed	Win	Stephen Handy	Todd Weiler
<u>HB128</u>	Local Accumulated Fund Balance Amendments	Increases the max fund balance allowed in the general fund (from 20% to 25% for 1st & 2nd counties, from 50% to 65% for small counties, and from 25% to 35% for cities & interlocals)	Support	Passed	Win	Mike Winder	Wayne Harper
<u>HB12S01</u>	Deceased Voter Amendments	Requires clerks to remove a dead voter within 10 days of notification. Newer draft may require LG's office to sync up dead voter list with Vital Statistics 90 days before election	Support	Passed	Win	Mike Winder	Michael McKell
<u>HB19S01</u>	County Classification Amendments	Changes Threshold for counties: 3rd (from 45K-125K to 45K-175K), 2nd (from 125K-700K to 175K-1M) 1st (from 700K to 1M).	Support	Passed	Win	Casey Snider	Wayne Harper
<u>HB211</u>	Initiatives and Referenda Amendments	Modifies petition filing requirements; standardizes forms, requirements, procedures, including for posting & removing signatures; modifies timelines & deadlines	Support	Passed	Win	Norman Thurston	John Johnson
<u>HB221</u>	Property Tax Records	Makes tax relief applications public records, but keeps the supporting documentation private.	Support	Passed	Win	Joel Ferry	Kirk Cullimore
<u>HB30S03</u>	Tax Modifications	Clarifies signature requirements for primary residential application. Sub makes it retroactive back to 1/1/2021	Support	Passed	Win	Stewart Barlow	Luz Escamilla
<u>HB406</u>	Marriage Revisions	Extends expiration date of a marriage license to 32 days; describes requirements for the documentation for a minor's marriage	Support	Passed	Win	Melissa Ballard	Todd Weiler
<u>HB416</u>	Local Tax Sales Amendments	Provides the circumstances under which a county auditor may conduct a tax sale of real property electronically; updates the location information for the tax sale in the notice requirement	Support	Passed	Win	Craig Hall	Craig Winterton
<u>HB70S01</u>	Ballot Tracking Amendments	Creates LG system to track when ballot is: 1) mailed to voter 2) rec'd by county 3) counted. If county/state has email/phone and voter opts in, system must notify voter of each change of status.	Support	Passed	Win	Dan Johnson	Scott Sandall
<u>SB104S02</u>	Tax Levy for Animal Control	County Animal Control Amendments for 2nd-5th class counties.	Support	Passed	Win	Stephen Handy	Todd Weiler
<u>SB201S02</u>	Public Notice Amendments	Eliminates newspaper publication requirements for several types of notices, including several election notices.	Support	Passed	Win	Joel Ferry	Karen Mayne
<u>SB24</u>	Property Tax Revisions	Removes filing deadline for part-year residential property application; and allows county to waive or reduce a penalty for failure to file signed statement of real and personal property upon reasonable cause	Support	Passed	Win	Matthew Gwynn	Curtis Bramble
<u>SB26S02</u>	Property Tax Relief Amendments	Circuit Breaker changes. Links statutory income requirements to CPI.	Support	Passed	Win	Robert Spendlove	Gene Davis
<u>SB73S04</u>	Vehicle Registration Fee Amendments	Prohibits collecting the uniform fee more than once per year on leased vehicle purchase by leasee	Support	Passed	Win	Norman Thurston	Lincoln Fillmore

Bill #	Title	What Bill Does	C/A Position	Outcome	Win/Loss	House Sponsor	Sen Sponsor
<u>HB75S03</u>	Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project Amendments	Renews the provision allowing a city running RCV to contract with a county other than the county that the city belongs to.	Neutral	Passed	Win	Jeffrey Stenquist	Curtis Bramble
<u>HB203</u>	Mail-in Ballot Amendments	Ballots can be mailed out 4 weeks before elections. Can be postmarked on Election Day.	Support	Died in Rules	Loss	Brian King	
<u>HB243S01</u>	Privacy Protection Amendments	Authorizes state auditor to appoint /oversee data privacy officer & members of Personal Privacy Oversight Committee, to require gov. entities to halt use of certain technologies or privacy policies, subject to legislative override; authorizes data privacy officer, with assistance of the PPO Committee, to review data privacy practices of gov. entities.	Oppose	Passed	Loss	Francis Gibson	
<u>SB65S01</u>	Community Reinvestment Agency Amendments	Allows an RDA/CRA agency to levy a property tax on property, prohibits RDA/CRA from extending the scope of certain project area plans/budgets; allows the agency to use property tax revenue for agency-wide project development; requires the agency to adopt an implementation plan to guide agency-wide project development;	Oppose	Passed	Loss	Stephen Handy	Wayne Harper
<u>HB104</u>	Victim Address Confidentiality Program	Creates a state program that protects the actual residential address of a victim of a crime. Elections would need to correspond with the "Assigned Address"	Mild support	Died in Committee	Loss	Stephanie Pitcher	
<u>SB235</u>	County Tax Amendments	Allows all counties to expend transient room tax revenue for certain purposes related to tourism mitigation, including criminal justice activities and equipment; allows counties to expend tourism, recreation, cultural, convention, and airport facilities tax revenue for certain purposes related to tourism mitigation; and makes conforming changes.	Support	Died in Rules	Loss		Michael Kennedy
<u>HB256S02</u>	County Land Use and Development Amendments	Prohibits 1st CI. county from entering into develop. agreement requiring incorporation or annexation of unincorporated area; modifies requirements for county to approve expansion area urban develop.	No position	Passed		Jordan Teuscher	Lincoln Fillmore
<u>HB112S01</u>	Marriage Self-solemnization Amendments	Allows the couple to be married to solemnize their own marriage	Neutral	Died in Committee		Jennifer Dailey-Provost	
<u>HB14</u>	Water Conservancy District Amendments	Provides for filling a vacancy on the board of a water conservancy district located in more than one county	Neutral	Passed		Stephen Handy	Todd Weiler
<u>HB152S01</u>	Ballot Information Amendments	Prohibits certain nicknames for candidates on the ballot. To use different name, must provide documentation showing its use.	Neutral	Passed House, Failed on Senate Floor		Jeffrey Stenquist	Michael McKell
<u>HB173S01</u>	Vote Reporting Requirements	Requires clerk to publish every day (on days that we tabulate) before canvass an estimate of how many ballots are in our custody but that have not yet been counted.	Neutral	Passed		Craig Hall	Daniel Thatcher

Bill #	Title	What Bill Does	C/A Position	Outcome	Win/Loss	House Sponsor	Sen Sponsor
<u>SB121</u>	National Popular Vote Compact	Provides that presidential electors are elected based on candidate who receives the most popular votes nationally; enacts an agreement among states to elect the U.S. president and VP by national popular vote; provides certain procedures for election officials; provides conditions for the agreement to take effect	No position	Died in Rules			Derek Kitchen

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Attachments: UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM STATE AND LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS HB159.pdf

Hi everyone,

You're being BCC'd on this email to make you aware of a letter that will go out to legislators early next week. This letter is to support House Bill 159, which our legislative team has placed a high priority on passing. This is Rep. Handy's bill that allows the address changes and new registrations at the Driver License Division to automatically update the voter rolls as well.

This bill will have the biggest impact on our desire to reduce the number of provisional voters that we see at the polls on election day. We're concerned that it will meet with opposition on the House Floor, where it is in the queue to be discussed.

We're asking the LG's office if they would be willing to send the attached statement of support to all legislators, but we want you to see it in advance, in case any legislators contact you about it. The 2nd page of the PDF provides good talking points and more background.

If you have any questions, please let me know as quickly as possible – we'd like to have it sent early next week.

Thanks!

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UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM STATE ELECTION OFFICIALS

HB 159 – AMENDMENTS TO VOTER REGISTRATION

We the County Clerks and the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Utah as Election Officials for and of the State of Utah, unanimously support the passage of HB159 – Amendments to Voter Registration.

Polling Location lines in the 2016 Presidential election were severely impacted by citizens with outdated registration records. This Bill will dramatically reduce the number of these provisional voters.

The passage of HB159 will have a substantial positive impact on voter registration; it will streamline government processes, simplify the citizen's experience and reduce ongoing costs associated with voter registration.

We join the Utah Association of Counties in urging your support of HB 159 – Amendments to Voter Registration.

Spencer Cox, Lieutenant Governor

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Marla Young	Box Elder	Becky Peart	Rich
Jill Zollinger	Cache	Sherrie Swensen	Salt Lake
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Only 17 of the 56 bills we've been tracking are still in play, and we're neutral on 8 of those.

We WILL have a meeting Thursday morning, although it will likely not be long.

Agenda:

1. Update of status of bills
2. Suggested legislation for interim & 2022
 - a. Plain Language
 - b. How/when Judges appear on ballot (i.e., municipal/justice court)
 - c. Other
3. Feedback/Recommendations for next session – what can we do better?
 - a. Heavier involvement / prep work during interim & in December
 - b. Thursday mtgs focus more on strategy – more efficient
 - c. Possible quick update meeting on Mon/Tues to discuss any quick-moving bills that can't wait until Thurs
 - d. Buddy teams
 - e. Use of polls/surveys
 - f. Tracking system to coordinate contact of legislators
 - g. Other
4. Discussion of RCV plan over interim
5. Discussion of redistricting letters
6. UAC Management Conference update – May 12-13
7. Summer Workshop update

TOTAL: 56			WINS: 19		LOSSES: 4				
Date Update	Bill #	Title	What Bill Does	C/A Position	House Sponsor	Sen Sponsor	Current Status	Comments	Win/Loss
3/1/2021	HB406	Marriage Revisions	Extends expiration date of a marriage license to 32 days; describes requirements for the documentation for a minor's marriage	Support	Melissa Ballard	Todd Weiler	3/1: Sen Judiciary Comm Favorable 3/1: Passed House Unanim.	We wrote this bill. It got introduced very late in the session.	
3/2/2021	SB201S02	Public Notice Amendments	Eliminates newspaper publication requirements for several types of notices, including several election notices.	Support	Joel Ferry	Karen Mayne	3/2: House 2nd reading 3/1: House Gov Ops favorable recomm 2/23: Senate passed (28-1)	UAC supports	
3/2/2021	HB246S03	Ballot Measure Transparency Amendments	Requires a reference to URL at beginning of Initiatives/Amendments section that points to a mini-VIP for each question.	Oppose	Steve Christiansen	Daniel McCay	3/2: Sen Gov Ops favorable recomm (4-1-3) 2/24: Passed House (58-9-8)	Clutters the ballot with informational content, rather than its function of capturing voter intent. Could cause confusion reducing voter confidence in process.	
3/2/2021	HB136S02	Initiative and Referenda Modifications	Signature gatherers paid hourly, not per signature; modifies signature packets; requires LG or clerk to post info on website regarding an initiative or referendum (county clerk contact information for signature removal)	Neutral	Jordan Teuscher	Jerry Stevenson	3/2: Fiscal note available 3/1: Sen Gov Ops favorable Recomm 2/8: Passed House (42-30-3)	Fairly benign for counties.	
3/1/2021	HB115S03	Municipal Boundary Modifications	Establishes a procedure for filing a cross-county annexation petition; requires notice & approval if annexation affects other counties. Requires a VIP.	Mild support	Steve Waldrip	Daniel McCay	3/1: Sen Gov Ops Favorable Recomm 2/16: House passed (70-0-5); Senate introduced	Related to Hideout and West Weber situations. Fixes a few problems w/current process.	
2/26/2021	SB205	Election Process Amendments	Creates 4 classes of political parties. A: convention only (primary unless candidate gets >= 70% of vote). B: both signatures & convention (significantly reduces signature thresholds). C: Signature only D: Other. Signature candidates file fully in Jan, not March. Petition signers cannot withdraw signature.	Neutral	Francis Gibson	Daniel McCay	2/26: Senate 3rd reading; circled 2/25: Senate failed; motion to reconsider 2/22: Sen Rev Tax favorable recomm (7-2)	Creates 3rd path that doesn't require signatures, but raises the threshold needed at convention to 70%.	
2/26/2021	SB2S03	Elections Amendments	Requires more detailed expenditure reporting for state candidates.	Neutral	Norman Thurston	Wayne Harper	2/25: House reconsidered-circled 2/24 Failed House Floor 2/23: House Pol Subdiv favorable recomm	Doesn't seem to impact counties. Sub 4 removed the study language.	
2/22/2021	HC11S02	Recog Clerks & Election Workers for 2020 Election	Recognizes Utah's increase in voter turnout in the 2020 election; and recognizes the invaluable function that election workers provide to Utah	Neutral	Joel Briscoe	Gene Davis	2/22: Sen Gov Ops Favorable Recomm Unanim Passed House		
2/23/2021	HB416	Local Tax Sales Amendments	provides the circumstances under which a county auditor may conduct a tax sale of real property electronically; updates the location information for the tax sale in the notice requirement	Support	Craig Hall	Craig Winterton	3/2: Passed House Unanim. 2/23: House introduced	We asked for this bill. Would recommend amend the "front door of the courthouse" language	
2/25/2021	SB52S02	Property Tax Deferral Modifications	After 2024, requires counties to defer property taxes for all property owners age 75 and over whose homes are worth < median home value. Income test for circuit breaker set to 2.5X, rather than 1.5X. Sets interest rate to 3-3.5%. Can defer if resided in house > 20 years, regardless of home value.	Neutral if amended	Robert Spendlowe	Lincoln Fillmore	3/3: House Pol Sub favor unanim 2/17: Passed Senate unanim 2/1: Sen Rev & Tax favorable recomm	Would create a tax shift. \$24M fiscal impact to counties. Taxpayer Assoc wants it. A few amendments would get us to neutral. Title Comps strongly oppose.	
2/26/2021	SB26S02	Property Tax Relief Amendments	Circuit Breaker changes. Links statutory income requirements to CPI.	Support	Robert Spendlowe	Gene Davis	2/26: House Comm favorable recomm 2/17: Senate passed (26-1-2)	Trying to expand number of people who qualify; Proration language removed.	
2/23/2021	SB65S01	Community Reinvestment Agency Amendments	Allows an RDA/CRA agency to levy a property tax on property, prohibits RDA/CRA from extending the scope of certain project area plans/budgets; allows the agency to use property tax revenue for agency-wide project development; requires the agency to adopt an implementation plan to guide agency-wide project development.	Oppose	Stephen Handy	Wayne Harper	2/23: Senate passed (22-5-2); 2/18: Sen Gov Ops favorable recomm	Taxing authority should reside with elected officials. UAC is working on tweak that would make the bill non-threatening to counties & UAC would be neutral. Sponsor has been good to work with.	

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2/2/2021	<u>HB122</u>	Property Redemption Amendments	Requires Treasurer to apply delinquent payments to oldest year, not newest	Oppose	Phil Lyman		2/2: Not considered - House Rev & Tax 1/15:	Going to be pulled. Sponsor is spooked by fiscal note.	Win
1/25/2021	<u>HB127</u>	Ranked Choice Voting Amendments	Requires ranked-choice voting to be used in regular primary elections for all races for state or county office.	Oppose	Mike Winder	Curtis Bramble	1/25: House Rules Committee	Fiscal note: \$504K onetime for state, \$435K onetime for counties. \$479K ongoing for counties	Win
2/5/2021	<u>HB274</u>	Government Records Transparency Act Amendments	requires reporting regarding personal identifying information collected, used, or disclosed by a government agency	Oppose	Travis Seegmiller		2/1: House introduced	UAC opposes. ULCT will likely oppose.	Win
2/18/2021	<u>HB338S1</u>	School District Voter Eligibility Amendments	Establishes pilot program that would allow 16-17 year olds to vote in local school board races.	Oppose	Joel Briscoe	Todd Weiler	3/2: Failed on house floor (22-50) 2/24: Favorable Recomm House Political Subdivisions Comm (6-4)	Very complex to administer. Poss solutions? Require them to vote early. Mobile voting. Move school board to municipal ballots (odd years). Minors voter records are private. Youth council already has representation on school board (Mckenzie has code reference).	Win
2/19/2021	<u>HB342</u>	Government Enterprise Amendments	Requires 1st & 2nd class counties to establish an inventory to classify competitive activities; and before authorizing specified competitive activities, to conduct a market impact study and hold a public hearing. For 1st-4th class, for recreation (golf course, rec center, etc.) need to do feasibility study.	Oppose	Mark Strong		2/19: Assigned to House Political Subdivisions	UAC Opposes as well	Win
1/19/2021	<u>HB57</u>	Property Tax Penalties Amendments	Reduces the penalty for failure to file a timely signed/completed personal property statement.	Oppose	Matthew Gwynn		1/19: House introduced	Sponsor is going to abandon. SB24 accomplishes what he wanted.	Win
2/1/2021	<u>SB44</u>	Payment in Lieu of Taxes Funds for Counties	Creates Federal PILT Account; creates base distribution level of PILT; creates distribution requirements for money received for PILT	Oppose	Keven Stratton	Lincoln Fillmore	2/1: Not heard in Committee due to federal legal issues	2/4: Sponsor said he will abandon. May violate federal statute (distr. \$ to entities that don't have public lands).	Win
1/22/2021	<u>SB49</u>	Mobile Voting Pilot Project	Allows a city to offer mobile voting to all citizens.	Oppose	Mike Winder	Curtis Bramble	1/22: Removed from Sen Gov Ops agenda 1/19: Assigned to Senate Gov Ops	Bramble is going to abandon. Set up a study committee.	Win
2/26/2021	<u>HB75S01</u>	Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project Amendments	Renews the provision allowing a city runing RCV to contract with a county other than the county that the city belongs to.	Neutral	Jeffrey Stenquist	Curtis Bramble	2/26: Assigned to Sen Gov Ops 2/16: Senate introduced 2/12: House passed (46-25-4) 2/5: House Gov Ops favorable recomm unanim	Introduces inconsistency in elections, confusion for voters. Since the sponsor removed the force language, we had to go neutral on this. Consider it a win, since the first version of the bill was so bad.	Win
2/23/2021	<u>HB23S02</u>	Voter Referendum Amendments	Allows a referendum to be placed on a ballot, if filed after deadline, as long as several parties, incl. County Clerk, agree in writing to a timeline.	Mild support	Merrill Nelson	Scott Sandall	2/22: House concurred w/ Sen amend (68-1-6) 2/19: Passed Senate (22-1-6) 1/19: Passed House unanim		Win
1/22/2021	<u>HB203</u>	Mail-in Ballot Amendments	Ballots can be mailed out 4 weeks before elections. Can be postmarked on Election Day.	Support	Brian King		1/19: House introduced	re: postmark - set it and leave it alone.	Loss
2/26/2021	<u>HB243S01</u>	Privacy Protection Amendments	Authorizes state auditor to appoint /oversee data privacy officer & members of Personal Privacy Oversight Committee, to require gov. entities to halt use of certain technologies or privacy policies, subject to legislative override; authorizes data privacy officer, with assistance of the PPO Committee, to review data privacy practices of gov. entities.	Oppose	Francis Gibson		2/26: Passed House Unanim. 2/9: House circled 2/2: House Gov Ops favorable recomm unanim	Concerns that this bill imposes additional authority over the county auditor, allowing this privacy officer to conduct audits in a county. Potential conflict with 17-19a-206. What are the standards? 180-day deadline is still short & could cause probs w/contracts. Would like to add a curing period.	Loss
2/9/2021	<u>HB104</u>	Victim Address Confidentiality Program	Creates a state program that protects the actual residential address of a victim of a crime. Elections would need to correspond with the "Assigned Address"	Mild support	Stephanie Pitcher		2/9: House Judiciary comm held	Sheriffs and Attorneys have been working on this bill for 2 years. Sponsor will amend to make victim's "withheld"	Loss

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2/12/2021	SB88	Local Option Sales Tax Distribution	Changes distributive county option sales tax; Reqs county legislative body distribute revenue reasonably consistent w/ population distribution w/in county	Neutral	Candice Pierucci	Lincoln Fillmore	2/17: Passed House (66-5-4) 2/5: Passed Senate (27-2-0)	UAC opposes. Relates to SLCo only - they are working with Sponsor. May be dropped. Policy issue.	Done
2/9/2021	HB315	Candidacy Amendments	A statement made in a declaration of candidacy is subject to the penalties of perjury, extends the deadline for challenging a declaration of candidacy.		Douglas Sagers		2/5: House introduced	Similar to HB312. might go away in favor of HB312.	Done
3/1/2021	HB442	Election Integrity Amendments	Relates to cure letters, voter notification, and signature comparison		Ellason		3/1: Assigned to House Rules	Introduced too late. Sponsor didn't contact clerks at all. Sheri Newton worked on this bill as well. HB70 accomplishes much of the bill's intent.	Done
2/4/2021	SB121	National Popular Vote Compact	Provides that presidential electors are elected based on candidate who receives the most popular votes nationally; enacts an agreement among states to elect the U.S. president and VP by national popular vote; provides certain procedures for election officials; provides conditions for the agreement to take effect			Derek Kitchen	2/4: Assigned to Sen Gov Ops 1/22: Senate introduced		Done

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Wow – what a crazy legislative week – really picking up steam now!

Attached are the bills. We'll have a lot to talk about Thursday morning, and some of it is good.

One request: Rep. Christiansen's URL on the ballot bill didn't fare well in committee, but he has asked that we try to come up with some solution that might get us to neutral. Normally, I'd say, "It's just a bad bill," but he has given in on every single point that we have fought, except for his desire to have URLs so readily and conspicuously visible that voters cannot miss (he thinks the best place is right next to each ballot question). I really would like to give him at least some options, to show that we're not just the affiliate of "no." He is very reasonable, but feels that we were a little disingenuous with him (he and I spoke many times, and I feel like I made our position pretty clear, but he feels that I wasn't fully honest with our concerns up front). I certainly could have done better talking to him, but my concern is that this is the exact narrative that Stan Lockhart & team is saying, so I'd really like to go the extra mile with Rep. Christiansen in making some good-faith, creative recommendations of other ways we can get voters to go to additional information on ballot initiatives/referenda. Please think creatively about ways we can do it and share in the meeting.

Regarding Stan Lockhart's RCV email, it appears he misheard some of my testimony, specifically the part where I said that the clerks "resoundingly support" the RCV pilot. That statement was made by the bill's sponsor, Marc Roberts, but was clearly mis-attributed to me, and is now the main argument that Stan is using to get HB75 passed. We'll discuss the best way to reply on Thursday.

Thanks everyone!
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2/8/2021	<u>HB75S01</u>	Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project Amendments	Requires a county to administer a municipality's election if the municipality chooses RCV. Prohibits a municipality from having anyone other than their own county administer their election.	Oppose	Jeffrey Stenquist		2/5: House Gov Ops fav recomm (10-0-1) 1/19: House introduced 1/7: Fiscal note available	League supports, but emphasizes they want to work w/counties.	
1/25/2021	<u>HB127S01</u>	Ranked Choice Voting Amendments	Would require RCV for Primaries for all County, State, & Federal. If more than 5 candidates, only rank up to 4	Oppose	Mike Winder	Curtis Bramble	1/25: House Rules Committee 1/22: Fiscal note available 1/19: House introduced **1st Substitute (Not Adopted)	Fiscal note: \$504K onetime for state, \$435K onetime for counties. \$479K ongoing for counties	
1/19/2021	<u>HB174</u>	Municipal RCV Pilot addition	Add Approval voting & STAR voting to RCV pilot.	Recomm Support	Adam Robertson		1/19: House introduced 1/18: Fiscal note available	Will amend to delay STAR voting part. Should we support this? We don't like pilots, but this supports our idea of looking at other options.	
1/27/2021	<u>HB197</u>	Voter Affiliation Amendments	Prevents a voter from changing affiliation or affiliating with a party from Jan. 1 to Primary Election Day in even years.	Neutral	Jordan Teuscher		2/5: House Gov Ops passed Favorably (7-3) 1/22: Fiscal note available 1/19: House introduced	Gov/LGIUT GOP leadership are OK w/concept, but concerned about long lockout period	
1/29/2021	<u>HB246</u>	Ballot Measure Transparency Amendments	Requires a URL at beginning of Initiatives/Amendments sections that points to a mini-VIP for each question. And a line for each question that says something like "see URL above for more info".	Oppose	Steve Christiansen		1/29: Fiscal note available 1/27: House introduced	\$200K ongoing fiscal note. Still concern over ballot length. Could cause confusion reducing voter confidence in process.	
2/5/2021	<u>HB312</u>	State Residency Amendments	Requires individual who has been absent from the state for extended period to provide evidence of residency w/ individual's declaration of candidacy for certain political offices, w/ some exceptions; modifies deadline for objecting to person's declaration of candidacy.		Jordan Teuscher		2/5: Fiscal note available 2/4: House introduced		
2/5/2021	<u>HB315</u>	Candidacy Amendments	A statement made in a declaration of candidacy is subject to the penalties of perjury; extends the deadline for challenging a declaration of candidacy.		Douglas Sagers		2/5: House introduced	Similar to HB312. might go away in favor of HB312.	
1/25/2021	HB338		Allow 16-17 year olds to vote in school board races.	Oppose	Briscoe			Very complex to administer. Maybe require them to vote early? Mobile voting? Minors voter records are private. Move school board to municipal ballots (even years). Maybe youth council representation on school board (already in code - mckenzie has code reference).	
2/4/2021	<u>HB65S01</u>	Marriage Commission Amendments	Lowers marriage license fee for online licenses. Increases state fee by \$10. Removes discount for counseling.	Support	Melissa Ballard	Todd Weiler	2/3: Favorable Recomm. (6-5) by House Health & Human Services 1/20: HHS Comm favorable recomm (10-5-2)	This bill does what we've been asking them to do for years - not place the increased fee on Clerks' shoulders.	
2/2/2021	<u>HB211</u>	Initiatives and Referenda Amendments	Modifies petition filing requirements; provides more standardization to forms, requirements, procedures including procedures for posting an removing signatures for a petition; modifies timelines and deadlines	Support	Norman Thurston		2/2: Favorable Recomm (8-1-2) - House Gov Ops 1/22: Fiscal note available 1/20: House introduced	Thurston has been working with us for 3 years on this process. This bill makes a few improvements.	
1/29/2021	<u>HB23S01</u>	Voter Referendum Amendments	Allows a referendum to be placed on a ballot, if filed after deadline, as long as several parties, incl. County Clerk, agree in writing to a timeline.	Support	Merrill Nelson	Scott Sandall	1/29: Sen. Judiciary, Law Enf & Crim. Justice - not considered 1/19: Passed House Unanimously (72-0-3)		
2/6/2021	<u>HB310</u>	Campaign Finance Modifications	Clarifies when expenditure is made for campaign disclosure & reporting purposes; modifies certain reporting deadlines for campaign contributions & expenditures; modifies certain penalties for violations of political disclosure, reporting & polling violations; imposes penalties for person who violates campaign & political advertisement provisions		Suzanne Harrison		2/6: Fiscal note available 2/4: House introduced		

1/19/2021	<u>SB65</u>	Community Reinvestment Agency Amendment	Allows an agency and certain taxing entities to enter into an interlocal agreement for the purpose of transferring project area incremental revenue; • authorizes the agency to levy a property tax on property; • prohibits the agency from extending the scope of certain project area plans/budgets; • allows the agency to use property tax revenue for agency-wide project development; • requires the agency to adopt an implementation plan to guide agency-wide project development;	Oppose	Wayne Harper	1/19 Assigned to Gov Ops	Taxing authority should reside with elected officials. A lot of opposition - probably will not move forward. UAC is working on tweak that would make the bill non-threatening to counties. Sponsor has been good to work with. UAC position is set to Watch.	
2/2/2021	<u>HB122</u>	Property Redemption Amendments	Requires Treasurer to apply delinquent payments to oldest year, not newest	Oppose	Phil Lyman	2/2: House comm not considered 2/1: Assigned to House Rev & Tax 1/15: Fiscal note available	Temporarily pulled. Sponsor wants to make Prop tax "kinder & gentler." County Leg. body already has authority to defer/abate. Sub would allow people to pay one year at a time if delinquent.	
2/2/2021	<u>HB243</u>	Privacy Protection Amendments	Authorizes state auditor to appoint/oversee data privacy officer & members of Personal Privacy Oversight Committee; authorizes state auditor to require gov. entities to halt use of certain technologies or privacy policies, subject to legislative override; authorizes data privacy officer, with assistance of the PPO Committee, to review data privacy practices of gov. entities; creates reporting requirement for data privacy officer.	Oppose	Francis Gibson	2/2: House comm fav recomm (10-0-1); substitute recomm 1/27: Fiscal note available 1/26: House introduced	Concerns that this bill imposes additional authority over the county auditor, allowing this privacy officer to conduct audits in a county. Potential conflict with 17-19a-206. What are the standards? 180-day deadline could cause probs w/contracts. Would like to add a curing period.	
2/8/2021	<u>SB52</u>	Property Tax Deferral Modifications	Requires counties to defer property taxes for all property owners age 66 and over whose homes are worth \$500K or less.	Neutral if amended	Robert Spendlove	2/8: Senate circled 2/1: Rev/Tax Favorable (7-0-2)	Would create a tax shift. \$35M fiscal impact to counties. Taxpayer Assoc wants it. UAC opposes. A few amendments would get us to neutral. See Curtis email from Feb 3 for list of suggested amendments.	
2/4/2021	<u>HB221</u>	Property Tax Records	Makes tax relief applications public records, but keeps the supporting documentation private.	Support	Joel Ferry	2/4: Senate Rev Tax Favorable Unanim. Consent Calendar 2/1: House passed unanim (70-0-5) 1/28: Unanim favorable recomm - House Rev & Tax.	We asked for this bill.	
2/2/2021	<u>HB30S01</u>	Tax Modifications	Clarifies signature requirements for primary residential application. Sub makes it retroactive back to 1/1/2021	Support	Stewart Barlow	2/1: Favorable Recomm. (6-0-3) - Senate Rev & Tax 1/22: Passed House Unanim. (73-0-2)	Only one signature required	
2/2/2021	<u>SB73S03</u>	Vehicle Reg Fee Amendments	Prohibits collecting the uniform fee more than once per year on leased vehicle purchase by leasee	Support	Norman Thurston	2/2: Sen passed 2nd reading (27-0-2) 1/27: Senate Rev & Tax favorable recommend (8-0-1)		
2/4/2021	<u>HB128</u>	Local Accumulated Fund Balance Amendments	Increases the maximum accumulated fund balance allowed in a political subdivision's general fund from 20% to 25% for 1st & 2nd counties, from 50% to 65% for small counties, and from 25% to 35% for cities & interlocals	Support	Wayne Harper	2/4: Senate Gov Ops Comm Favorable Recomm Unanim. 2/1: House passed unani (68-0-7) 1/27: Unanim favorable - House Political Sub	Gives more financial savings capacity for counties (current limit for large counties the greater of 20% or total prop tax revenues, which is usually much higher than 20%. For small counties, it's 50% or total prop tax revenues)	
2/2/2021	<u>SB88</u>	Local Option Sales Tax Distribution	Address the distribution of revenue generated by county option sales tax for botanical, cultural, recreational, zoological orgs/facilities by amending eligibility requirements for certain botanical & cultural orgs to receive revenue; enacts requirement that county legislative body ensure revenue distribution is reasonably consistent w/ population distribution w/in county		Candice Pierucci	2/2: Senate circled 1/27: Sen. Rev. & Tax. Committee Favorable Recomm. (7-2) 1/18: Fiscal note available	UAC opposes. Relates to SLCo only. Sponsor will likely drop.	
2/8/2021	<u>SB18S03</u>	Property Tax Exemption Amendments	Raises exemption amount on personal property from \$15K to \$25K. Sub would exclude accounts under \$25K. Full tax if >\$25K.	Neutral	Karianne Lisonbee	2/8: Fiscal note available 2/4: Senate Rev/Tax Favorable Unanim	UAC strongly opposes & is negotiating. Has created a one-page flier. Not a tax shift, but it's a tax loss. Questions about deminimus.	

2/2/2021	<u>HB112S1</u>	Marriage Self-solemnization Amendments	Allows the couple to be married to solemnize their own marriage	Neutral	Jennifer Dailey-Provost		2/2: Failed in House Political Subdivisions (4-5-1)		
2/1/2021	<u>SB44</u>	Payment in Lieu of Taxes Funds for Counties	Creates Federal Lands Payment in Lieu of Tax Account; creates base distribution level of payments in lieu of tax on federal entitlement lands; creates distribution requirements for money received for payments in lieu of tax on federal entitlement lands that exceeds the base distribution level	Oppose	Keven Stratton	Lincoln Fillmore	2/1: Not heard in Committee due to federal legal issues 1/19: Senate/ to standing committee 12/21: Fiscal note available	2/4: Sponsor said he will abandon. May violate federal statute (distr. \$ to entities that don't have public lands).	Win
1/28/2021	<u>SB24</u>	Property Tax Revisions	Removes filing deadline for part-year residential property application; and allows county to waive or reduce a penalty for failure to file signed statement of real and personal property upon reasonable cause	Recommend Support	Matthew Gwynn	Curtis Bramble	1/27: Passed house 73-1 1/25: House Gov Ops Unanim Favorable 1/22: Passed Senate Unanim.	Appeal Process Vague Should Specify UCA 59-2-1004; 1006 Needs rule change for "reasonable cause" R861-1A-42	Win
1/19/2021	<u>HB97</u>	Property Tax Penalties Amendments	Reduces the penalty for failure to file a timely signed/completed personal property statement.	Recommend Oppose	Matthew Gwynn		1/19: House introduced 1/14: Fiscal note available	Sponsor is going to abandon. SB24 accomplishes what he wanted.	
1/6/2021		Disclosures			Jeffrey Stenquist		Not released yet	Probably just relates to LG office.	

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Subject: KUER article re: RCV

<https://www.kuer.org/politics-government/2021-02-04/advocates-say-ranked-choice-voting-would-improve-utah-primaries-but-county-clerks-oppose-it>

This article is a little different in that it mentions the fact that RCV would only change the winner in 0.15% of races in Utah (you saw that right, that's just over 1/10th of 1%).

FYI – in all of the municipal RCV elections in Payson and Vineyard, the winner in the first round was also the final winner. Same with the Utah GOP convention election for Governor and Congressional District 1.

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Subject: Legislation terminology 101

This is a nice, short post from Utah Policy that defines some of the terms used in the legislative session. This goes along nicely with our desire to have a Legislation 101 discussion.

<https://utahpolicy.com/index.php/features/today-at-utah-policy/26526-a-glossary-of-terms-you-might-hear-today>

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Subject: Letter from Clerks getting some press

Our op-ed piece was published in at least a couple of papers over the weekend.

The Salt Lake Tribune published a shortened version as their "Letter of the week". They told me they would only publish the full version if we didn't send it to other papers. <http://www.sltrib.com/opinion/4444078-155/letter-of-the-week-nobody-is>. The comments section is funny, in a sad sort of way.

The Spectrum in southern Utah printed a good story based on the letter: <http://www.thespectrum.com/story/news/2016/10/08/fear-no-fraud/91783906/>.

Kim posted the letter on Washington County's Facebook page, a great idea! <https://www.facebook.com/washcoutah/posts/595741897272334>

If you know of other papers who published anything, please share.

I'll contact radio & TV organizations today.

Thanks!

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Subject: Letter to Editor talking about RCV and Approval Voting

A letter to the editor was just posted in two Utah papers that encourages Utah to try Approval Voting before adopting RCV.

Salt Lake Tribune: <https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/letters/2021/02/02/letter-another-voting/> Great title: Another voting alternative exists -- Approval Voting -- and we should try it first
Spectrum: <https://www.thespectrum.com/story/opinion/2021/02/02/letters-editor-feb-2/4339790001/>

They're the same letter from the same person. They're not very clear on what Approval Voting is, but at least it is mentioned.

Feel free to forward one of them to your legislator(s) – good to show that there are other options out there and that's why the legislature should hold off expanding RCV, step back, and study all options.

If you tweet the letter, use #utpol so it gets in front of the eyes of legislators.
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Subject: Link to UAC meeting

Here's the link to the UAC meeting. It's the same link that we use for our meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84419284179?pwd=VTAwc09rUzAvZzlvQW53ZXRobVE1QT09>

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Hi everyone,

Here's the list of bills.

FYI - The colors in the "Date Updated" column show how recently that bill's status has changed. A green color means it was updated recently. Red show that nothing has happened for a while. Yellow is in between.

Meeting info: 12532158782,,83236553544#,,, *955711#

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Date Update	Bill #	Title	What Bill Does	C/A Position	House Sponsor	Sen Sponsor	Current Status	Comments	C/A Owner
2/2/2021	<u>HB243</u>	Privacy Protection Amendments	Authorizes state auditor to appoint/oversee data privacy officer & members of Personal Privacy Oversight Committee; authorizes state auditor to require gov. entities to halt use of certain technologies or privacy policies, subject to legislative override; authorizes data privacy officer, with assistance of the PPO Committee, to review data privacy practices of gov. entities; creates reporting requirement for data privacy officer.		Francis Gibson		2/2: House comm fav recomm (10-0-1); substitute recomm 1/27: Fiscal note available	CIVILAC concerns that this bill imposes additional authority over the county auditor, allowing this privacy officer to conduct audits in a county. Potential conflict with 17-19a-206.	
1/27/2021	<u>HB197</u>	Voter Affiliation Amendments	Prevents a voter from changing affiliation or affiliating with a party from Jan. 1 to Primary Election Day in even years.	Oppose	Jordan Teuscher		1/22: Fiscal note available 1/19: House introduced	Poss amend ideas: Lock in unaffiliateds once they request a ballot. If "closed" elections, party notifies every household of steps & deadlines to affiliate. Gov/LG/UT GOP leadership are fine w/concept but not Jan. Maybe more like May 1, or something close to the party convention dates.	
2/2/2021	<u>SB92S01</u>	Elections Amendments	Requires more detailed expenditure reporting for state candidates. Requires LG office to set up study committee re: improving accessible voting (including electronic voting, signatures, etc.)	Support	Norman Thurston	Wayne Harper	2/1: Sen comm fav recomm (7-0-1) 1/15: Fiscal note available	Doesn't seem to impact counties. But we should support the idea of studying (instead of pilots - i.e., RCV, mobile voting)	
1/29/2021	<u>HB23S1</u>	Voter Referendum Amendments	Allows a referendum to be placed on a ballot, if filed after deadline, as long as several parties, incl. County Clerk, agree in writing to a timeline.	Support	Merrill Nelson	Scott Sandall	1/29: Sen. Judiciary, Law Enf. & Crim. Justice - not considered 1/19: Passed House Unanimously (72-0-3)		
2/2/2021	<u>HB136S01</u>	Initiative and Referenda Modifications	Signature gatherers paid hourly, not per signature; modifies form for signature sheets & verification of signature packets; requires sponsor of an initiative or referendum to email to individual who signs a petition; requires LG or clerk to post info on their website regarding an initiative or referendum (county clerk contact information for signature removal)	Neutral	Jordan Teuscher		2/2: Favorable Recomm (8-3) House Gov. Ops. 1/16: Fiscal note available		
1/29/2021	<u>HB246</u>	Ballot Measure Transparency Amendments	Requires a URL at beginning of initiatives/amendments sections that points to a mini-VIP for each question. And a line for each question that says something like "see URL above for more info"	Oppose	Steve Christiansen		1/29: Fiscal note available 1/27: House introduced	\$200K ongoing fiscal note. Still concern over ballot length. Could cause confusion reducing voter confidence in process.	
1/25/2021	<u>HB127S01</u>	Ranked Choice Voting Amendments	Would require RCV for Primaries for all County, State, & Federal. If more than 5 candidates, only rank up to 4	Oppose	Mike Winder	Curtis Bramble	1/25: House Rules Committee 1/22: Fiscal note available 1/19: House introduced	Fiscal note: \$504K onetime for state, \$435K onetime for counties. \$479K ongoing for counties	
1/19/2021	<u>HB174</u>	Municipal RCV Pilot addition	Add Approval voting & STAR voting to RCV pilot.	Oppose	Adam Robertson		1/19: House introduced 1/18: Fiscal note available	Will amend to delay STAR voting part. Should we be neutral or support this? We don't like pilots, but this supports our idea of looking at other options.	
1/19/2021	<u>HB75</u>	Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project Amendments	Requires a county to administer a municipality's election if the municipality chooses RCV. Prohibits a municipality from having anyone other than their own county administer their election.	Oppose	Jeffrey Stenquist		1/19: House introduced 1/7: Fiscal note available	Need to write/document our thoughts/positions and the history of city election administration. Ask cities which of them want to do RCV.	
2/2/2021	<u>HB211</u>	Initiatives and Referenda Amendments	Modifies petition filing requirements; provides more standardization to forms, requirements, procedures including procedures for posting an removing signatures for a petition; modifies timelines and deadlines	Support	Norman Thurston		2/2: Favorable Recomm (8-1-2) - House Gov Ops 1/22: Fiscal note available	Thurston has been working with us for 3 years on this process. This bill makes a few improvements.	Ryan Cowley
1/25/2021			Allow 16-17 year olds to vote in school board races.	Oppose	Briscoe		Not released yet	Very complex to administer. Maybe require them to vote early? Mobile voting? Minors voter records are private. Move school board to municipal ballots (even years). Maybe youth council representation on school board (already in code - mckenzie has code reference).	

Date Update	Bill #	Title	What Bill Does	C/A Position	House Sponsor	Sen Sponsor	Current Status	Comments	C/A Owner
1/6/2021		Marriage technical change bill	Changes license life from 30 to 32 days. Clarifies clerk's role in marriage of minors.	Support	Meissa Ballard			We wrote this bill	
2/2/2021	<u>HB221</u>	Property Tax Records	Makes tax relief applications public records, but keeps the supporting documentation private.	Support	Joel Ferry	Kirk Cullimore	2/2: Senate introduced 2/1: House passed unananim (70-0-5) 1/28: Unanim favorable recomm - House Rev & Tax. Placed on consent calendar	We asked for this bill.	
1/19/2021	<u>SB26</u>	Property Tax Relief Amendments	Circuit Breaker changes. Clarifies proration of sold property. Links statutory income requirements to CPI.	Support		Gene Davis	1/19: Senate Rev/Tax Favorable (14-4-1)	Things to question is exclusion of household income; Trying to expand number of people who qualify which seems like a policy-decision we wouldn't get in to; Support the idea of prorating	Lynn Taylor
1/19/2021	<u>SB65</u>	Community Reinvestment Agency Amendment	Allows an agency and certain taxing entities to enter into an interlocal agreement for the purpose of transferring project area incremental revenue; • authorizes the agency to levy a property tax on property; • prohibits the agency from extending the scope of certain project area plans/budgets; • allows the agency to use property tax revenue for agency-wide project development; • requires the agency to adopt an implementation plan to guide agency-wide project development;	Recommend Oppose		Wayne Harper	1/19 Assigned to Gov Ops		
2/2/2021	<u>HB30501</u>	Tax Modifications	Clarifies signature requirements for primary residential application. Sub makes it retroactive back to 1/1/2021	Support	Stewart Barlow	Luz Escamilla	2/2: Sen comm report fav 2/1: Favorable Recomm. (6-0-3) - Senate Rev & Tax 1/22: Passed House Unanim. (73-0-2)	Only one signature required	
2/2/2021	<u>HB122</u>	Property Redemption Amendments	Requires Treasurer to apply delinquent payments to oldest year, not newest	Oppose	Phil Lyman		2/2: House comm not considered 2/1: Assigned to House Rev & Tax 1/15: Fiscal note available	Sponsor is going reworking language. Goal is to help businesses during COVID. County Leg. body already has authority to defer/abate.	
2/2/2021	<u>SB52</u>	Property Tax Deferral Modifications	Requires counties to defer property taxes for all property owners age 66 and over whose homes are worth \$500K or less.	Oppose		Lincoln Fillmore	2/2: Comm report favorable; 2nd calendar 2/1: Rev/Tax Favorable (7-0-2) 2/2: Sen passed 2nd reading (27-0-2)	Would create a tax shift. \$35M fiscal impact to counties. Taxpayer Assoc wants it. UAC opposes. Looking for creative alternative solutions.	
2/2/2021	<u>SB73S03</u>	Vehicle Reg Fee Amendments	Prohibits collecting the uniform fee more than once per year on leased vehicle purchase by leasee	Support	Norman Thurston	Lincoln Fillmore	1/27: Senate Rev & Tax favorable recommend (8-0-1) 1/19: Senate/ to standing committee		
2/2/2021	<u>HB128</u>	Local Accumulated Fund Balance Amendments	Increases the maximum accumulated fund balance allowed in a political subdivision's general fund (from 20% to 25% for 1st & 2nd counties, from 50% to 65% for small counties, and from 35% to 35% for cities & interlocals)	Support		Wayne Harper	2/2: Senate introduced 2/1: House passed unani (68-0-7) 1/27: Unanim favorable - House Political Sub / consent calendar 1/14: Fiscal note available	Gives more financial savings capacity for counties (current limit for large counties the greater of 20% or total prop tax revenues, which is usually much higher than 20%. For small counties, it's 50% or total prop tax revenues)	
2/2/2021	<u>SB98</u>	Local Option Sales Tax Distribution	Address the distribution of revenue generated by county option sales tax for botanical, cultural, recreational, zoological orgs/facilities by amending eligibility requirements for certain botanical & cultural orgs. to receive revenue; enacts requirement that county legislative body ensure revenue distribution is reasonably consistent w/ population distribution w/in county		Candice Pierucci	Lincoln Fillmore	2/2: Senate circled 1/27: Sen. Rev. & Tax. Committee Favorable Recomm. (7-2) 1/18: Fiscal note available	UAC opposes. Relates to SLCo only	

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2/1/2021	HB238	Marriage Amendments	Provides that all senators and representatives of UT Legis. may solemnize a marriage	Neutral	Craig Hall		2/1: House comm fav recomment (9-0-1) 1) House Political Subdiv. 1/27: Fiscal note available	They can already do this	

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Please see the list of bills. Many bills have passed both houses or been abandoned. Many are still very much active and require our attention.

Thanks!

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2/17/2021	SB205	Election Process Amendments	Creates 3rd path that doesn't require signatures, but raises the threshold needed at convention to 70%.			Dan McCay	Not released yet	Creates 3rd path that doesn't require signatures, but raises the threshold needed at convention to 70%.		
2/16/2021	HB312S02	State Residency Amendments	Allows candidate who has been absent from the state for 180 days to provide evidence of residency when filing; lengthens deadline for objecting to person's declaration of candidacy.	Neutral	Jordan Teuscher		2/16: House 3rd read. - circled 2/10: House Gov Ops favorable recomm (8-0-3)	With amendment, let's revisit position. Possibly support?		
2/16/2021	HB75S01	Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project Amendments	Requires a county to administer a municipality's election if the municipality chooses RCV. Prohibits a municipality from having anyone other than their own county administer their election.	Oppose	Jeffrey Stenquist	Curtis Bramble	2/16: Senate introduced 2/15: House Gov Ops Favorable Recomm Unanim 2/12: House passed (46-25-4)	Message: This bill is NOT about RCV. It is about a city forcing a county to run the city's election, even though the city already has multiple alternatives, including other counties. UAC opposes, USACCC opposes.		
1/25/2021	HB127	Ranked Choice Voting Amendments	Requires ranked-choice voting to be used in regular primary elections for all races for state or county office where the number of candidates participating in the primary race exceeds the number of candidates to be nominated in the primary race by two or more.	Oppose	Mike Winder	Curtis Bramble	1/25: House Rules Committee 1/22: Fiscal note available 1/19: House introduced	Fiscal note: \$504K onetime for state, \$435K onetime for counties. \$479K ongoing for counties		
1/19/2021	HB174	Municipal Instant Runoff Voting Amendments	Add Approval voting & STAR voting to RCV pilot.	Neutral	Adam Robertson		1/19: House introduced 1/18: Fiscal note available	Will amend to delay STAR voting part. We don't like pilots, but this supports our idea of looking at other options.		
2/10/2021	HB246S01	Ballot Measure Transparency Amendments	Requires a URL at beginning of Initiatives/Amendments sections that points to a mini-VP for each question. And a line for each question that says something like "see URL above for more info". Establishes a committee to write language of ballot questions.	Oppose	Steve Christiansen		2/18: House Gov Ops 2/10: House comm held (10-0-1) 2/8: Assigned to House Gov Ops 1/29: Fiscal note available 1/27: House introduced	\$75K one-time fiscal note. Still concern over cluttering the ballot with informational content, rather than its function of capturing voter intent. Could cause confusion reducing voter confidence in process.		
2/16/2021	HB197S03	Voter Affiliation Amendments	Prevents a voter from changing affiliation or affiliating with a party from Mar. 31 to Primary Election Day in even years.	Neutral	Jordan Teuscher	Curtis Bramble	2/16: Senate introduced 2/15: Fiscal note available 2/12: House passed (41-30-4) 2/5: House Gov Ops favorable recomm (7-3-1)			
2/10/2021	HB338	School District Voter Eligibility Amendments	Allow 16-17 year olds to vote in local school board races.	Oppose	Joel Briscoe	Todd Weiler	2/10: House introduced	Very complex to administer. Poss solutions? Require them to vote early. Mobile voting. Move school board to municipal ballots (odd years). Minors voter records are private. Youth council already has representation on school board (Mckenzie has code reference).		
2/16/2021	HB55S02	Marriage Commission Amendments	Sets up marriage commission.	Support	Melissa Ballard	Todd Weiler	2/16: Assigned to Sen Gov Ops & Political Subdiv 2/11: House passed (68-5-2) 2/3: Favorable Recomm. (6-5-2) by House Health & Human Svcs	With substitute, let's revisit position. Possibly neutral?		
2/16/2021	HB108	Vital Records Amendments	Clarifies that marriage license & certificate are vital records; permits inspection of marriage license & certificate only under certain circumstances.	Support	Stephen Handy	Todd Weiler	2/16: Sen Gov Ops favorable recomm (6-0-2) 2/11: House passed unanim 1/14: Fiscal note available			
2/9/2021	HB211	Initiatives and Referenda Amendments	Modifies petition filing requirements; standardizes forms, requirements, procedures, including for posting & removing signatures; modifies timelines & deadlines	Support	Norman Thurston	John Johnson	2/9: Senate introduced 2/8: House passed (54-17-4) 2/2: House Gov Ops Favorable Recomm (8-1-2)	Thurston has been working with us for 3 years on this process. This bill makes a few improvements.	Ryan Cowley	
2/16/2021	HB23S02	Voter Referendum Amendments	Allows a referendum to be placed on a ballot, if filed after deadline, as long as several parties, incl. County Clerk, agree in writing to a timeline.	Mild support	Merril Nelson	Scott Sandall	2/16: Sen Comm favorable recomm (3-0-4) 1/19: Passed House Unanimously (72-0-3)			
2/11/2021	HB136S01	Initiative and Referenda Modifications	Signature gatherers paid hourly, not per signature; modifies signature packets; requires sponsor to email to individual who signs a petition; requires LG or clerk to post info on website regarding an initiative or referendum (county clerk contact information for signature removal)	Neutral	Jordan Teuscher	Jerry Stevenson	2/11: Senate introduced 2/8: Passed House (42-30-3) 2/3: Fiscal note available 2/2: Favorable Recomm (8-3) House Gov. Ops.	Some legal questions surrounding forcing the sponsors to send an email. Might be considered "forced speech," which is unconstitutional.		

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2/11/2021	<u>SB104S02</u>	Tax Levy for Animal Control	County Animal Control Amendments for 2nd-5th class counties.	Support	Stephen Handy	Todd Weiler	2/11: Assigned to House Rev & Tax 2/9: Senate passed unananim 2/1: Senate Comm. Favorable Recomm. Unanim.	Davis Co asked for this bill		
2/16/2021	<u>SB52S02</u>	Property Tax Deferral Modifications	Requires counties to defer property taxes for all property owners age 70 and over whose homes are worth \$500K or less. Income test for circuit breaker set to 2.5X, rather than 1.5X. For 3 years, counties "may" approve, but changes to "shall" after 3 yrs. Sets interest rate to 3.35%. Can defer if resided in house > 15 years.	Neutral if amended	Robert Spindle	Lincoln Fillmore	2/16: Senate passed 3rd reading (25-0-4) 2/1: Sen. Rev/Tax Favorable (7-0-2)	Would create a tax shift. \$24M fiscal impact to counties. Taxpayer Assoc wants it. UAC opposes. A few amendments would get us to neutral. Treasurers working, along w/auditors & Lincoln. Lincoln negotiating w/Fillmore on 2/11. Title Comps strongly oppose.		
1/19/2021	<u>SB65</u>	Community Reinvestment Agency Amendments	Allows an RDA/CRA agency to levy a property tax on property, prohibits RDA/CRA from extending the scope of certain project area plans/budgets; allows the agency to use property tax revenue for agency-wide project development; requires the agency to adopt an implementation plan to guide agency-wide project development;	Oppose	Stephen Handy	Wayne Harper	1/19: Senate introduced; Assigned to Gov Ops 1/14: Fiscal note available	Lincoln is working with Harper. Taxing authority should reside with elected officials. UAC is working on tweak that would make the bill non-threatening to counties & UAC would be neutral. Sponsor has been good to work with. UAC position is set to Watch. Recommend Neutral if amended?		
2/10/2021	<u>HB30S03</u>	Tax Modifications	Clarifies signature requirements for primary residential application. Sub makes it retroactive back to 1/1/2021	Support	Stewart Barlow	Luz Escamilla	2/10: Senate placed on 3rd calendar 2/1: Favorable Recomm. (6-0-3) - Senate Rev & Tax 1/22: Passed House Unanim.	Only one signature required		
2/10/2021	<u>SB73S03</u>	Vehicle Registration Fee Amendments	Prohibits collecting the uniform fee more than once per year on leased vehicle purchase by leasee	Support	Norman Thurston	Lincoln Fillmore	2/10: House comm not considered 2/3: Sen passed 2nd reading (27-0-2) 1/27: Senate Rev & Tax favorable recommend (8-0-1)			
2/16/2021	<u>SB18S03</u>	Property Tax Exemption Amendments	Raises exemption amount on personal property from \$15K to \$25K. Sub would exclude accounts under \$25K. Full tax if >\$25K. Would prevent this from being revisited each year.	Neutral	Karianne Lisbonbee	Wayne Harper	2/16: House introduced 2/12: Senate passed (27-1-1) 2/8: Fiscal note available 2/4: Sen. Rev/Tax Favorable Unanim	UAC strongly opposes & is negotiating. Has created a one-page flier. Not a tax shift, but it's a tax loss. Questions about deminimus.		
2/10/2021	<u>HB256</u>	County Land Use and Development Amendments	Prohibits 1st CI. county from entering into develop. agreement requiring incorporation or annexation of unincorporated area; modifies requirements for county to approve expansion area urban develop.	No position	Jordan Teuscher		2/10: House Political Subdiv not considered 1/28: fiscal note available	SLCo working on this bill with sponsor. More of a USACCC issue.		
2/10/2021	<u>HB238</u>	Marriage Amendments	Provides that all senators and representatives of UT Legis. may solemnize a marriage	Neutral	Craig Hall		2/9: Senate introduced 2/1: House comm fav recommend (9-0-1)	They can already do this		
2/4/2021	<u>SB121</u>	National Popular Vote Compact	Provides that presidential electors are elected based on candidate who receives the most popular votes nationally; enacts an agreement among states to elect the U.S. president and VP. by national popular vote; provides certain procedures for election officials; provides conditions for the agreement to take effect			Derek Klitchen	2/4: Assigned to Sen Gov Ops 1/24: Fiscal note available			
2/8/2021	<u>HB152S01</u>	Ballot Information Amendments	Sheri Newton cure letter bill. Standardizes signature verification.		Eliason??		2/8: Senate introduced 2/5: Motion to reconsider; House passed (46-24-5) 2/4: Failed on House Floor 1/25: House Gov. Ops. Favorably Recommended 2/5: Senate introduced 2/4: House passed unananim 1/28: House Gov Ops favorable recommend (9-0-2)	The anti-Frugal Dougall bill.		
1/29/2021	<u>HB180S02</u>	LG Conflict of Interest	Prohibits certain nicknames for candidates on the ballot. To use different name, must provide documentation showing its use.	Neutral	Jeffrey Stenquist					
1/29/2021	<u>HB180S02</u>	LG Conflict of Interest	Creates a dispute resolution board when the LG is also a candidate for state or federal office		Carl Albrecht	Michael Kennedy		Doesn't impact county clerks.		