



2015 POST-LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Question for:

528 BILLS WERE PASSED IN THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. A FEW OF THEM ARE LISTED BELOW.

SB296: ANTIDISCRIMINATION AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM modifies definition provisions related to employment and housing discrimination, including defining "employer," "gender identity," and "sexual orientation"; includes sexual orientation and gender identity as prohibited bases for discrimination in employment; provides that the remedies in the Utah Antidiscrimination Act and the Utah Fair Housing Act preempt local government remedies; provides that protections for employment and housing do not create a special or protected class for other purposes; modifies powers of the Division of Antidiscrimination and Labor; addresses the Utah Antidiscrimination Act's application to:

- employee dress and grooming standards;
- sex-specific facilities; and
- freedom of expressive association and the free exercise of religion; addresses employee free speech in the workplace;

prohibits an employer from taking certain actions in response to certain employee speech outside the workplace; modifies exemptions to the Utah Fair Housing Act; includes sexual orientation and gender identity as prohibited bases for discrimination in housing; includes nonseverability clauses; and makes technical and conforming amendments. Chief Sponsors: Stephen H. Urquhart and J. Stuart Adams, House sponsor is Brad L. Dee, signed into law March 12, 2015

HB362S06: TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING authorizes a county to impose a local option sales and use tax for highways and public transit; addresses the use of revenue collected from the local option sales and use tax for highways and public transit; requires a political subdivision that receives certain sales and use tax revenue to submit certain information in audits, reviews, compilations, or fiscal reports; repeals the cents per gallon tax rate that is imposed on motor fuels and special fuels after a specified date; imposes a percentage tax per gallon on motor fuel and special fuel based on the statewide average rack price of a gallon of regular unleaded motor fuel after a specified date; establishes procedures for the State Tax Commission to determine the statewide average rack price of a gallon of regular unleaded motor fuel; specifies the date that the adjusted fuel tax rate shall take effect each year; increases the tax rate of the special fuel tax imposed on compressed natural gas and liquified natural gas; imposes a special fuel tax on hydrogen used to operate or propel a motor vehicle on a public highway; repeals the requirement to post a tax rate decal on each motor fuel or undyed special fuel pump or dispensing device; repeals the cap on the amount of motor fuel tax revenue that is deposited in the Off-highway Vehicle Account; requires the Department of Transportation to study the implementation of a road usage charge; amends the apportionment formula for revenues deposited in the class B and class C roads account; and makes technical and conforming changes. Chief Sponsor: Johnny Anderson, House Sponsor: Alvin B. Jackson

HB48: POWDERED ALCOHOL AMENDMENTS modifies the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to address powdered alcohol. Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason, Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

HB163: STUDENT DATA BREACH REQUIREMENTS amends provisions related to student data privacy. Chief Sponsor: John Knotwell, Senate Sponsor: J Stuart Adams

HB119: CHARTER SCHOOL FINANCE AMENDMENTS requires a school district to allocate 25% of district per pupil revenues for each student of the school district who is enrolled in a charter school regardless of the charter school students' average local revenues. Chief Sponsor: Bradley G. Last, Senate Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson

HB230: UTAH PRAIRIE DOG MANAGEMENT APPROPRIATION appropriates money to fund the Utah prairie dog management plan for the fiscal year 2016, one time appropriation: from the General fund. Chief Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers, House Sponsor Mike K. McKell

HB101S05: ADOPTION AMENDMENTS requires an unmarried biological father to file a petition in district court for an order establishing temporary child support the unmarried biological father may consent to adoption of a child who is six months of age or less; and creates a process for the court's consideration of multiple petitions for adoption. Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler, House Sponsor: V. Lowry Snow

HB133: FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT AMENDMENTS provides that a person employed as the state fire marshal or a deputy state fire marshal is eligible to earn service credit in the Firefighters' Retirement System of the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory Retirement System and makes technical changes. Chief Sponsor: Don L. Ipson, Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

HB340: VOTER PREREGISTRATION AMENDMENTS allows an individual who is 16 or 17 years of age to preregister to vote in an election; prohibits those who preregisters to vote from voting in an election until the individual is at least 18 years of age. Chief Sponsor: Jon Cox, Senate Sponsor: Deidre M. Henderson