



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

A Unifying Voice for County Government

Grateful
to Almighty
God for life
and liberty, we, the
people of Utah, in order
to secure and perpetuate
the principles of free gov-
ernment, do ordain and establish
this CONSTITUTION. All men
have the inherent and inalienable
right to enjoy and defend their lives
and liberties; to acquire, possess and
protect property; to worship according

to the dictates of their consciences; to assemble peaceably, protest against wrongs, and petition for redress of grievances; to communicate freely their thoughts and opinions, being responsible for the abuse of that right. All political power is inherent in the people; and all free governments **Utah Association of Counties** are founded on their authority for **2011 GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP** their equal protection and benefit, and they have the right to alter or reform their government as the public welfare may require. The State of Utah is an inseparable part of the Federal Union and the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land.

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LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Reading the newspapers you'd never guess that anything other than a GRAMA bill dealing with text messages, emails, and other forms of electronic communication was considered before the Legislature this year. Believe it or not, there was more to the 2011 Legislative Session than HB 477. Once again, the Utah Association of Counties tracked roughly 100 bills, fought for appropriations, and worked with a number of different parties in an effort to guarantee the counties' best results. Below are some of the highlights (and lowlights) of the Legislative Session.

Thanks to a couple of committed Legislative allies in Representative Brad Dee and Representative Mike Noel, counties saw \$10 million of new, ongoing funds dedicated 50 percent to jail contracting and 50 percent to jail reimbursement. While the issues associated with jail reimbursement haven't been completely solved by the \$5 million additional funds dedicated to the program, Representative Dee's efforts represent the most positive outcome concerning the issue in years. Counties also fared well in other areas associated with appropriations. Specifically, in health and human services, county programs identified as critical were spared budget cuts.

Legislatively, the Utah Association of Counties was able to help shepherd a number of bills of county interest through the process. These bills include: 1) HB 130, which permits countywide vote centers to function on Election Day in addition to the Early Vote period; 2) HB 173, which protects county interests in regards to the dedication and abandonment of public highways; and 3) SB 221, which creates a resource management plan for the State of Utah for the purpose of discouraging the Federal Government from designating certain land as wilderness.

The counties also effectively fought off a number of pieces of legislation that would have been harmful. These include: 1) a proposal that would have repealed the restaurant tax in lieu of a general sales tax that would have been a) less stable and b) more regressive; 2) HB 105, which would have permitted tax lien certificates; and 3) SB 231, which would have preempted local planning and zoning and allowed a movie studio to locate anywhere it desires in a county or city.

The Legislature is already hard at work in preparation for the 2012 Legislative Session working on—what else?—a GRAMA working group. The Utah Association of Counties is also already preparing for the 2012 session and continues to be a strong voice for county government.

UAC TRACKING SHEET

Number	Title	Sponsor	Position	Status
HB 011	Inmate Health Insurance Amendments	Paul Ray	Support	Failed
HB 023	Controlled Substance Modifications	Gage Froerer	Support	Enrolled
HB 046 s3	County Recorder Amendments	R. Curt Webb	Support	Enrolled
HB 055	Volunteer Search and Rescue Workers' Compensation Claims	Kraig Powell	Support	Enrolled
HB 058	Emission Testing Modifications	David G. Butterfield	Support	Failed
HB 070 s1	Illegal Immigration Enforcement Act	Steve Sandstrom	Oppose	Failed
HB 074 s1	Municipal Justice Court Judge Elections	Kenneth W. Sumsion	Support	Enrolled
HB 080	Emergency Management	Curt Oda	Support	Enrolled
HB 082 s1	Sales and Use Taxes on Certain Lodging Related Purchases	Todd Kiser	Oppose	Enrolled
HB 096	Mandatory Emission Inspections and Maintenance Programs	Jackie Biskupski		Failed
HB 100	County Nuisance Abatement	Derek Brown		Failed
HB 102	Electronic Scrap Recycling	Becky Edwards	Support	Failed
HB 103	Election Amendments	Derek Brown	Support	Enrolled
HB 105	Delinquent Property Tax Certificates	Gage Froerer	Oppose	Failed
HB 106 s1	Electronic Meetings Revisions	Brad Daw		Enrolled
HB 116 s3	Utah Immigration Accountability and Enforcement Amendments	Bill Wright		Enrolled
HB 124	Commercial Breeders	Jackie Biskupski		Failed
HB 130	Election Day Voting Centers	Rebecca Chavez-Houck	Support	Enrolled
HB 135	Local Sales and Use Tax Distribution Revisions	Jim Nielson		Failed
HB 143 s1	Ballot Placement Amendments	Steve Eliason		Enrolled
HB 153	County Correctional Facilities Funding Amendments	Mike Noel	Support	Enrolled
HB 156 s1	Assessment of Property with Conservation Easement	Dixon Pitcher	Oppose	Enrolled
HB 173	Dedication and Abandonment of Public Highways	Kay McKiff	Support	Enrolled
HB 182	Voiding Transactions Against Public Policy	LaVar Christensen	Oppose	Failed
HB 185	Sales Information Disclosure for Commercial Real Property Transactions	Gage Froerer	Support	Failed
HB 190 s1	Delinquent Property Tax Amendments	Gage Froerer	Support	Enrolled
HB 197	Amendments to Municipal and County Powers	Johnny Anderson		Failed
HB 225	Condominium and Community Association Amendments	Gage Froerer		Failed
HB 226 s1	Local Government Fee Authority	Wayne Harper	Oppose	Enrolled
HB 236	Abandoned Roads	R. Curt Webb		Failed
HB 248	County Office Vacancies	Carl Wimmer	Oppose	Enrolled
HB 253 s1	Employment of Unauthorized Aliens	Chris Herrod	Oppose	Failed

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HB 254	Emergency Procedures Amendments	Richard Greenwood	Support	Enrolled
HB 255	Provisional Ballot Amendments for Unregistered Voters	Rebecca Chavez-Houck		Failed
HB 259	County Recorder Revisions	R. Curt Webb	Oppose	Enrolled
HB 267 s1	Public Body Rules of Procedure	Mel Brown		Enrolled
HB 268 s1	Municipal Enforcement Regarding Property Maintenance	Michael Morley	Support	Enrolled
HB 273 s1	Animal Control Amendments	Jennifer Seelig	Neutral	Failed
HB 292	Abusive Workplace Policies Act	Steve Sandstrom	Oppose	Failed
HB 299	Lobbying Activities by State and Local Government Agencies	Chris Herrod		Failed
HB 315	Accepting Federal Funds Amendments	Kenneth W. Sumsion	Oppose	Failed
HB 323	Multicounty Appraisal Trust Amendments	Gage Froerer	Support	Failed
HB 324	HIV Testing of Alleged Sex Offenders	Richard Greenwood	Support	Enrolled
HB 385	County Jail Medical Expenses	Brad Daw	Support	Enrolled
HB 400	Regulation of Mining Operations	Mike Noel	Neutral	Enrolled
HB 404	State Health Insurance Amendments	Don Ipson		Enrolled
HB 412	Land Use Revisions	Gage Froerer	Support	Enrolled
HB 432	Nuisance Amendments	Gage Froerer		Enrolled
HB 434	County Amendments	Mel Brown	Support	Enrolled
HB 457	Recording of Transactions Affecting Real Property by County Recorder	Susan Duckworth	Neutral	Failed
HB 481 s1	Transportation of Mental Illness Patients	Paul Ray	Support	Enrolled
HB 487 s1	County Use of Land Use Ordinance	Bill Wright	Neutral	Enrolled
HB 494	Justice Courts	Chris Herrod	Oppose	Failed
HJR 01	Joint Resolution Amending State and Local Taxing Authority	Carl Wimmer	Oppose	Failed

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SB 021 s2	Tax Revisions	Wayne Niederhauser		Enrolled
SB 043 s1	Local District Fees	Daniel Thatcher	Oppose	Failed
SB 049	Oversight of Bonding by Counties	Jerry Stevenson	Support	Enrolled
SB 051	Amendments to Local Sales and Use Taxes for Botanical, Cultural, Recreational, and Zoological Organizations or Facilities	Lyle Hillyard		Enrolled
SB 055	Electronic Signatures	Stephen Urquhart	Oppose	Failed
SB 070 s1	Community Development and Renewal Agencies Amendments	Curt Bramble		Enrolled
SB 071	Requirements Applicable to Property Tax or Fee Increases	Daniel Thatcher	Oppose	Failed
SB 076	Distribution of Revenues Collected Under the Local Sales and Use Tax Act	David Hinkins	Support	Enrolled
SB 082	Urban Farming Assessment Act	Wayne Niederhauser	Support	Failed
SB 085 s3	Legal Notice Amendments	Stephen Urquhart	Oppose	Enrolled
SB 105	Legal Notice Publication Requirements	John Valentine	Oppose	Failed
SB 125 s3	Property Tax Exemption Amendments	Curt Bramble	Neutral	Enrolled
SB 133 s1	Grand Jury Amendments	John Valentine	Support	Failed
SB 137 s1	Medicaid Amendments	Allen Christensen	Neutral	Failed
SB 144	County Purchasing Agent Amendments	Margaret Dayton	Support	Enrolled
SB 157 s1	Property Tax Revisions	Curt Bramble	Neutral	Enrolled
SB 158	Local Government Funding Amendments	Curt Bramble	Oppose	Failed
SB 164	Attorney Fees and Court Costs Amendments	Ben McAdams	Support	Failed
SB 167 s1	Condominium and Community Association Revisions	Wayne Niederhauser	Oppose	Enrolled
SB 172	Political Subdivisions Administration Amendments	Howard Stevenson		Enrolled
SB 187	County Services Amendments	Curt Bramble	Oppose	Failed
SB 216	Oversight of Public Funds	Mark Madsen	Oppose	Failed
SB 221 s2	State of Utah Resource Management Plan for Federal Lands	Ralph Okerlund	Support	Enrolled
SB 222	Public Transit Amendments	Curt Bramble	Support	Enrolled
SB 230	DNA Amendments	Stuart Adams	Support	Enrolled
SB 231	Film Enterprise Zone	Mark Madsen	Oppose	Failed
SB 236 s1	Referendum Amendments	Kevin Van Tassell	Oppose	Enrolled
SB 239 s1	Motor and Special Fuel Tax Amendments	Kevin Van Tassell	Support	Failed
SB 253	State Hospital Amendments	Stuart Adams	Oppose	Failed
SB 273	Emergency Responder Fees	Stuart Adams		Enrolled
SB 276	Personal Property Audits	Ralph Okerlund	Oppose	Failed
SB 284	County Tax Amendments	Jerry Stevenson	Support	Failed

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ENROLLED BILLS

HB 23 Controlled Substance Modifications

Sponsor: Gage Froerer
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 23 expands the list of controlled substances to include substances found within the products called “spice.” Included within those controlled substances are substances found within bath salts. HB 23 also adds “spice” to the driver license provisions regarding driving under the influence.

HB 46 County Recorder Amendments

Sponsor: Curt Webb
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 46 modifies provisions relating to the duties of county recorders and recording requirements. Specifically, it modifies provisions related to legal descriptions and notarization requirements for a recorded document; the recording of a release, assignment, renewal, or extension of a judgment lien; the creation of a joint tenancy; a boundary line agreement operating as a quitclaim deed; information included in a document conveying title to real property; and notarization of a judgment, abstract of judgment, or information statement.

HB 46 was the result of efforts made by county recorders to clarify their responsibilities.

HB 55 Volunteer Search and Rescue Workers' Compensation Claims

Sponsor: Kraig Powell
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 55 allows for workers' compensation benefits to volunteer search and rescue workers in the event of an injury or occupational disease resulting from volunteer search and rescue service. For the purposes of computing workers' compensation, the volunteer's workers' compensation claim is calculated from the average weekly wage of an entry-level deputy sheriff employed by the county sheriff at the time of the accident or occupational disease.

The bill also allows for the use of money in the Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program for volunteer search and rescue workers' compensation costs.

HB 74 Municipal Justice Court Judge Elections

**Sponsor: Kenneth W. Sumsion
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled**

HB 74 changes the retention election requirements for municipal justice court judges in cities of the first, second, and third class from the entire county to the municipality where the judge sits. It also clarifies that a justice court judge standing for retention in more than one location who is retained in one location and not retained in another does not lose both offices. The passage of HB 74 will greatly reduce the length of ballots in Utah's more urban counties.

HB 80 Emergency Management

**Sponsor: Curt Oda
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled**

HB 80 changes the name of the Division of Homeland Security to the Division of Emergency Management. It further authorizes the department to designate geographical regions for the purpose of emergency planning within the state, and allows the political subdivisions within each region to: 1) coordinate planning with other political subdivisions and tribal governments within that region and with state agencies, 2) coordinate grant management and resource purchases, and 3) organize joint emergency response training and exercises.

HB 82 Sales and Use Taxes on Certain Lodging Related Purchases

**Sponsor: Todd Kiser
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled**

HB 82 changes the process for claiming a sales and use tax exemption while staying in a hotel. Under HB 82, a tax exempt lodger would now pay the sales and use tax and then apply to the tax commission for a refund of the tax paid. HB 82 also requires that all transient room taxes (TRT) be collected by the tax commission starting on the bill's effective date of July 1, 2011.

HB 82 forces seven Utah counties to stop collecting their local TRT, instead relying on the tax commission to do it. Those counties include: Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Rich, and Utah. The bill's sponsor was unwilling to work with the Utah Association of Counties towards any other solutions to achieve the bill's primary objective while allowing the counties to continue to collect the TRT locally.

HB 103 Election Amendments

Sponsor: Derek Brown
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 103 staggers county elections starting in 2018 by holding an election for a six-year term for the county treasurer, surveyor, recorder, and assessor in 2014. After which, those offices will be elected every four years on a Presidential Election starting in 2020. Previously, the only county officials on the ballot on a Presidential Election year are a third of the county commissioners and council members (as well as any two-year term where a county elected official stepped down within the first two years of a term).

HB 106 Electronic Meetings Revisions

Sponsor: Brad Daw
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

HB 106 establishes a pilot program for charter schools to conduct electronic meetings that: 1) establish time limits on the electronic meeting, 2) prohibit closed meetings, 3) provide a method for public notice and participation, and 4) require new notice to be given each time a topic to be considered at an electronic meeting has not been listed as an agenda item.

Originally, the scope of HB 106 included county government, after it was added to the UAC tracking sheet the contents of the bill were altered to remove any application to county government.

HB 116 Utah Immigration Accountability and Enforcement Amendments

Sponsor: Bill Wright
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

HB 116 creates a guest worker program for immigrants working in Utah. It establishes a program for undocumented immigrants to obtain a work permit from the Utah Department of Public Safety after paying a \$2,500 fine. HB 116 is due to be enacted on July 1, 2013 or 120 days after the Governor has received a federal waiver needed to implement the program.

HB 130 Election Day Voting Centers

Sponsor: Rebecca Chavez-Houck
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 130 authorizes an election officer to operate a voting center at which a voter residing within the political subdivision may vote on Election Day. It further requires that a vote cast at an Election Day voting center use a ballot that is retrievable if the voting center is not designated as a polling place for the voter's precinct.

HB 143 Ballot Placement Amendments

Sponsor: Steve Eliason
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

HB 143 takes authority to set the placement of candidates on a ballot from a local election officer and gives it to the Lt. Governor's office. HB 143 requires that the Lt. Governor's office randomly select an order for ballot position every two years for every General and Municipal Election in the State of Utah.

While the Utah Association of Counties did not take a position on HB 143, the County Clerks were made aware of the bill by the sponsor and raised no objections.

HB 153 County Correctional Facilities Funding Amendments

Sponsor: Mike Noel
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 153 provides that the compensation rate for housing state inmates pursuant to a contract shall be 73 percent of the final state daily incarceration rate for beds in a county that are dedicated to a drug, alcohol, or sex offender treatment program to state inmates, if the treatment program is approved by the Department of Corrections. HB 153 clarifies that the compensation rate for jail contracts in counties without a treatment program remains at 70 percent of the final state daily incarceration rate.

HB 156

Assessment of Property with Conservation Easement

Sponsor: Dixon Pitcher
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled

HB 156 adds factors that a county assessor is required to consider in assessing property that is subject to a conservation easement and requires the owner of property for which a conservation easement is granted to notify the county assessor of the conservation easement.

The original version of HB 156 included language requiring a county to pay the costs of a property owner's appeal in the event that the board of equalization or the tax commission sided with the property owner. This language was removed within the final version of the bill, effectively addressing UAC's opposition to the bill.

HB 173

Dedication and Abandonment of Public Highways

Sponsor: Kay McKiff
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 173 amends provisions relating to the dedication or abandonment of public highways. Among other things, HB 173 provides that the requirement of continuous use of a highway as a public thoroughfare is satisfied if the use is as frequent as the public finds convenient or necessary and may be seasonal or follow some other pattern and clarifies that all public highways, streets, or roads once established shall continue to be highways, streets, or roads until formally abandoned or vacated and specifies the requirements for formal abandonment or vacation.

HB 190

Delinquent Property Tax Amendments

Sponsor: Gage Froerer
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 190 adjusts the interest rate charged on delinquent personal property taxes to be similar to the interest rate charged on delinquent real property taxes so that it may not be less than 7 percent or more than 10 percent. HB 190 also reduces a fine for failure to sign a statement regarding personal property taxes from \$100 to \$25.

HB 226 Local Government Fee Authority

Sponsor: Wayne Harper
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled

HB 226 prohibits a service area within a first, second, or third class county from collecting a fee for law enforcement, fire, ambulance, or emergency services. HB 226 specifically targets an unpopular fee imposed in the unincorporated area of Salt Lake County to help pay for a Unified Police Department. The bill has an effective date of December 31, 2012.

HB 248 County Office Vacancies

Sponsor: Carl Wimmer
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled

HB 248 changes the process for filling vacancies in county government by removing the county legislative body's role in the process. HB 248 permits the county political party of the outgoing official the sole say in filling a county vacancy. Previously, the county legislative body selected one of three candidates submitted by the party to fill a vacated position.

HB 254 Emergency Procedures Amendments

Sponsor: Richard Greenwood
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 254 provides that a declaration of a local emergency provides a legal basis to request and obtain disaster assistance from other cities and counties. HB 254 also clarifies the emergency declaration process within the state by having a city declare to a county which declares to the state which declares to the federal government.

HB 259 County Recorder Revisions

Sponsor: Curt Webb
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled

HB 259 requires that county recorders charge a flat \$40 fee for deeds of trust when dealing with a document that is subject to and complies with the United State Congress' Real Estate Settlement and Procedure Act. Prior to HB 259 all fees for deeds of trust were charged by the page. It is the county recorders' feeling that the flat \$40 fee contained in HB 259 reflects a decrease in what the average fee for deeds of trust used to be.

HB 267 Public Body Rules of Procedure

Sponsor: Mel Brown
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

HB 267 requires that local governments adopt rules of order and procedure and then follow those rules in all public meetings. The list of entities included in the bill include: 1) municipal legislative bodies, 2) municipal planning commissions, 3) county legislative bodies, 4) county planning commissions, 5) local district board of trustees, and 6) local school boards.

HB 268 Municipal Enforcement Regarding Property Maintenance

Sponsor: Michael Morley
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 268 removes the county's role in holding an appeals hearing regarding the cost a municipal charges its citizen to remove unsightly weeds, garbage, or other objects on the citizen's property as spelled out in the municipality's weed abatement ordinance. HB 268 rightly places the appeals process within the municipality where the dispute takes place.

HB 324

HIV Testing of Alleged Sex Offenders

Sponsor: Richard Greenwood
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 324 provides that a defendant charged with a sex offense shall be tested for HIV upon the request of the victim and in accordance with specified procedures. Those procedures include a judge signing an accompanying arrest warrant, pickup order, or any other order based upon probable cause regarding the alleged offense and the judge has found probable cause to believe that the alleged victim has been exposed to HIV infection as a result of the alleged offense. HB 323 applies to both adult and juvenile alleged sex offenders.

HB 385

County Jail Medical Expenses

Sponsor: Brad Daw
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 385 clarifies that the medical care required to be provided in a county jail only include cases where: 1) the inmate's symptoms evidence a serious disease or injury, 2) the inmate's disease or injury is curable or may be substantially alleviated, or 3) the potential for harm to the inmate by reason of delay or the denial of medical care would be substantial. HB 385 also allows a county to seek reimbursement from an inmate for medical care in addition to any other outstanding costs the inmate owes to the county jail at the time of release.

HB 400

Regulation of Mining Operations

Sponsor: Mike Noel
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

HB 400 prohibits a political subdivision of the state to impose a condition or restriction on a mining operation located on state or federal land that is not imposed by a federal or state agency on the mining operation.

HB 404
State Health Insurance Amendments

Sponsor: Don Ipson
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

HB 404 requires a study by the Legislature's Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee of changes in the way the state provides health insurance to its employees, retirees, and their families. It also requires the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to provide assistance and information to that interim committee.

HB 412
Land Use Revisions

Sponsor: Gage Froerer
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 412 clarifies that a therapeutic school should not be considered a charter school when it comes to exemptions to local planning and zoning requirements. The bill defines a therapeutic school as a residential group living facility that assists individuals who struggle in home or school. The definition also clarifies that a therapeutic school provides room and board as well as academic instruction with specialized structure and supervision.

HB 432
Nuisance Amendments

Sponsor: Gage Froerer
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

HB 432 offers clarifying language concerning the restrictions local government has in declaring a manufacturing facility a nuisance after the facility has been in operation for over three years. The bill offers no substantial changes to existing law.

HB 434 County Amendments

Sponsor: Mel Brown
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 434 requires that on or before January 1, 2012, a county enact an ordinance providing for the election of at least three members of a seven-member township planning commission. HB 434 allows for the appointment of the elected seats of a township planning commission if there are not enough people running for the elected positions.

HB 481 Transportation of Mental Illness Patients

Sponsor: Paul Ray
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

HB 481 allows a county sheriff to charge a \$2.50 a mile fee for any transportation of a patient to and from any hospital or mental health facility when the cost is payable by private individuals. Prior to HB 481, the law only allowed collection of the fee when transporting a patient to the state hospital only.

HB 487 County Use of Land Use Ordinance

Sponsor: Bill Wright
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

HB 487 clarifies that an owner of a platted lot is the owner of record sufficient to re-subdivide the lot if the owner's platted lot is not part of a community association subject to the Community Association Act.

The Utah Association of Counties opposed the original version of HB 487, but the sponsor graciously worked with county recorders to amend the bill and address their concerns.

SB 21 Tax Revisions

Sponsor: Wayne Niederhauser
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

SB 21 requires a property owner to provide certain notice to the county board of equalization and make a declaration on the property owner's individual income tax return if the property owner is no longer eligible to receive a property tax residential exemption for the property owner's primary residence. The bill also allows the State Tax Commission to provide information to a county on a property owner's declaration on an individual income tax return that the property owner is no longer eligible to receive a property tax residential exemption for the property owner's primary residence.

SB 49 Oversight of Bonding by Counties

Sponsor: Jerry Stevenson
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

SB 49 provides a county legislative body the option of creating a control board or an advisory board relating to the management and operation of county convention complex paid for in part or whole by public bonds. Prior to SB 49, the county legislative body could only appoint a control board to oversee such a convention center.

SB 49 was introduced at the Utah Association of Counties insistence.

SB 51 Amendments to Local Sales and Use Taxes for Botanical, Cultural, Recreational, and Zoological Organizations or Facilities

Sponsor: Lyle Hillyard
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

SB 51 clarifies that a local arts tax can be used to fund—in addition to other organizations—a nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to advance cultural arts including literature, motion pictures, or storytelling. SB 51 also requires that the opinion question authorizing the arts tax include language specifying for what the arts tax will be used to support. Finally, SB 51 changes the reauthorization period for a city or town local arts tax from an eight-year period to a ten-year period.

SB 70 Community Development and Renewal Agencies Amendments

Sponsor: Curt Bramble
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

SB 70 changes the requirement of a two-thirds vote to a simple majority vote for community development agency projects for findings of blight or budget approval in cases where a project area contains an inactive industrial site, an inactive airport site, or a closed military base. SB 70 also authorizes an agency to approve an urban renewal project area or an economic development project area budget extension among other things.

SB 76 Distribution of Revenues Collected Under the Local Sales and Use Tax Act

Sponsor: David Hinkins
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

SB 76 reallocates \$333,583 in local sales tax revenue from counties and cities throughout the state to a handful of cities and counties that were severely impacted when the legislature passed a sales tax exemption on mining machinery and equipment a few years ago. The roughly third of a million dollars to be distributed is calculated based on a number of factors spelled out in the bill. These include the size of the county or city, the presence of the coal mining industry within the local entity, and the loss of sales tax revenues to that city or county the year the exemption on mining equipment was passed. In some cases, the impact was upwards of 50 percent of a municipality's sales tax revenue.

SB 85 Legal Notice Amendments

Sponsor: Stephen Urquhart
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled

SB 85 removes an exemption to public legal notices for individuals or governments in counties of the first or second class in the newspaper that was due take effect in 2012. SB 85 prohibits newspapers from charging for a public notice more than its average advertisement rate. SB 85 also allows for local or special service districts with an operating budget under \$250,000 to opt to send a mailing out to each voter in the district.

SB 125
Property Tax Exemption Amendments

Sponsor: Curt Bramble
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

SB 125 specifies that, for purposes of a property tax exemption for property used exclusively for educational purposes, "educational purposes" includes the physical or mental teaching, training, or conditioning of competitive athletes by a national governing body of sport recognized by the United States Olympic Committee. SB 125 deals specifically with an Olympic training center in Summit County.

SB 144
County Purchasing Agent Amendments

Sponsor: Margaret Dayton
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

SB 144 authorizes the county executive to locate a county purchasing agent's office in the county auditor's office and delegate supervision of the county purchasing agent to the county auditor. This bill was introduced at the Utah Association of Counties' request.

SB 157
Property Tax Revisions

Sponsor: Curt Bramble
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

SB 157 allows the tax commission to enter into an agreement with a centrally assessed taxpayer to provide for equal, or approximately equal, property tax payments for up to 20 years provided that each affected taxing entity approves the agreement. There have been questions raised as to the constitutionality of this bill.

SB 167
Condominium and Community Association Revisions

Sponsor: Wayne Niederhauser
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled

SB 167 enacts Community Association Act provisions, including provisions relating to: 1) declaration content, 2) association bylaws, rules, and budget, 3) creditor approval of specified actions, 4) the collection of assessments and related charges, and 5) insurance. SB 167 also modifies provisions relating to liens for assessments and related charges and the process to collect assessments and enforce those liens as related to the Condominium Ownership Act and the Community Association Act.

SB 172
Political Subdivisions Administration Amendments

Sponsor: Howard Stevenson
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

SB 172 prohibits local entities from appointing a manager, chief administrative officer, or a similar position and entering into a contract that contains an automatic renewal provision between a general election and the day a new term starts (between the first of November and the first of January). SB 172 applies to local and special districts, municipalities, and counties.

SB 221
State of Utah Resource Management Plan for Federal Lands

Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

SB 221 creates the State of Utah Resource Management Plan for Federal Lands and defines the land included within that plan. SB 221 adopts a multiple use policy for those lands that includes energy, livestock grazing, maintaining the watershed, access for outdoor recreational activities, preservation of prehistoric rock art or other cultural important items, and discourages federal designation of wilderness or wilderness study areas.

SB 222
Public Transit Amendments

Sponsor: Curt Bramble
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

SB 222 authorizes a local district that provides transportation services to adopt a resolution approving the annexation of the area outside of the local district's boundaries if: 1) the area is within a county that has levied a certain local option sales and use tax and 2) the county legislative body has adopted a resolution approving the annexation of the areas outside of the local district. SB 222 also repeals certain public transit district conflict of interest provisions and clarifies that each trustee, officer, and employee of a public transit district is subject to the Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act.

SB 230
DNA Amendments

Sponsor: Stuart Adams
UAC Position: Support
Enrolled

SB 230 authorizes the Department of Public Safety to reimburse sheriffs for collecting DNA specimens for any felony or class A misdemeanor under Utah Code.

SB 236
Referendum Amendments

Sponsor: Kevin Van Tassell
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled

SB 236 permits a local obligation law regarding the issuance of a bond or other obligation to be placed for referendum and then placed on the ballot provided enough signatures are produced. The bill requires signatures equaling 20 percent of all votes from that county cast for governor at the last election in which a governor was elected for counties of the first and second class and for all other counties 35 percent.

SB 273 Emergency Responder Fees

Sponsor: Stuart Adams
UAC Position: Neutral
Enrolled

SB 273 prohibits a political subdivision from charging an individual a flat fee for responding to a traffic incident. Instead the political subdivision may only charge the individual for the actual cost of services provided in responding to the traffic incident.

SB 318 Justice Court Modifications

Sponsor: Chris Buttars
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled

SB 318 requires that when a justice court is created or certified by the Judicial Council, the justice court operate a digital audio recording device and that the audio recordings of justice court proceedings be maintained for a minimum of one year.

UAC took a position to oppose SB 318 based on an earlier version of the bill that required both audio and visual recording of the justice court proceedings. The visual component was removed from the final version of the bill that passed lowering greatly the cost to implement the bill.

SJR 20 Joint Resolution Supporting Sanpete County Increasing the Number of Contract Beds At its Correctional Facilities

Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled

SJR 20 is a joint resolution that supports the expansion of the Sanpete county jail for state contract prisoners by 26 beds.

The Utah Association of Counties took a position to oppose both SJR 20 and SJR 24 based on an agreement the counties made earlier in 2010 to present any single county proposal to expand the number of beds for contract prisoners within that county to UAC as a whole. Neither SJR 20 nor SJR 24 followed that process.

SJR 24
Joint Resolution Supporting Expansion of Correctional Facilities in San Juan County

Sponsor: David Hinkins
UAC Position: Oppose
Enrolled

SJR 24 is a joint resolution that supports the expansion of the San Juan county jail for state contract prisoners by 40 beds.

The Utah Association of Counties took a position to oppose both SJR 20 and SJR 24 based on an agreement the counties made earlier in 2010 to present any single county proposal to expand the number of beds for contract prisoners within that county to UAC as a whole. Neither SJR 20 nor SJR 24 followed that process.

FAILED BILLS

HB 11 Inmate Health Insurance Amendments

Sponsor: Paul Ray
UAC Position: Support
Failed

HB 11 would have required that if an insured is otherwise eligible for health or dental benefits under a policy, an insurer may not exclude coverage for an insured who is housed in state prison or a county jail. It also would have required that a person who has health or dental insurance coverage, upon entering into the custody of the department or county sheriff, to use that coverage as primary payer for health and dental costs while in custody. HB 11 failed to pass out of committee.

HB 58 Emission Testing Modifications

Sponsor: David G. Butterfield
UAC Position: Support
Failed

HB 58 would have required a county to impose certain penalties on a certified emissions inspector or an owner of an inspection station who, either with simple negligence or knowingly and willingly, violates county inspection and maintenance program requirements. The bill also would have provided that a violation of county inspection and maintenance program requirements by a certified emissions inspector does not relieve the county from the burden of proving a violation of county inspection and maintenance program requirements by an owner or operator of an inspection station. HB 58 never made it before a committee.

HB 70 Illegal Immigration Enforcement Act

Sponsor: Steve Sandstrom
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

HB 70 would have required that a law enforcement officer verify the immigration status of a detained or arrested person upon reasonable suspicion the person is an illegal alien while providing exemptions. The bill prohibited a law enforcement officer from considering race, color, or national origin when considering requesting the immigration status of a detained or arrested person.

HB 70 was toned down from its original language. It was ultimately abandoned and in its place HB 497 – Utah Illegal Immigration Enforcement Act was passed as part of a comprehensive set of bills dealing with immigration.

HB 96 Mandatory Emission Inspections and Maintenance Programs

Sponsor: Jackie Biskupski
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed

HB 96 would have required the eleven counties that border those counties that are required to utilize a motor vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program to likewise require an emissions inspection and maintenance program. HB 96 was never presented before a standing committee.

HB 100 County Nuisance Abatement

Sponsor: Derek Brown
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed

HB 100 would have authorized a county to adopt an ordinance regulating within the unincorporated area of the county the abatement of nuisance including weeds, garbage, and abandoned buildings or cars. Additionally, HB 100 would have allowed a county to file a lien against a property for county expenses incurred while abating a nuisance.

The language in HB 100 mirrors the authorizing language giving municipalities abatement authority within their boundaries. HB 100 passed out of committee but was circled on the house floor when concerns were raised about abatement practices in general.

HB 102 Electronic Scrap Recycling

Sponsor: Becky Edwards
UAC Position: Support
Failed

HB 102 would have funded a electronic scrap recycling program in the State of Utah by requiring manufacturers of electronic equipment to pay a charge based on their market share. The program would have been administered by a board within the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste.

Currently, 22 states already have such a program in place. A built in surplus charge is built into electronic equipment's price to cover recycling, which in states where there is no recycling program remains with the manufactures. HB 102 failed to pass out of committee over concerns expressed by the industry.

HB 105 Delinquent Property Tax Certificates

Sponsor: Gage Froerer
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

HB 105 would have enacted a provision allowing a process for issuing, selling, and administering tax lien certificates. HB 105 also would have allowed a county treasurer to sell tax lien certificates for real property on which property taxes are delinquent. An owner of a tax lien certificate would then be eligible for all delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest paid on that property for the tax year for which the tax lien certificate was issued.

HB 105 was heard in committee and sent to interim study based on concerns expressed by County Treasurers over the costs property owners would have to bear based on the property tax shift that would result from the implementation such a program would produce.

HB 124 Commercial Breeders

Sponsor: Jackie Biskupski
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed

HB 124 would have prohibited a commercial breeder from selling, soliciting, or advertising for purchase a dog or cat and amends a municipality's or county's authority to license a commercial breeder. HB 124 would have also prohibited a commercial breeder from maintaining or operating more than one kennel at an address. HB 124 failed to pass out of committee.

HB 135 Local Sales and Use Tax Distribution Revisions

Sponsor: Jim Nielson
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed

HB 135 would have added school-age population as a factor in the distribution of the local option sales tax by changing the formula from 50 percent point of sales and 50 percent population to 50 percent point of sales, 25 percent population, and 25 percent school-age population. HB 135 was heard and held in committee.

HB 182

Voiding Transactions Against Public Policy

Sponsor: LaVar Christensen
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

HB 182 would have voided any arrangement, agreement, or transaction that is unlawful or violates public policy. HB 182 was never presented before a committee.

HB 185

Sales Information Disclosure for Commercial Real Property Transactions

Sponsor: Gage Froerer
UAC Position: Support
Failed

HB 185 would have required a buyer in a sale of commercial real property to provide information relating to the sale to the Multicounty Appraisal Trust and would have authorized the Trust to share that information with county assessors and the State Tax Commission. HB 185 would have prohibited disclosing that information except in limited circumstances and would have exempted the information from the Government Records Access and Management Act.

HB 185 passed out of its committee hearing but was circled on the house floor and was never voted on by the body of the house.

HB 197

Amendments to Municipal and County Powers

Sponsor: Johnny Anderson
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed

HB 197 would have prohibited a municipality or county's authority to prohibit a temporary advertisement sign except in cases where the sign obstructs a public right-of-way or impedes pedestrian traffic. HB 197 also would have permitted a temporary advertisement sign to be posted 60 days before an event and remain up to 60 days after the event began. HB 197 also would have removed any prohibition on the size of a temporary advertisement sign.

HB 197 was tabled in committee for the expressed purpose to revisit it during the interim.

HB 225 Condominium and Community Association Amendments

**Sponsor: Gage Froerer
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed**

HB 225 would have provided requirements for a notice of lien for an unpaid assessment concerning a condominium unit. It would have modified a provision relating to the enforcement of a lien for unpaid assessments and would have required an agent for an association to register with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code and provide certain information. HB 225 never received a committee hearing.

HB 236 Abandoned Roads

**Sponsor: Curt Webb
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed**

HB 236 would have repealed a provision that vests a portion of an abandoned highway, street, or road in an owner of record if the owner of record's description extends into the vacated or abandoned highway, street, or road in certain circumstances. HB 236 failed to pass out of committee.

HB 253 Employment of Unauthorized Aliens

**Sponsor: Chris Herrod
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed**

HB 253 would have prohibited an employer from knowingly hiring an unauthorized alien. It would have required all employers with 15 or more employees to verify all new employees through a status verification system. HB 253 passed out of the house, but was held in a senate committee.

HB 255

Provisional Ballot Amendments for Unregistered Voters

Sponsor: Rebecca Chavez-Houck
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed

HB 255 would have allowed for same-day voter registration by permitting a person legally entitled to vote to register to vote on Election Day and then vote provisionally. The county clerk would then be required to count the provisional ballot provided the voter registration form was filled out correctly. HB 255 was never introduced before a committee.

HB 273

Animal Control Amendments

Sponsor: Jennifer Seelig
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed

HB 273 would have expanded the required number of days that a municipal or county animal shelter hold any unidentified or unclaimed cats or dogs from three working days to five. The bill provided an exemption for any program that sterilizes, vaccinates, and ear-tips feral cats to return those cats prior to the bill's required five days. HB 273 passed the house, but was circled on the senate floor.

HB 292

Abusive Workplace Policies Act

Sponsor: Steve Sandstrom
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

HB 292 would have created the Abusive Workplace Policies Act which, among other things, would have required Utah employers to adopt a policy against an abusive workplace and establish procedures in the event that an instance that an abusive workplace could be construed. The Utah Association of Counties took a position to oppose the bill due to the vagueness of the concept. HB 292 passed out of committee but was never voted on by the body of the house.

HB 299
Lobbying Activities by State and Local Government Agencies

Sponsor: Chris Herrod
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed

HB 299 would have required local elected official who lobby the legislature to file a quarterly report with the Lt. Governor's Office that includes the number of hours the government officer lobbied and the value of those hours. It also would have required any local government to disclose the amount of money it spends on lobbyists or any association dues. Unsurprising, HB 299 failed to so much as receive a committee hearing.

HB 315
Accepting Federal Funds Amendments

Sponsor: Kenneth W. Sumsion
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

HB 315 would have required that any federal fund request of \$50,000 or more from a political subdivision first be reviewed and approved by the Legislative Executive Appropriations Committee. HB 315 was held in committee.

HB 323
Multicounty Appraisal Trust Amendments

Sponsor: Gage Froerer
UAC Position: Support
Failed

HB 323 would have required that all county assessors use the mass appraisal system selected by the Multicounty Appraisal Trust in conducting property tax assessments. HB 323 passed the house unanimously but was abandoned after an agreement was reached that didn't require legislation.

HB 457
Recording of Transactions Affecting Real Property by County Recorder

Sponsor: Susan Duckworth
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed

HB 457 would have required that after any transaction, a person record with the county recorder each mortgage, deed, lien, conveyance, or any other transaction affecting an interest in real property. HB 457 failed to receive a committee hearing.

HB 494
Justice Courts

Sponsor: Chris Herrod
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

HB 494 would have required that when a justice court is created or certified by the Judicial Council, the justice court operate a digital recording device and maintain the recordings from the device for a minimum of three years. HB 494 passed out of the house but was abandoned in place of SB 318 which was enacted into law.

HJR 1
Joint Resolution Amending State and Local Taxing Authority

Sponsor: Carl Wimmer
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

HJR 1 would have proposed to Utah's voters a constitutional amendment that would require a two-thirds majority vote within the legislative body of a political subdivision to approve any tax increase or any fee increase that exceeds the cost of providing a service. The resolution would have exempted any political subdivision with five or fewer members. HJR 1 failed to receive a favorable recommendation from a committee.

SB 43
Local District Fees

Sponsor: Daniel Thatcher
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

SB 43 would have prohibited a service area from collecting a fee for law enforcement, fire protection, ambulance services, or emergency services. SB 43 had immediate effective date and was directed specifically to Salt Lake County and its Unified Police Department. SB 43 was held in committee and abandoned when a compromise concerning the fee was reached in HB 226.

SB 55
Electronic Signatures

Sponsor: Stephen Urquhart
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

SB 55 would have required that a state governmental agency not accept electronic signatures until that agency has adopted a rule concerning the type of documents that will be accepted with an electronic signature and the manner in which an electronic signature must be affixed. UAC took a position on a version of SB 55 that included all government agencies within the bill. SB 55 passed out of committee but was circled on the senate floor.

SB 71
Requirements Applicable to Property Tax or Fee Increases

Sponsor: Daniel Thatcher
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

SB 71 would have eliminated the requirement that a taxing entity publish a truth in taxation hearing notice in the newspaper and would have instead required that a taxing entity mail a notice to each potentially affected property owner. The bill, which would have had a large fiscal impact, failed to receive a committee hearing.

SB 82 Urban Farming Assessment Act

**Sponsor: Wayne Niederhauser
UAC Position: Support
Failed**

SB 82 would have permitted land in a county of the first class as small as two acres be classified as greenbelt for the purpose of urban farming. SB 82 spelled out a number of additional requirements that had to be met in order for land to qualify for urban farming greenbelt. SB 82 passed out of committee but was circled on the senate floor.

SB 105 Legal Notice Publication Requirements

**Sponsor: John Valentine
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed**

SB 105 would have removed an exemption to posting legal notices in newspapers due to come on the books in 2012. SB 105 was abandoned in place of the similar SB 85 which removed the same exemption while providing safeguards to persons and entities required to file legal notices in the newspaper.

SB 133 Grand Jury Amendments

**Sponsor: John Valentine
UAC Position: Support
Failed**

SB 133 would have provided that a written certification requesting a grand jury may be submitted to the supervising judge of a grand jury panel at any time and would have provided that a grand jury panel shall consider a written certification requesting a grand jury within a reasonable time. SB 133 passed out of the senate and received a favorable recommendation from a house standing committee, but ultimately failed to pass the house floor perhaps due to the bill's fiscal impact to the State.

SB 137
Medicaid Amendments

Sponsor: Allen Christensen
UAC Position: Neutral
Failed

SB 137 would have amended the Medicaid drug program to remove restrictions on the preferred drug list program by requiring the department to authorize a nonpreferred immunosuppressant and psychotropic drug when a patient is stabilized. SB 137 passed out of committee but failed on the senate floor.

SB 158
Local Government Funding Amendments

Sponsor: Curt Bramble
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

SB 158 would have prohibited a county from funding services to a designated recreational area through its general fund or municipal services fund unless certain qualifications are met. SB 158 was specifically directed towards Salt Lake County and was abandoned when HB 226 was agreed upon to address the issue of an unpopular Unified Police Department fee.

SB 164
Attorney Fees and Court Costs Amendments

Sponsor: Ben McAdams
UAC Position: Support
Failed

SB 164 would have provided that an officer or employee is not entitled to recover attorney fees and court costs on an indictment or information if, in a court or in an administrative hearing to terminate the officer or employee, the public entity of the officer or employee proves that the officer or employee engaged in the misconduct that formed the basis of the indictment or information. SB 164 passed out of committee but was circled on the senate floor.

SB 187

County Services Amendments

Sponsor: Curt Bramble
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

SB 187 would have prohibited counties from imposing a fee within municipalities that wish to provide HAZMAT and bomb squad services themselves. Both of these services were county services before various cities have decided to engage in them. SB 187 was abandoned after HB 226 was agreed upon to address the issue of an unpopular Unified Police Department fee.

SB 216

Oversight of Public Funds

Sponsor: Mark Madsen
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

SB 216 would have required nonprofit corporations to comply with existing governmental reporting requirements if those nonprofits receive at least 50 percent of their funds from federal, state, and local government entities through fees, dues, or other sources. The Utah Association of Counties specifically would have been affected by this bill. SB 216 failed to receive so much as a committee hearing.

SB 231

Film Enterprise Zone

Sponsor: Mark Madsen
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

SB 231 would have circumvented local planning and zoning by allowing the Governor's Office of Economic Development to establish film enterprise zones for the purpose of placing a film studio with no regard for local zoning ordinances. SB 231 was introduced specifically for a piece of land located in unincorporated Summit County at the behest of a land owner unwilling to work through the local process.

SB 231 was improperly heard in committee where, according to rules, the committee was not permitted to take action on it. It returned to the committee's agenda but was not heard when the sponsor failed to show up. Several attempts were made to move it onto the senate floor under suspension of the rules in closed caucus but the motion lacked the support of the Senate Republican body.

SB 239

Motor and Special Fuel Tax Amendments

Sponsor: Kevin Van Tassell
UAC Position: Support
Failed

SB 239 would have increased the state's motor fuel tax by 5 cents per gallon from 24 and a half cents per gallon to 29 and a half cents per gallon. It also would have increased the motor fuel tax by three quarters of a cent every two years hereafter. The result of SB 239 would have been an increase of nearly \$75 million towards state highways and B and C roads, with an additional increase of \$4 million every two years.

SB 239 passed out of committee but failed to pass the senate body.

SB 253

State Hospital Amendments

Sponsor: Stuart Adams
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

SB 253 would have required the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to issue a request for proposals for a private entity to operate the state hospital on or before August 1, 2011. SB 253 passed out of committee but was circled on the senate floor.

SB 276

Personal Property Audits

Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund
UAC Position: Oppose
Failed

SB 276 would have required that the full cost of performing personal property audits be borne by the local taxing entities imposing property taxes. Currently, the state appropriates \$200,000 towards performing those audits which, according to statute is 70 percent of the cost with the remaining 30 percent of the cost covered by the counties. SB 276 passed out of the senate but was circled on the house floor. It ultimately failed when the legislature was able to appropriate the \$200,000 necessary to keep the current arrangement.

SB 284
County Tax Amendments

Sponsor: Jerry Stevenson
UAC Position: Support
Failed

SB 284 would have permitted a county of the first class to impose a franchise tax between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2016 as a means to cover the costs currently paid for by Unified Police Department fee. SB 284 was abandoned when HB 226 was agreed upon to address the issue of an unpopular Unified Police Department fee.

SB 288
Utah Immigration Enforcement Amendments

Sponsor: Curt Bramble
UAC Position: Support
Failed

SB 288 would have created a state run guest worker program for immigrants as well as provided enforcement guidelines regarding immigration. It was meant to be a comprehensive immigration bill. It was abandoned in place of three immigration bills, HB 116, HB 497, and HB 469 that ultimately passed and addressed the points covered in SB 288.

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**Utah Association of Counties
2011-2012 Interim Study Issues**

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