



# UTAH ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

## STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE

2024 Legislative Proposal

**Counties need representation on the State Records Committee.** The committee is an important forum for disputes regarding public records, but the only political subdivisions currently represented are cities and towns.

### WHY is there a State Records Committee?

**A:** The State Records Committee was established by the Government Records Access Management Act (GRAMA) in 1992 to hear appeals of government entities' determination to deny access to records.

### WHO is on the State Records Committee?

**A:** The State Records Committee is a seven member committee. All appointments to this board are subject to appointment by the governor and consent of the senate.



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### WHAT entity appeals are reviewed by the Committee?

**A:** In 2022, the State Records Committee heard 117 appeals. School Districts were the subject of 12 appeals, cities and towns were the subject of 19 appeals, and counties were the subject of 26 appeals. The state and other entities such as special districts and higher education made up the remainder of the appeals. Sixty-eight of the appeals were denied and the rest were granted, partially granted, issued an order of continuance, or withdrawn. Since county decisions are appealed to this committee, counties should have a representative on the committee. This individual could be recommended by UAC like many other boards and commissions require.

### LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

- Add a member of the State Records Committee to represent counties appointed by UAC, or a political subdivisions seat that alternates between UAC and ULCT.

