UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:
ACTION: Review and Recommend Items for Interagency Research Agenda for Utah Data Research Center (UDRC)

Agenda item type:
Action Item

Recommended Action:
The Committee directed staff to provide additional information to the Board on the technical aspects of the data exchange between UDRC and the agencies.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board review and potentially approve the research questions as USBE research priority for the UDRC research agenda.

Purpose of Memo:
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Background:
The Utah Data Research Center (UDRC) houses the data infrastructure and employs the researchers who will conduct research on behalf of the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). The UDRC is a multi-agency collaboration that includes the Utah State Board of Education (USBE), the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), the Department of Workforce Services (DWS), the Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services (UDHR), and the Utah Department of Commerce (UDC).

Each of the data submitting partners has the opportunity annually to submit research priorities that the UDRC governance group will review and use to create the main research agenda. The list of currently available research items can be found at the following website: https://udrc.io/research/index.html.

The current research agenda can be found here: https://udrc.io/methods/research.html.

Additional Information

- The UDRC was established in 2017 with the passage of Senate Bill 194, and is codified under **UCA 53B-32**.
- The UDRC is funded by grants from the federal government and ongoing funding from the State.
- The UDRC has a variety of research projects underway, including studies on student achievement, teacher effectiveness, and workforce development.

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Attachments:
1. Research Questions for the UDRC_2025_02_06
2. Overview of Utah Data Research Center