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LEGISLATIVE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 | 4:00 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

President J. Stuart Adams, Co-chair
Speaker Mike Schultz, Co-chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Luz Escamilla

Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Casey Snider

Staff Present:

Kade R. Minchey, Auditor General
Donna Hernandez, Office Manager

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

President Adams called the meeting to order at 4:10pm

2. Audit Report Presentations

Ms. Leah Blevins, Audit Manager, introduced A Performance Audit of the All-Payers Claims Database (Report 2025-14).

[A Performance Audit of the All-Payers Claims Database \(Report #2025-14\)](#)

Ms. Blevins and Mr. Nick Varney, Legislative Audit Methodologist I, presented on the findings of the audit.

Mr. Varney responded to a question from Representative Romero regarding the data received comparing treatments available to the public.

Mr. Varney responded to a question from Senator Escamilla regarding how the Utah Legislature is using the data collected to make recommendations.

Ms. Blevins and Mr. Varney continued their presentation on the findings of the audit.

Ms. Tracy Gruber, Director of Department of Health and Human Services responded to the findings of the audit.

3. Committee Business

MOTION: Speaker Schultz moved to refer A Performance Audit of the All-Payers Claims Database (Report 2025-14) to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee as the Lead Committee and to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee as the Review Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

MOTION: Speaker Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 6Nays - 0Absent - 0

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

4. Audit Report Presentations

Mr. Jesse Martinson, Audit Manager, introduced A Survey of Utah State University (USU) Governance and Procurement Process (Report 2025-B).

[A Survey of Utah State University Governance and Procurement Process \(Report #2025-B\)](#)

Mr. Martinson and Ms. Abigail Armstrong, Performance Audit Supervisor, presented the findings of the survey.

Mr. Martinson responded to a question from Speaker Schultz regarding the current structure of Utah State University as an institution and the governance of the office of the president.

Mr. Martinson responded to a question from Representative Snider regarding how far an audit would go in terms of scope.

Ms. Tessa White, USU Board of Trustees, responded to the findings of the survey and to give support for a full audit of Utah State University.

Speaker Schultz commented on USU's willingness to work with the Legislature and auditors on an audit.

Ms. White responded to a question from Senator Escamilla regarding how many recommendations should already be in place from Utah System of Higher Education (USHE).

Mr. Geoffrey Landward, Commissioner of Higher Education responded to a follow-up question from Senator Escamilla on following best practices.

Commissioner Landward responded to a comment from Speaker Schultz regarding institutions stepping up to adopt best practices.

MOTION: Speaker Schultz moved to prioritize a full performance audit of the governance and procurement processes of Utah State University. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 6Nays - 0Absent - 0

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

5. Audit Report Presentations

Mr. Kade Minchey, Auditor General, introduced An Overview of the Government Excellence and Efficiency Evaluation Process including the following efficiency evaluations; Inmate Placement Efficiency Evaluation (Report 2025-16) and 2nd Follow-Up of the Office of the Medical Examiner (Report 2025-16).

[Efficiency Evaluation: 2nd Follow-Up of the Office of the Medical Examiner \(Report #2025-15\)](#)

[Efficiency Evaluation: Inmate Placement Efficiency Evaluation \(Report #2025-16\)](#)

President Adams commented on how the Legislative Audit Subcommittee is working on ways to help entities improve their practices and appreciates the work being done by the Office of the Legislative Auditor General.

Mr. Minchey and Mr. Skylar Scott, Legislative Audit Methodologist II, presented on the evaluation processes and the two efficiency evaluation reports.

Mr. Minchey thanked the Legislative Audit Subcommittee for giving the Office of the Legislative Auditor General 2 full-time employees to work on these evaluations..

MOTION: Speaker Schultz moved to refer both the Inmate Placement Efficiency Evaluation (Report 2025-16) and the 2nd Follow-Up of the Office of Medical Examiner (Report 2025-15) to the Legislative Management Committee as the Lead Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION: Speaker Schultz moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 PM. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider