



DRAFT MINUTES

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Don L. Ipson, Chair
Rep. James A. Dunnigan, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Leah Hansen
Rep. Jill Koford
Rep. Verona Mauga
Rep. Tracy J. Miller
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Members Absent:

Sen. Calvin R. Musselman
Sen. Chris H. Wilson
Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn
Rep. Trevor Lee
Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher
Rep. R. Neil Walter

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
RuthAnne Oakey-Frost, Senior Associate
General Counsel
Steve Schaefermeyer, Associate General
Counsel
Naomi Garrow, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Dunnigan called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

1. Draft Legislation: County Classification Modifications

[3 - Draft Legislation "County Classification Modifications" \(V10\) \(Drafter: S. Schaefermeyer\)](#)

Sen. Winterton presented and answered questions from the committee.

Chair Dunnigan opened public comment.

Lincoln Shurtz, Utah Association of Counties, provided comment and answered questions from the committee.

Chair Dunnigan closed public comment.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to favorably recommend draft legislation "County Classification Modifications" as a committee bill.

Discussion to the motion.

Sen. Winterton provided summation.

Rep. Peterson's motion to favorably recommend draft legislation "County Classification Modifications" as a committee bill passed with a vote of 6 - 5 - 6.

Yeas - 6
Rep. L. Hansen
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. V. Peterson
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays - 5
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. T. Miller

Absent - 6
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. T. Lee
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Walter
Sen. C. Wilson

2. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Koford moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 11
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. L. Hansen
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. T. Miller
Rep. V. Peterson
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays - 0

Absent - 6
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. T. Lee
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Walter
Sen. C. Wilson

3. Draft Legislation: County Government Amendments

[4 - Draft Legislation "County Government Amendments" \(V03\) \(Drafter: R. Oakey-Frost\)](#)

Nathan Brady, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, introduced the item.

Katie Miner, Legislative Policy Analyst, Utah Association of Counties, presented and answered questions from the committee.

Chair Dunnigan opened public comment.

Te Anu Tonga, constituent, asked clarifying questions to the presenter.

Chair Dunnigan closed public comment.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to favorably recommend draft legislation "County Government Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 10
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. L. Hansen
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. T. Miller
Rep. V. Peterson
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays - 0

Absent - 7
Rep. M. Gwynn
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. T. Lee
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Walter
Sen. C. Wilson

4. Draft Legislation: County Classification Modifications



Chair Dunnigan provided clairfication on the passed motion to favorably recommend draft legislation "County Classification Modifications."

5. Municipal Fiscal Processes Technical Amendments

RuthAnne Oakey-Frost, Senior Associate General Counsel, presented and answered questions from the committee.

6. Transient Room Tax Reporting

[6 - Transient Room Tax Report \(Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst\)](#)

[6 - Transient Room Tax Presentation \(OLFA\)](#)

Jared Gibbs, Economist, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, presented and answered questions from the committee.

Seth Oveson, Local Government Manager, State Auditor's Office, presented.

Chair Dunnigan opened public comment.

Brandy Grace, UAC, provided comment.

Committee provided comments related to public comment.

Chair Dunnigan closed public comment.

7. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 10

Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. L. Hansen
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. T. Miller
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. T. Lee
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. J. Teuscher
Rep. R. Walter
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Chair Dunnigan adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.