



DEPARTMENT OF
**Workforce
Services**

2026 Legislative Summary

<i>Year</i>	<i>Bills Introduced</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>Bills Passed</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>% Passed</i>
2026	1,016	5.94%	510	-7.11%	50.20%
2025	959	2.68%	549	-0.18%	57.25%
2024	934	0.54%	550	0.55%	58.89%
2023	929	14.13%	547	10.51%	58.88%
2022	814		495		60.81%



Critical DWS Appropriations

One Big Beautiful Bill Act or HR1 – SNAP Federal Funding Changes

<i>Federal Funding Change (SNAP)</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>National Impact</i>	<i>State Average</i>	<i>Utah Impact</i>
<i>Federal SNAP Administrative Funding Match</i>	<i>50/50 (Federal / State)</i>	<i>25/75 (Federal / State)</i>	<i>\$2,692,737,907</i>	<i>\$52,798,782</i>	<i>\$13,300,000 (Appropriated)</i>
<i>Federal SNAP Benefit Match</i>	<i>100% Federal</i>	<i>Contingent on State SNAP Error Rate</i> <i>6-8% Error – 5% 8-10% Error – 10% > 10% Error – 15%</i>	<i>\$10,798,470,619</i>	<i>\$211,734,718</i>	<i>\$0</i>



Homelessness Funding

<i>Appropriation Title</i>	<i>One-Time Funding</i>	<i>Ongoing Funding</i>	<i>Intent Language</i>
<i>Emergency Shelter and Housing</i>	\$9,444,800	\$2,494,200	<i>The Legislature intends that \$\$\$ one-time funding and the \$\$\$ ongoing funding provided may only be expended with a 1:1 match from local governments.</i>
<i>High Utilizers in the Criminal Justice System</i>	\$2,683,300	\$4,603,300	
<i>Mental Health and Behavioral Health</i>	\$7,800,000	\$1,076,900	
<i>Phase II Investments</i>	\$5,071,900	\$9,421,600	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$25,000,000</i>	<i>\$17,596,000</i>	



Critical Legislation

House Bill 68 – Housing and Community Development Amendments

- Centralizes housing programs, policy, and funding under a single state agency – the Governor's Office of Economic Development

House Bill 308 – Homeless Services Amendments

- Moves the State Homeless Coordinator from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) to the Department of Workforce Services (DWS)



Legislation / Failed to Pass

[House Bill 88 – Public Assistance Amendments](#)

Removes the authority of an agency or political subdivision of the state to skip verification of lawful presence for receipt of a state or local benefit

[House Bill 287 – Immigrant Driving Amendments](#)

Eliminates provisions allowing refugees, asylees, and humanitarian parolees to take the initial written drivers license exam in their preferred language

[House Bill 571 – Immigrant Amendments](#)

Mandates the drivers license division to require all licensing procedures, instruction, and testing be conducted only in English



Legislation – Passed (Rapid Fire)

<i>Bill Number</i>	<i>Bill Title</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>
House Bill 248	Family Law Modifications	Allows a certain amount of money from child support payments to pass through to a family who is receiving public assistance
House Bill 396	Public Project Subcontractor Amendments	Modifies disclosure requirements for subcontractors – grants DWS rule making authority to assign a penalty for worker misclassification
House Bill 454	Public Assistance Fraud Amendments	Creates the offense of public assistance fraud by a person facilitating an inaccurate public assistance application
Senate Bill 18	Criminal Offense Modifications	Broadens definition of criminal actor from someone receiving public assistance to anyone committing fraud related to obtaining or using public assistance – allowing criminal prosecution for identity theft



Questions

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Administrative Assistant

- Jenny – 867-5309
- Gloria – See Below
 - Was told she doesn't have to answer
 - Leaves you hangin' on the line
 - oh oh oh calling Gloria





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