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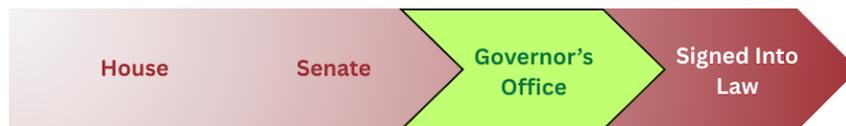
Coalition Highlights

Key Homeless Bills From 2026 Session

HB0308 • Homeless Services Amendments

Bill Sponsor: Clinton Okerlund

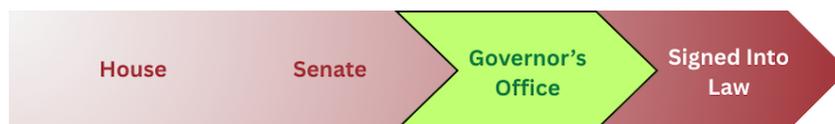
What started out as a simple restructuring of the State's Office of Homelessness was recalled after it passed in the Senate to have portions of HB596 added to it. Full description of the adopted provisions below.



HB205 • Substance Use Intervention Amendments

Bill Sponsor: Tyler Clancy

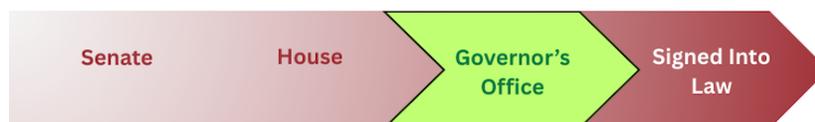
Recovery "housing pods" for inmates, eases state opiate antagonist procurement, prevents syringe exchange programs at public parks, authorizes justice courts to create STEP supervision for non-violent SUD defendants.



SB0087 • Naloxone Amendments

Bill Sponsor: Jen Plumb

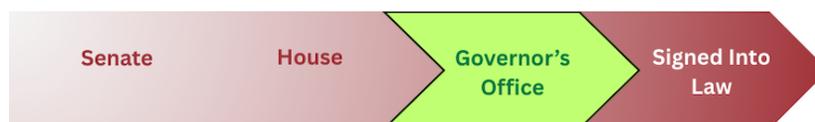
Introduces protections for individuals and agencies that administer Naloxone that is past its expiration date, as this medication is still effective and safe for years beyond its stated date.



SB288 • Medicaid Provider Amendments

Bill Sponsor: Steve Stratton

Creates a system for the Utah Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate certain Medicaid providers using standardized quality measures and offer performance-based incentive payments tied to improved outcomes, care coordination, and other metrics. It also requires the department to implement a "closed-loop referral system" that connects Medicaid-eligible individuals with community and social-needs services while reporting provider performance and program impacts to the Legislature.



HB596 • Homelessness Amendments

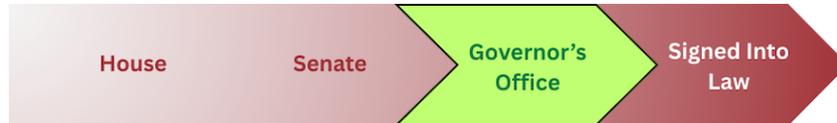
Bill Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Introduced a wide series of changes to homelessness regulations, including a broadening of the terms of Code Blue from 18° to 25°, a city carve out for St. George to conduct Code Red at 105°, a mitigation task force, governance changes, and creation of the Homeless Services Restricted Account, and a mitigation funding increase. Some provisions moved to HB 308.

HB572 • Behavioral Health, Mental Health, and Social Services Amendment

Bill Sponsor: Steve Eliason

The bill creates a diversion option allowing law enforcement or courts to refer individuals to licensed behavioral health receiving centers instead of criminal penalties, while also improving coordination and communication between treatment providers and criminal justice agencies. It also directs the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to standardize mental health screening in jails, create consent processes for sharing behavioral health information, build a statewide directory of treatment providers, and make targeted changes to civil commitment procedures and law enforcement reporting.



HB0088 • Public Assistance Amendments

Bill Sponsor: Trevor Lee

Requires individuals to demonstrate legal immigration status to receive certain public benefits, such as vaccines and food subsidies. Would likely impact WIC, senior meal delivery, housing assistance, homeless services, and communicable disease treatment.



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Homelessness Ammendments

OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Current Version

Substitute #2

What the Bill Changes:

3 Provisions Added from HB 596

Capacity Levels

Allows the Salt Lake County Homeless Resource Centers (Shelters) to operate at Winter Plan Capacity and flex their space up to 135%.

This provision is in place through April 2027

This provision **DID NOT** come with funding attached.

State Mitigation Funding

Mitigation funding increased for one calendar year. Also adjusts city rates to account for available shelter funds.

Ville and WVC can remain open with conditions.

Each location providers nearly 200 beds. These sites were set to sunshet in April and a pathway to keep them open through 2027 upon approval by municipalities.

Last Updated: Mar. 11, 2026

Legislative Snapshot

Bill Sponsor: Clinton Okerlund

Floor Sponsor: Todd Weiler

Key Process

3/3 Passed Senate

3/4 Recalled

3/4 Provisions from HB596 Added

3/5 Passed through Senate / House

Other Changes (Passed in the House and Senate before Recall)

Property Loss Compensation

Updates the provision for property loss related to Property Loss Related to Homelessness Compensation Enterprise Fund.

Allows compensation or loans for businesses and residents within 1/5 mile of a homeless services facility experiencing documented property damage.

Strengthens Coordination and Data Sharing

Updates how HMIS is coordinated and operated. Also updates how Emergency Response System is managed.

Strengthens Role for State Homeless Coordinator

Clarifies the authority and responsibility of the homeless coordinator as the chief operating officer for the governor.

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STEERING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

OPEN THROUGH THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH



LEADERSHIP VACANCIES

- HEALTH/WELLNESS CORE FUNCTION CO-LEAD
- EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION CORE FUNCTION CO-LEAD

LEADERSHIP AVAILABILITIES

THESE POSITIONS HAVE A POTENTIAL 2ND-TERM CANDIATE ALSO NOMINATED

- HOUSING CORE FUNCTION GROUP CO-LEAD
- STEERING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR
- LEGAL RIGHTS & SAFETY CORE FUNCTION CO-LEAD
FORMERLY: (HOMELESSNESS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM CFG)

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ENDUTAHHOMELESSNESS.ORG/SALT-LAKE-VALLEY/](https://endutahhomelessness.org/salt-lake-valley/)

[Submit a Nomination](#)

In Case You Missed It

HUD Notice of Funding Update

The recently passed Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) spending bill provides \$77.3 billion for HUD programs in FY2026 - an increase of more than \$7 billion over the previous fiscal year. For the homelessness response system, this includes \$4.417 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants, with funding for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, Emergency Solutions Grants, and targeted resources for youth and survivors of domestic violence.

Importantly, Congress included provisions to help stabilize the CoC program following delays in FY2025 funding. The bill directs HUD to non-competitively renew projects expiring in 2026 if awards are delayed, helping ensure continuity of services and protecting communities from disruptions in housing and support programs.

To prepare for possible new funding projects under some of the anticipated 2027 guidelines, please schedule a time to meet with Tarra McFadden tmcfadden@saltlakecounty.gov.

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Winter Planning Information

Volunteer on Code Blue Nights

When temperatures fall below 18 degrees, shelter isn't just a luxury. It's the difference between life and death. Unsheltered Utah runs Code Blue temporary shelters in Salt Lake City and is always look for volunteers to help lend a hand for their Community Movie Night initiatives.

[Unsheltered Utah Website](#)

[Volunteer Link](#)

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WINTER HOMELESS SHELTER

Information

Salt Lake Valley

As of 10.30.25

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th 2025

people seeking shelter beds can present at the following locations:



Daily Bed Availability

ADULTS / COUPLES / VETS

RESOURCE CENTERS

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Check Bed Availability

(801) 990-9999

ST. VINNY'S OVERFLOW

After 7:00 PM Daily

** Transportation will be available between facilities*

ALL GENDERS		MEN	WOMEN
GMRC	St.Vinny's Overflow	PARC	GEKRC
242 W. Paramount Ave. SLC	437 W. 200 S. SLC	3380 S. 1000 W. South Salt Lake	131 E. 700 S. SLC

FAMILIES

(801) 569-1201

For 24 / 7 Immediate Bed Availability Present at

Connie Crosby Resource Center

529 W. 9th Ave • Midvale

YOUTH

(801) 364-0744

8:30 AM - 7:30 PM Check Bed Availability

Youth Resource Center

888 S. 400 W. SLC

2025 / 2026 - WINTER OVERFLOW BED COMMITMENT

Gail Miller Resource Center GMRC

242 W. Paramount Ave. SLC

Pamela Atkinson Resource Center PARC

3380 S. 1000 W. South SL

Geraldine E. King Resource Center GEKRC

131 E. 700 S. SLC

St. Vincents Overflow SVO

437 W. 200 S. SLC

Youth Resource Center YRC

888 S. 400 W. SLC

West Valley Overflow WVC

3380 S. Redwood Road WVC

Ville 1990

Referrals required

The Road Home Family Beds CCFRC

529 W. 9th Ave. Midvale

CODE BLUE

Additional shelter beds will be available when Code Blue is activated, which is as temperatures reach **18 degrees or below**, including wind chill.

2nd & 2nd Open at 8 PM (two sites)

(801) 900-4528

GEK Flex

GMRC Flex

PARC Flex



Service Animals Only

Pet Friendly



Code Blue Alerts found here!

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CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The CWC (Women's Detoxification) serves female adults age 18 and older who have recently used drugs or alcohol and require detoxification services. Clients may also bring their children age 10 and younger to stay with them while they detox and get connected to services.

WE'RE MOVING

New Location starting February 17, 2026
1875 S Redwood Rd, Salt Lake City, Utah
(West side entrance)

Intake Transition
Intakes will be paused on February 17 during the relocation. Please continue to call for availability later that evening.
24/7 Contact for Referrals: 801-261-9177, opt 1
We appreciate your continued partnership and collaboration as we transition to our new location.

Point-in-Time Count



Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson's office teamed up with Salt Lake Police Chief Redd for PIT Count. Over 300 volunteers from across Salt Lake County conducted homeless outreach and surveys to the county's unsheltered population.

PIT Count Update

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person training in several years, which was really successful. Additionally, we had large number of in-kind contribution of coats, blankets, gloves, socks, and other winter clothing items from several organizations from within the county.

These donations were a product of the valuable efforts of community partners like Habitat for Humanity, Volunteers of America, LDS Church Services, The Jordan River Commission, and AmeriCorps MVP volunteers.

Volunteers varied from neighborhood coalitions, county council members, teams from the Salt Lake City VA's office, 4th Street Clinic, the VoA, and other organizations, to University college classes, local men's groups, lived experts, Salt Lake's Youth Action Board (YAB) and engaged citizens.

Official Data

Results will be available in the upcoming months. Data has to be processed for de-duplication and sorting between observations and person-to-person interviews. Shelter and housing data is also used to compile a comprehensive picture of the unsheltered population on the night of Wednesday, January 28th.

[Full Info on Website](#)

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SALT LAKE
VUCC
VALLEY UNSHELTERED
COMMS COORDINATION
FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH
APRIL 1, 2:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
 For All Comms Folks Connected to Homelessness

EMAIL TPIZZA@SALTLAKECOUNTY.GOV

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SL Valley Unsheltered Comms Coordination

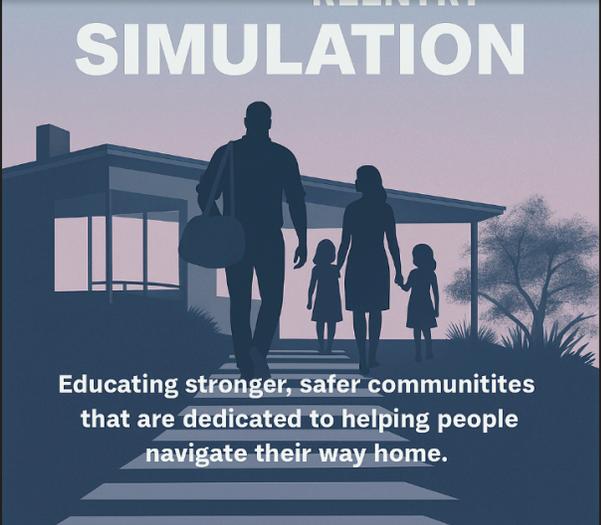
If you're a comms person for an organization or stakeholder intersecting with homelessness, than this meeting is for you. Our goals are to be unified in our messaging, concerns, and support for one another, while providing a space to collaborate on all things communication, including social media, website, blog, podcast, and media interactions. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of every month.

EMAIL TO BE INVOLVED

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REENTRY SIMULATION

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 29, 2026
1:00 - 5:00 PM**

**SL COUNTY
GOVERNMENT
BUILDING
SOUTH
BUILDING
CAFETERIA**

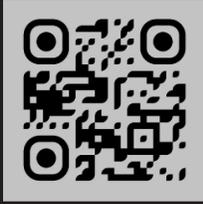
**Educating stronger, safer communities
that are dedicated to helping people
navigate their way home.**

(2001 S. State Street)

Our **Reentry Simulation** is a yearly event made up of 30 volunteers and approximately 50 participants. The **goal of the event is to simulate the experiences that our county's homeless and / or recently incarcerated populations** might endure while integrating with society.

This is an interactive experience where **participants take on a character persona** that is taken directly from one of our system's lived experts. **The simulation invites each participant to assume barriers typical of the lived expert** and gives each participant the goal of maneuver throughout the system seeking stability while interacting with stations like vital record, probation, housing, and the like.

SIGN-UP



slco.to/reentry

Reentry Simulation

We are looking for volunteers and participants.

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Resources & Trainings

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STABILITY DIVISION

WE ARE ALL RELATED

RESOURCE FAIR

Co-hosted with Unsheltered Utah and the 2ND and 2ND Coalition

Friday March 13th from 9:30-12:30
Arrive early for court services



DETAILS

Venue donated by
 Cathedral Church of St. Mark
 Lunch donated by
 Food Justice Coalition



LOCATION

St. Mark Cathedral
 231 E 100 S,
 Salt Lake City, UT84111



SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- COURT SERVICES
- PET SERVICES
- BUS PASSES
- SHOWERS OF HOPE
- LUNCH AND MORE!

Court will stop taking names at 11am



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Boob Bus

MOBILE BREAST IMAGING @ Sacred Circle Healthcare

FRIDAY APRIL 17TH, 2026
660 SOUTH 200 EAST, SALT LAKE CITY, UT.84111
Sign up for your 3D Screening Mammogram!

Did you know that 1 in every 8 women will experience breast cancer in her lifetime?

- Mammograms are recommended EVERY YEAR for women aged 40 & up. Women under 40 may also be eligible, especially if considering reconstruction/augmentation.
- We request images from your prior mammogram so the highest quality care can be provided!

**We accept most insurance plans or if you are uninsured you may qualify for a FREE screen through the Utah Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program. Check the criteria here: <https://cancer.utah.gov/do-i-qualify/>

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Questions? Call 866-747-BOOB (2662)



Community RESOURCE FAIR

Hosted by
Sacred Circle Healthcare
& Molina Healthcare

Connect with **30+ community** resource partners in health, wellness, and social services in the Salt Lake Valley.



Join us!

Friday, April 17, 2026

· 10:00am - 1:00pm

Sacred Circle Healthcare

· 660 S 200 E Salt Lake City, UT
· 3rd Floor Parking Structure

Resources To Explore

- On-site Mammograms & Immunizations
- Medicaid & Medicare Enrollment Assistance
- Onsite Patient Registration
- Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
- Child Care & Youth Services
- Immigration Services
- And More!



SNAP BENEFITS

Where to Find Immediate Food Assistance

Local food banks and pantries can help provide groceries and meals.

- **Call 211:** This is the fastest way to get help. You can speak with someone who will connect you to food pantries, meal sites and other services near you.
- **211Utah.org:** Find a food pantry near you.
- **uah.org:** Find emergency food resources near you.

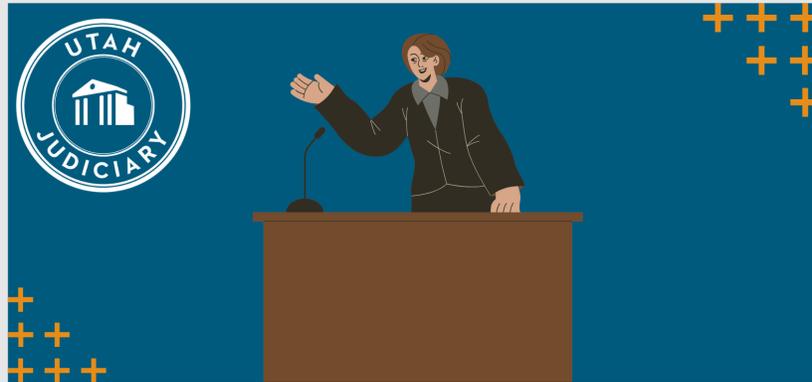
For the fastest and most accurate updates, please visit jobs.utah.gov or check myCase (jobs.utah.gov/mycase). Our call center staff will only have the same information that is posted online. We will update the website immediately as new details become available.

Full letter from Department of Workforce Services

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In the News

Utah lawmakers plan to fund governor’s homelessness overhaul — if cities, counties pay up

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Mar. 2, 2026 (*Brigham Tomco • Deseret News*) • Utah legislative leadership carved out \$43.6 million to pay for Gov. Spencer Cox's pivot toward targeting criminality within the chronic homeless population, framed as a test case for Cox's proposed central shelter.

In a tight budget year, the recommendation represents a win for what Cox called his [top funding priority](#). It also signals a shared vision among lawmakers for Cox's goal of achieving compassion by ensuring accountability.

Full Story

Utah lawmakers move to boost ongoing funding for homeless with help from ZYN tax • Mar. 2, 2026 (*Katie McKellar • Utah News Dispatch*) • The budget doesn't include money to build a controversial homeless campus — yet. It does include more than \$17.5 million in new ongoing money for homeless programs, but requires a match from local governments. ([Full Story](#))

Salt Lake City breaks ground on new housing facility for the unsheltered • Feb. 19, 2026 (*ABC4*) • On February 19, 2026, Valley Behavioral Health and Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson broke ground on "Homefront," a community housing facility for the unsheltered. [Video](#)

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