



## 2012 GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY

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The following is a listing of legislation that UASD is following. It is recommended that you acquaint yourself with those bills that directly impact your district. If you have questions or comments on any bill, please contact LeGrand Bitter at 801-725-1312 or by email at [uasdmail@yahoo.com](mailto:uasdmail@yahoo.com).

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<u>House Bills</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<b>HB 20 – Election Law Amendments</b> <a href="http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0020.pdf">http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0020.pdf</a> This bill: 1) amends definitions; 2) changes certain deadlines related to a municipal election; 3) requires a municipality to give notice of the declaration of candidacy filing period; 4) changes the time in which a person's right to vote may be challenged; and 5) makes technical changes.		Curt Webb	Tracking
<b>HB 22 – Centralized New Hire Registry Act Amendments</b> <a href="http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0022.pdf">http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0022.pdf</a> This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) requires employers in the state to report the date of hire or rehire of each new employee to the Department of Workforce Services in compliance with recent additional reporting requirements of the Social Security Act; and 3) makes technical changes.		Jeremy Peterson	Tracking

**HB 34 – Sales and Use Tax Act Revisions**

**Wayne  
Harper**

**Tracking**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0034.pdf>

This bill: 1) addresses the effective date of a sales and use tax enactment or increase for purposes of a transaction for a billing period if the transaction is reported on a billing statement; 2) addresses the application of a tax rate repeal or decrease for purposes of a transaction for a billing period if the transaction is reported on a billing statement; and 3) makes technical and conforming changes.

**HB 35 – Extension of Recycling Market Development Zone Tax Credits**

**Wayne  
Harper**

**Tracking**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0035.pdf>

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) requires employers in the state to report the date of hire or rehire of each new employee to the Department of Workforce Services in compliance with recent additional reporting requirements of the Social Security Act; and 3) makes technical changes.

**HB 36 – Sales and Use Tax-Computer Software and Other Tangible Personal Property Amendments**

**Wayne  
Harper**

**Tracking**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0036.pdf>

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) requires employers in the state to report the date of hire or rehire of each new employee to the Department of Workforce Services in compliance with recent additional reporting requirements of the Social Security Act; and 3) makes technical changes.

**HB 44 – Theft Amendments**

**Paul Ray**

**Support**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0044.pdf>

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) requires employers in the state to report the date of hire or rehire of each new employee to the Department of Workforce Services in compliance with recent additional reporting requirements of the Social Security Act; and 3) makes technical changes.

**HB 45 – State Fire Code Amendments**

**James  
Dunnigan**

**Tracking**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0045.pdf>

This bill: 1) enacts a definition of "premixed" with respect to an antifreeze and water solution; 2) deletes and replaces a provision relating to hazardous environmental conditions; and 3) modifies provisions relating to antifreeze used in automatic sprinkler systems.

**HB 46 – Electronic Personal Medical Records**

**Ronda Rudd  
Menlove      Tracking**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0046.pdf>

This bill: 1) enacts a definition of "premixed" with respect to an antifreeze and water solution; 2) deletes and replaces a provision relating to hazardous environmental conditions; and 3) modifies provisions relating to antifreeze used in automatic sprinkler systems.

**HB 51 – Medical Speciality Practice Act Amendments**

**Evan Vickers      Tracking**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0051.pdf>

This bill: 1) amends the duties and functions of boards that govern certain medical professions; 2) requires a person who wants to amend certain medical practice acts to submit the proposed amendment to the board; and 3) permits the board to make a recommendation to the Legislature concerning the proposed amendment.

**HB 55 – Health Care Associated Infections**

**Evan Vickers      Tracking**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0055.pdf>

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) requires an ambulatory surgical facility, a general acute hospital, and a specialty hospital to share with the Department of Health data on health care associated infections that the facility submits to the National Healthcare Safety Network in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention pursuant to requirements of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; 3) requires the Department of Health to prepare and publicly disclose a report on health care associated infection rates; 4) establishes a protocol for the creation of the report; 5) permits the report of health care associated infections to include data that compares and identifies facilities; 6) states that the report shall not be used as evidence in a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding; and 7) makes technical changes

**HB 58 – Changes to Amendments Incorporated into State Construction Code**

**Jeremy  
Peterson      TBD**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0058.pdf>

This bill: 1) modifies a provision requiring an engineer evaluation of certain buildings built before 1975; 2) eliminates a requirement that the evaluation occur when the building is undergoing reroofing or an alteration of or repair to certain features; and 3) replaces that requirement with a requirement that the evaluation occur when the building is undergoing structural alterations or repairs, and specifies what is not included in structural alterations or repairs.

**HB 64 – Amendments to Public Employee Health Care**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0064.pdf>

This bill: 1) creates a definition for a dependent eligible for coverage under the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act; and 2) defines "directly dependent upon" or "interdependent with" for purposes of an unmarried employee's adult designee.

**Brian Doughty TBD**

**HB 67 – Stormwater Capture Amendments**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0067.pdf>

This bill provides for the collection and use of precipitation without obtaining a water right for certain commercial, mixed use, or multifamily projects.

**Fred Cox TBD**

**HB 70 – Air Quality Task Force**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0070.pdf>

This bill: 1) creates the Air Quality Task Force; 2) designates task force duties; and 3) designates task force membership.

**Patrice Arent TBD**

**HB 71 – Vehicle Window Tint Amendments**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0071.pdf>

This bill decreases the minimum light transmittance for a front side window from 43% to 28%.

**David Butterfield TBD**

**HB 72 – Waste Tire Amendments**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0072.pdf>

This bill: 1) modifies the definition of "waste tire"; 2) prohibits a tire retailer from transferring ownership of a waste tire to anyone other than a waste tire transporter or a person who purchases it for the person's own use; 3) prohibits a recycler from receiving partial reimbursement for baling whole waste tires or materials derived from waste tires that are larger than shredded tires; 4) deletes references to the Waste Tire Recycling Industrial Assistance Loan Program and the Waste Tire Recycling Industrial Assistance Loan Fund; and 5) makes technical changes.

**Neal Hendrickson TBD**

**HB 74 – Eminent Domain Amendments**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0074.pdf>

This bill permits a person to bring an eminent domain action for roads necessary to provide access for exploration, development, or production of oil or gas, if the person first complies with the negotiation and notice requirements described in this bill, and makes technical changes.

**Mike Noel TBD**

**HB 210 – Severance Tax Amendments**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0210.pdf>

This bill provides that certain severance tax revenue be deposited into the permanent state trust fund, and makes technical and conforming changes.

**Jim Nielsen**

**Tracking**

**HB 215 – Labor Related Amendments**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0215.pdf>

This bill: 1) changes the burden of proof for rebutting the presumption of employee status to preponderance of the evidence for purposes of wages, workers' compensation, anti discrimination, and occupational safety; 2) removes incorrect language regarding insurers issuing workers' compensation coverage waivers; and 3) makes technical and conforming amendments.

**Michael  
Morley**

**Tracking**

**HB 243 – Municipal Election Revisions**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0243.pdf>

This bill provides that certain severance tax revenue be deposited into the permanent state trust fund, and makes technical and conforming changes.

**John Dougall**

**TBD**

**HB 246 – County Correctional Facilities Funding Amendments**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0246.pdf>

This bill directs the state to calculate reimbursement for counties that house state inmates and parolees in county facilities based on the average number of days over the previous five years, instead of the actual number of incarceration days for the prior year.

**Michael Noel**

**TBD**

**HB 253 – Voter Registration Amendments**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0253.pdf>

This bill: 1) requires the removal of a voter from the official register: A) upon notification that a voter has subsequently registered to vote in another B) upon notification of a criminal conviction that prohibits a person from voting; C) after two consecutive regular general elections following a notice to which the state; and voter fails to respond; 2) requires the county clerk to send a notice to a voter who fails to vote in two consecutive regular general elections; and 3) makes technical changes.

**Kraig Powell**

**TBD**

**HB 256 – Retirement Modifications**

**Don Ipson**

**TBD**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0256.pdf>

This bill: 1) amends definitions; 2) provides that "initially entering" employment includes employees that move from a position not covered under a Utah Retirement System to a position that is covered; 3) clarifies post retirement employment provisions for a retiree who returns to work within one year or who elects to earn additional service credit; 4) provides that a domestic relations court order must be received within 12 months of the death of the member; 5) repeals language related to presentment by a policyholder; 6) amends the definition of regular full-time employee to provide that the minimum earnings required for an elective or appointive officer to be eligible for a retirement benefit under the Tier I Public Employees' Systems is based on a monthly rate, not just the first month in office; 7) clarifies that an employer must be a participating employer whether or not the employer has applied for admission to the system; 8) clarifies that only Tier II governors and legislators and their spouses, not all Tier II public employees, may be eligible for the governors' and legislative paid-up group health coverage; 9) clarifies that Tier II firefighters, including volunteer firefighters, are covered under the URS long-term disability program; 10) provides that long-term disability claims must be made within six months, rather than one year, from the employee's date of disability; 11) requires an employee receiving monthly disability benefits to provide certain information and documentation requested by the office; 12) provides that monthly disability benefits are reduced for payments made for sick leave, annual leave, or similar payments; 13) clarifies participation requirements for employers in the Tier II systems; 14) allows certain at-will employees to be exempt from the vesting requirement for the defined contribution plan in the Tier II Public Employees' Retirement System; 14) clarifies who a participating employer must cover under the Tier II Public Safety and Firefighters Systems; and 15) makes technical changes.

**HB 262 – Building Code Amendments**

**Fred Cox**

**TBD**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0262.pdf>

This bill: 1) updates the version of the National Electrical Code adopted by the state; 2) reinstates a chapter of the International Building Code, as it applies to the state, relating to residential energy efficiency, and deletes provisions that replaced that chapter; and 3) modifies provisions of the International Energy

Conservation Code, as it applies to the state, relating to:  
A) ratings of windows, doors, and skylights; and B) the inspection of buildings for air leakage.

**HB 263 – Unemployment Benefits For Military Spouse**

**Lynn Hemingway**

**TBD**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0263.pdf>

This bill: 1) provides that the Unemployment Division will not charge benefit costs to an employer for an employee who receives unemployment benefits after voluntarily leaving employment to follow a spouse because of a spouse's military assignment; 2) authorizes unemployment benefits for a claimant who voluntarily leaves employment to follow a spouse to a new location if: A) the claimant's spouse is a member of the United States armed forces and the claimant's spouse has been relocated by a military assignment on active duty; B) it is impractical for the claimant to commute to the previous work from the new locality; and C) the claimant otherwise meets and follows the eligibility and reporting requirements of the Unemployment Division; and 3) makes technical changes.

**HB 265 – Public Employee’s Long-term Disability Act Amendments**

**Brian King**

**TBD**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0265.pdf>

This bill clarifies the definition of long-term disability.

**HJR 6 – Joint Resolution on Severance Tax**

**Jim Nielson**

**Tracking**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hjr006.pdf>

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to require severance tax revenue, except revenue that by statute is used for purposes related to the Ute Indian Tribe and the Navajo Nation, to be deposited into the permanent state trust fund.

**Senate Bills**

**SB 11 – Department of Environmental Quality Boards Adjudicative Proceedings**

**Margaret Dayton**

**Tracking**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0011.pdf>

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) distinguishes between adjudicative proceedings not related to permit orders and permit review adjudicative proceedings; 3) modifies requirements and procedures for adjudicative proceedings where a party challenges an agency order, other than a termination order, relating to a permit, plan,

license, approval order, or other administrative authorization made by an executive secretary under Title 19, Environmental Quality Code; 4) provides that only properly preserved issues may be reviewed during a permit review adjudicative proceeding; 5) describes the requirements for intervention in a permit review adjudicative proceeding; 6) establishes that permit review adjudicative proceedings will be based on the administrative record and any permitted supplementation; 7) provides that stays may not be issued during a permit review adjudicative proceeding, unless certain conditions are met; 8) provides for judicial review of a permit review adjudicative proceeding; and 9) makes technical changes.

### **SB 12 – Energy Amendments**

**Mark Madsen    Tracking**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0012.pdf>**

This bill: 1) enacts provisions relating to renewable energy facilities; 2) authorizes an electric corporation to enter into a contract to supply electric service from a renewable energy facility, under certain circumstances; and 3) requires Public Service Commission approval of contracts for electric service from renewable energy facilities.

### **SB 16 – Ballot Proposition Amendments**

**Scott Jenkins    Tracking**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0016.pdf>**

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) repeals a provision restricting an initiative or referendum related to a land use ordinance; 3) provides an exception for the residency requirement for a person who verifies a signature on a petition in certain circumstances; 4) requires a verification on the final page of a local petition packet; 5) amends the signature requirements for a referendum on a local obligation law; and 6) makes technical changes.

### **SB 17 – Candidate Vacancy Amendments**

**Peter Knudson    Tracking**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0017.pdf>**

This bill: 1) authorizes a political party to replace a candidate who resigns because of a disability that prevents the candidate from continuing the candidacy; and 2) amends a requirement that the political party have a bylaw that establishes a procedure for replacing a candidate.

**SB 18 – Government Records Access and Management Act – Voter Registration Records**  
**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0018.pdf>**

This bill: 1) amends the requirement of the lieutenant governor and county clerks to make certain records available for public inspection; 2) classifies a voter's email address on a voter registration record as a private record; and 3) makes technical changes.

**Margaret  
Dayton**

**Support**

**SB 19 – Voter Information Pamphlets**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0019.pdf>**

This bill: 1) amends the dates by which information shall be submitted for the voter information pamphlet; 2) makes the mailing of a voter information pamphlet optional in certain circumstances; 3) authorizes a notice of: A) the website on which a voter information pamphlet is published; and B) the phone number to call to request a voter information pamphlet by mail; and 4) makes technical changes.

**Peter  
Knudson**

**Tracking**

**SB 20 – Petitions by Candidates or Political Parties**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0020.pdf>**

This bill: 1) establishes the criminal penalty of a class A misdemeanor for certain actions related to signing or verifying the signing of a certificate of nomination petition by an unaffiliated candidate and a political party registration petition; 2) establishes requirements for the form and content of a certificate of nomination petition by an unaffiliated candidate and a political party registration petition; 3) requires a person who is a resident of at least 18 years of age to verify the signing of a certificate of nomination petition by an unaffiliated candidate and a political party registration petition; and 4) makes technical and conforming amendments.

**Peter  
Knudson**

**Tracking**

**SB 27 – Voter Information Pamphlets**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0027.pdf>**

This bill: 1) amends definitions; 2) amends the circumstances under which a person who pays a tax, fee, or charge liability may receive a credit or refund; 3) addresses the construction of a statute involving a tax, fee, or charge by the State Tax Commission or a court; 4) addresses the taxability of a transaction consisting of taxable and nontaxable property, products, or services; 5) addresses sales and use tax refund procedures; and 6)

**Howard  
Stephenson**

**Tracking**

makes technical and conforming changes.

**SB 28 – State Construction Code Amendments**

**John  
Valentine**

**Tracking**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0028.pdf>**

This bill: 1) updates the edition of the National Electrical Code, adopted by reference, to the 2011 edition; 2) enacts a new exception to and deletes and replaces a provision of the International Building Code relating to concrete durability requirements; 3) enacts new provisions of the International Building Code related to standards applicable to concrete elements and minimum clear floor space; and 4) adopts local amendments to the International Plumbing Code.

**SB 29 – State Highway System Modifications**

**Kevin Van  
Tassell**

**Tracking**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0029.pdf>**

This bill: 1) amends the descriptions of SR-73, SR-126, and SR-225; 2) adds SR-85 to the state highway system; 3) deletes SR-197 and SR-212 from the state highway system; and 4) makes technical changes.

**SB 38 – Wildland Fire Amendments**

**Margaret  
Dayton**

**TBD**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0038.pdf>**

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) makes a person liable for the cost of suppressing a wildland fire that is negligently, recklessly, or intentionally caused or spread by that person; 3) allows a person who incurs costs to suppress a wildland fire to bring an action to recover those costs; and 4) makes technical changes.

**SB 94 – Electric Power Facilities Amendments**

**Curtis  
Bramble**

**Tracking**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0094.pdf>**

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) amends provisions in the Interlocal Cooperation Act that govern a project entity; 3) excludes certain facilities that provide replacement project capacity from the certificate of public convenience and necessity requirement; 4) describes the scope of the Electric Power Facilities Act; 5) describes a person's ownership or use of works or facilities; and 6) makes technical corrections.

**SB 95 – Use of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Funds**

**Casey  
Anderson**

**Tracking**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0095.pdf>**

This bill: 1) requires a county to fund municipal-type services with funds received in payment in lieu of taxes; and 2) makes technical corrections.

**SB 109 – Wildland Fire Amendments**

**Aaron  
Osmond**

**TBD**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0109.pdf>**

This bill: 1) creates the third degree offense of assaulting a peace officer or military service member in uniform if the offender causes substantial bodily injury; and 2) creates the second degree offense of assaulting a peace officer or a military service member in uniform while the offender is using a dangerous weapon or force likely to cause serious injury or death.

**SB 114 – Contesting Public Procurements**

**Wayne  
Niederhauser**

**TBD**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0114.pdf>**

This bill: 1) increases the number of members on the Procurement Policy Board; 2) describes procedures and requirements for a protest before the chief procurement officer or the head of a purchasing agency and an appeal of a protest decision; 3) makes the procedures and requirements described in the preceding paragraph applicable to state agencies, state purchasing agencies, and local public procurement units; 4) grants rulemaking authority to the Procurement Policy Board; 5) requires a person who files an appeal of a protest decision to, subject to certain exceptions, pay a security deposit or post a bond; 6) describes the requirements and procedures relating to paying a security deposit or posting a bond; 7) provides for the forfeiture of a bond if an appeal or protest is frivolous or if its primary purpose is to harass or cause a delay; 8) requires a person who desires to protest a procurement to exhaust administrative remedies before appealing to district court; 9) establishes procedures and requirements relating to protests and appeals of state procurements, contracts, debarments, and suspensions; 10) dissolves the procurement appeals board; 11) provides for appeals to be made to the Procurement Policy Board and provides for appointment of procurement appeals panels from among the membership of the Procurement Policy Board; 12) provides for dismissal of appeals that are not filed in accordance with the requirements of this bill; 13) amends provisions relating to the statute of limitations and the jurisdiction of the district court in

procurement matters; 14) prohibits the award of consequential damages in relation to an action brought under this bill; 15) provides an uncodified transitions clause; and 16) makes technical changes.

**SB 115 – Historical District Creation Requirements**

**Wayne  
Niederhauser**      **TBD**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0095.pdf>**

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) describes certain actions that a municipality or a county may take to preserve an historical district; 3) requires that two-thirds of the private property owners of property located within a proposed historical district sign a petition to designate the historical district before the municipality or county may create the historical district; 4) petition; 5) describes the petition and petition requirements; requires a municipal clerk or recorder or a county clerk to certify or reject the requires a municipal or county legislative body to: A) hold a public hearing no later than 45 days after receiving a certified petition; and the historical district; and B) vote at the public hearing whether or not to adopt an ordinance that designates 6) makes technical corrections.

**SB 116 – Armed Forces Property Tax Exemption**

**Luz Robles**      **TBD**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0116.pdf>**

This bill: 1) defines terms and modifies definitions; 2) expands a property tax exemption related to military members to include certain members of the armed forces who performed military service in a combat zone in the prior year; and 3) makes technical and conforming changes.

**SB 118 – Transferable Development Rights  
Amendments**

**Wayne  
Niederhauser**      **TBD**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0118.pdf>**

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) authorizes a municipality or county to adopt an ordinance permitting the transfer of a transferable development right; 3) prohibits a municipality or county from allowing the use of a transferable development right unless the municipality or county has adopted the ordinance; and 4) makes technical corrections.

**SB 120 – Off-Duty Peace Officers' Employment**

**Margaret  
Dayton**      **TBD**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0120.pdf>**

This bill requires the posting on the Internet of a law enforcement agency's policy regarding off-duty security work by agency peace officers.

**SB 121 – Worker’s Compensation Waiver Amendments**

**Karen Mayne      TBD**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0121.pdf>

This bill removes incorrect language regarding insurers issuing workers' compensation coverage waivers; and makes technical and conforming amendments.

**SB 122 – Urban Farmers Assessment Act**

**Wayne Niederhauser      TBD**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0122.pdf>

This bill: 1) provides that land in a county of the first class that is used for urban farming may be assessed based on its value for agricultural purposes; 2) provides for a 10-year rollback of taxes if the land ceases to be eligible for assessment under the urban farming provisions; and 3) enacts provisions relating to the assessment of land used for urban farming.

**SB 128 – Wireless Telephone Use Restriction for Minors in Vehicles**

**Ross Romero      TBD**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0128.pdf>

This bill: 1) prohibits a person younger than 18 years of age from using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle; 2) provides affirmative defenses to the wireless telephone prohibition; 3) specifies a penalty for violating the wireless telephone prohibition; 4) provides that a violation of the wireless telephone prohibition is not a reportable violation; and 4) prohibits the Driver License Division from assessing points against a person's driving record for being convicted of violating the wireless telephone prohibition.

**SB 129 – Unemployment Insurance Modifications**

**Curtis Bramble      TBD**

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0129.pdf>

This bill: 1) reduces the maximum unemployment insurance contribution rate for an employer from 9% plus the social contribution rate to 7% plus the social contribution rate beginning in calendar year 2012; 2) caps the social unemployment insurance contribution rate for all employers at .4% for calendar year 2012 only; 3) provides that if the reserve fund is insolvent, the reserve factor is 2.0 until the reserve fund becomes solvent; 4) allows the Unemployment Insurance Division to accept an offer of compromise from an employer or claimant to reduce past due debt under certain circumstances; 5) requires the Unemployment Insurance Division to make rules allowing for an offer of compromise; and 6) makes technical changes.

**SB 130 – Workers’ Compensation Coordination of Benefits Amendments**

**Karen Mayne    TBD**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0130.pdf>**

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) requires a group health insurance plan to pay for medical benefits otherwise covered by the group health plan in certain circumstances while a workers' compensation claim is pending; 3) preserves an employer's authority to require an employee to use employer sponsored managed care or office place wellness centers; and 4) makes technical amendments.

**SJR 6, Joint Resolution Amending State Taxing Authority**

**Casey Anderson    Tracking**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sjr006.pdf>**

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature when enacting any tax increase or any fee increase that exceeds the cost of providing a service.

**SJR 8 – Joint Resolution on Property Tax Exemption for Military Personnel**

**Luz Robles    TBD**

**<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sjr008.pdf>**

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to provide that property owned by a person in the military deployed to a combat zone, and property owned by the person's spouse, may be exempt from property tax, as provided by statute.