

2018 Legislative Summary of Bills Passed by St. George Area Legislators

Legislators from St. George and the surrounding area successfully sponsored 20 bills that passed in the 2018 session. Here are the numbers and titles of those bills, listed by their sponsors. The complete legislation may be viewed by looking up the bill numbers at <https://le.utah.gov/DynaBill/BillList?session=2018GS>

Passed bills sponsored by Senator Don Ipson

- SB80 Exempt and Apportioned License Plate Amendments
- SB105 Crime Statistics Reporting Amendments
- SB230 Law Enforcement Protection Amendments

Passed bills sponsored by Representative Brad Last

- HB2 Appropriations Act
- HB3 Appropriations Adjustments
- HB231 Charter School Funding Amendments
- HB293S5 Tax Rebalancing Provisions
- HB316S1 Tax Commission Information Sharing Amendments
- HB324S1 Tobacco Regulation Amendments
- HBS2 Utah School Readiness Initiative Amendments
- HB404S1 Land Trust Protection and Advocacy Act
- HB475S1 Dedicated Credits and Nonlapsing Authority Revisions

Passed bills sponsored by Representative Lowry Snow

- HB48 Parenting Plan Amendments
- HB51 Administrative Office of Courts Amendments
- HB94 Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act
- HB95 Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act
- HB131 Spendthrift Provisions
- HB132S4 Juvenile Justice Modifications
- HB253S1 Trust Lands Amendments

Passed bill sponsored by Representative Walt Brooks

- HB343S1 Youth and Child Welfare Amendments

We also thank Representative Travis Seegmiller, who was elected mid-session by District 62. He worked hard to know the issues and his efforts represented southern Utah well.

What was the chamber's favorite passed bill? We lobbied for and are grateful that Representative Brad Last's HB3 Appropriations Adjustments passed, which will allow Dixie State University to proceed with programming and design for the proposed science building.

We also want to mention that the number of passed bills is not necessarily the best way to categorize the success of a session. Businesses may often be better off because legislation does not pass. We appreciate each of our state legislators and thank them for the many sacrifices they make on our behalf to insure our state laws are business-friendly.

Snow's HB 48 Parenting Plan Amendments lists decisions related to an education plan and provides clarifications regarding parental custody and decision-making.

Snow's HB 51 Administration of Courts Amendments removes the Office of the Court Administrator from the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act; provides for consistent use of the terms "Administrative Office of the Courts" and "state court administrator"; clarifies that the state court administrator serves at the pleasure of the Judicial Council and the Supreme Court; and makes technical changes.

Snow's HB 94 Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act creates a new part in the Utah Uniform Probate Code entitled the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act. It specifically applies only to deeds created by a person who dies on or after May 8, 2018; provides that the act is nonexclusive and does not affect any other method of transferring real property allowed under Utah law; makes clear that the transfer of property only occurs upon the transferor's death; provides that a transfer on death deed is revocable and nontestamentary; and requires that the transferor have the same capacity as that required to make a will at the time the deed is made.

Snow's HB 95 Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act modifies provisions related to a fiduciary's access to digital assets. It addresses hearing requirements related to disclosure of digital assets to a conservator or guardian; and makes technical changes.

Snow's HB 253S1 Trust Lands Amendments provides that the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration is exempt from a portion of Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; states that the director of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration may make determinations regarding the management, protection, and conservation of plant species proposed for designation as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; modifies the procedure for the sale of trust lands; and makes technical changes.

Brad Last's HB 316S1 Tax Commission Information Sharing Amendments amends provisions related to certain offices' access to information attached to or included with a return filed with the State Tax Commission. It amends the circumstances under which the State Tax Commission shall share income tax return information with certain offices; and amends the offices' responsibility regarding privacy of return information.

Brad Last's HB0003 Appropriations Adjustments allows Dixie State University to proceed using up to \$3,500,000 of institutional and/or donated funds for programming and design for the proposed Science Building.

Ipson's SB80 Exempt and Apportioned License Plate Amendments amends provisions related to annual registration requirements for vehicles with

11 exempt and apportioned license plates.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ removes the requirement for a vehicle with an "EX" or "UHP" license plate to
15 annually renew registration;

16 ▶ allows certain exempt plates to remain valid as long as the vehicle is registered
and

- 17 in service by the owning entity;
- 18 ▶ amends provisions requiring certain decals for exempt and apportioned license
- 19 plates; and
- 20 ▶ makes technical changes.