

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

2025

# DRAFT LEGISLATION

## FLUORIDE AMENDMENTS HB 81

### Fluoride Amendments

20 Section 1, Section **19-4-111** is repealed and re-enacted to read:

30 **19-4-111. Prohibition of fluoride in public water systems.**

31 (1) As used in this section, "fluoride" means a chemical compound that contains the  
32 fluoride ion and is used to fluoridate drinking water, including:

33 (a) fluorosilicic acid;

34 (b) sodium fluorosilicate; or

35 (c) sodium fluoride.

36 (2) A person may not add fluoride to water in, or water that will be introduced into, a public  
37 water system.

38 (3) A political subdivision may not enact or enforce an ordinance that requires or permits  
39 the addition of fluoride to water in, or water that will be introduced into, a public water  
40 system.

# DRAFT LEGISLATION

## BICYCLE LANE AMENDMENTS

- (4)(a) A person operating a motor vehicle may not drive within a bicycle lane except:
- (i) briefly when turning into an intersection, street, alley, driveway, or other parking area;
  - (ii) when responding to striping, traffic control devices, or emergency conditions; or
  - (iii) while operating:
    - (A) an authorized emergency vehicle;
    - (B) a snow removal vehicle;
    - (C) a vehicle providing municipal-type services, as defined in Section 19-3-303;
    - (D) a school bus or transit vehicle, as defined in Section 17B-2a-802, to load or unload passengers; or
    - (E) a vehicle used by a postal service, as defined in Section 76-6-1001.
- (b) A person operating a motor vehicle within a bicycle lane as described in Subsection (4)(a) shall yield the right of way to all bicycle traffic within the lane.

# HOMELESSNESS

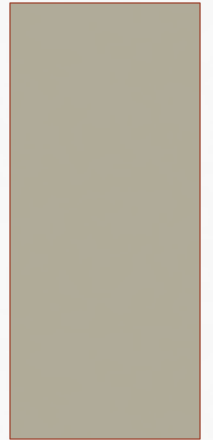
- New campus to open in SLC by October, 2025
- Governor's Budget: \$18.8 million to alleviate
- Mitigation Fund approx. \$17.5 million: (approx. \$10m local contributions – sales tax contributions) and approx. \$7.5m state contribution)
- Expect legislation to increase the municipal contribution to reduce the deficit shelter cities must subsidize to host a shelter and
- Prohibit camping on state land unless specifically authorized by agency owning land.
- Representative Miller – create a homeless bill of rights (allow property suit when destroyed during homeless camp abatement)

# HOMELESSNESS CONT.

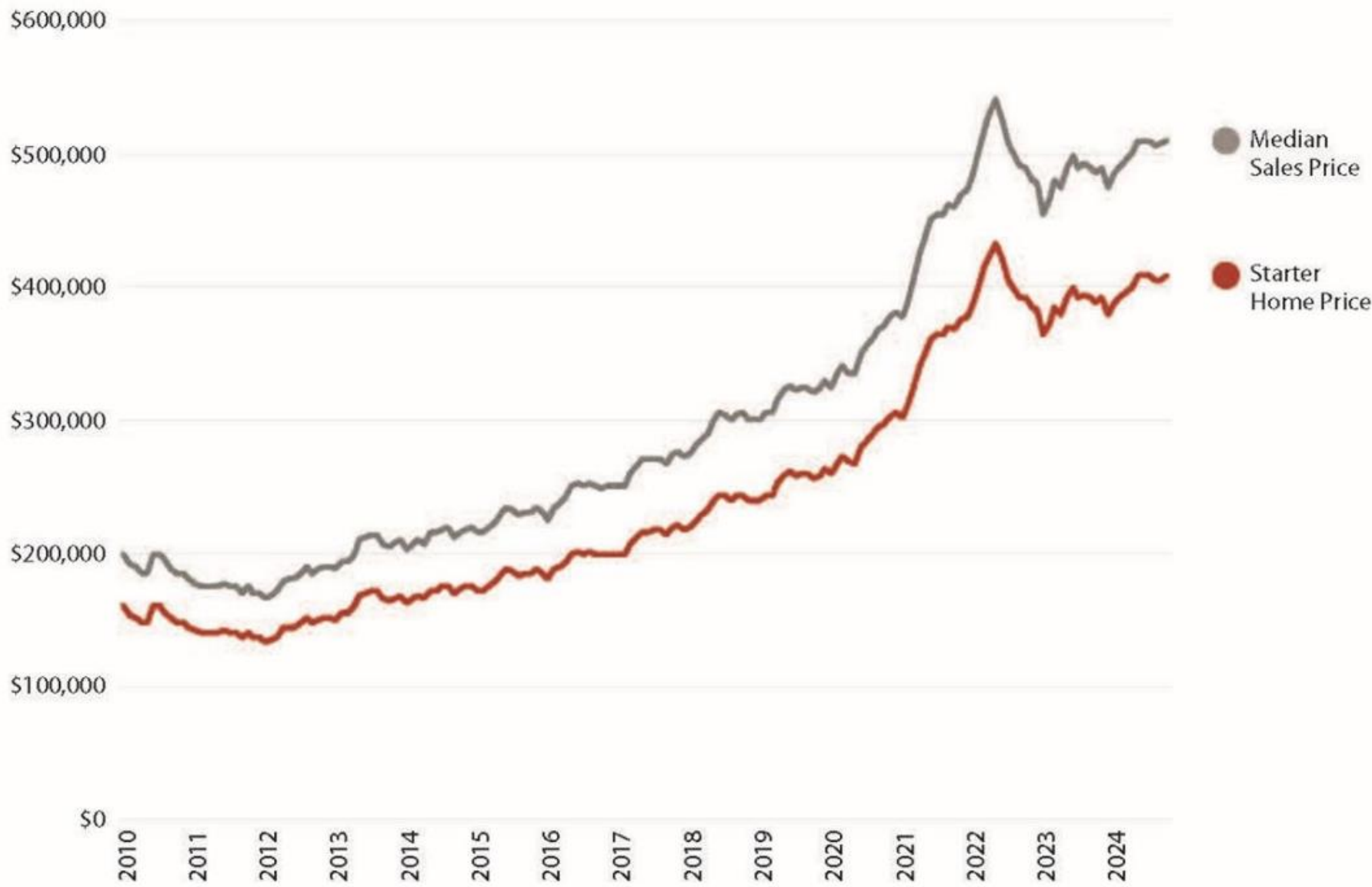
## **SB 78 Homeless Protection Amendments – Sen. Plumb**

- Creates homeless service provider ombudsman within Office of Homeless Services.
- Provides training about rights, privileges and services available.
- Investigate complaints about violations to above.
- Sen Weiler – code red protections when dangerously hot (function similarly to code blue without overnight component)

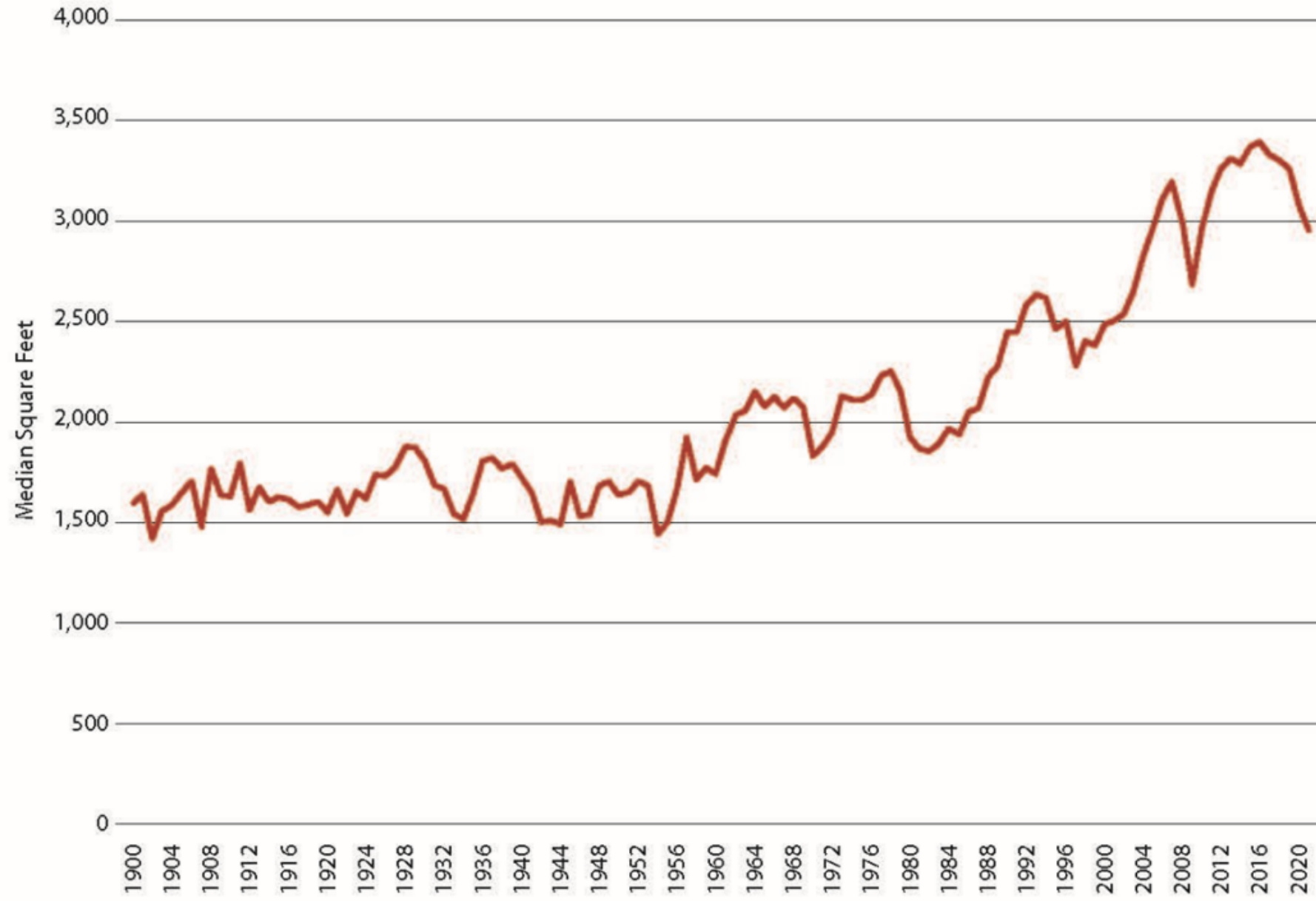
# HOUSING



Price of Utah Starter Home, 2010-2024



Median Size of a Single-Family Home by Year Built, Wasatch Front, 1900-2021





# HOUSING AMENDMENTS

## HB 38 – REP. DUNNIGAN [P]

### **Overlay for affordable home ownership**

- enabling language
- density, variety of housing in exchange for affordable ownership
- staff rec: workable, propose ownership submenu

### **Additional Reporting Metrics**

- Annual report on current zoning & lot sizes, amount of land zoned at densities, anticipated density of future development
- staff rec: align metrics w/State Housing Plan, make sure metrics are workable

### **Regional plans by Aug 2025**

- define success, metrics, goals, needs
- TBD on # of regions & CHA decides
- staff rec: coordinate w/State Housing Plan, TBD on CHA, focus on regional infrastructure

# HB 88 - REP. WARD

## [O]

### **1) Detached ADUs by-right in all cities within counties of 1st and 2nd class**

- a) silent on infrastructure, lot size
- b) silent on affordability or ownership

### **2) City can't prohibit modular unit**

- a) seems unneeded (SB 168) but need to confirm

### **3) Cities only have to report on MIHP every 3 years**

- a) MIHP will change in 2026 w/State Housing Plan so 2025 is a bridge year

# HB 90 - REP. WARD

## [O]

### **1) Lots of 4,000 sq ft by-right in all cities within counties of 1st & 2nd class**

a) silent on infrastructure, affordability, or ownership

### **2) Cities in counties of 1st & 2nd class shall allow housing in all commercial areas**

a) growing cities will lose ability to plan/zone for future commercial areas

i) commercial follows rooftops; once land is gone, it's gone

ii) property tax impact

b) undermines Station Area Plans, centers, RDAs

i) retail vacancy in 2023 in SL Co. was 3.28%

(1) retail incentive bill, HB 151 in 2022

ii) most RDAs/CRAs are now mixed use

c) silent on infrastructure, affordability, or ownership

# GRAMA

## **New Bill**

- Good collaboration with Office of Data Privacy
- Many concerning provisions are gone, but still needs work
- Likely extended deadline to draft/implement privacy policy
- Easy forms will be provided
- Searching for funding for implementation of privacy policies for cities and counties
- Once bill is out, review with police department

# HB 58 – REP. PETERSON BUILDING INSPECTOR AM [S]

- Changes licensing requirements for building officials
- Report cards by UBCC and made available online and submitted to legislature
- “Unprofessional conduct” definition adds:
  - Failing to make reasonable efforts to maintain a current knowledge of amendments to code
  - A building inspector engaging in retaliatory actions against individuals or companies that file complaints or question the local regulator’s decisions

# HB 58 CONT.

16) "Qualified building official" means an individual who:

(a) has at least six years of experience as an architect, engineer, inspector, plan examiner, contractor or superintendent of construction, or any combination of these;

(b) is actively licensed as a combination inspector in accordance with Section 58-56-9; and

(c) has completed 40 hours of management training as established by the division in rule or is a certified building official.

(m) a building inspector failing to make reasonable efforts to maintain a current knowledge of amendments to code;

(n) falsifying inspection reports or purporting to perform an inspection that was not actually performed as a building inspector;

(o) a building inspector engaging in retaliatory actions against individuals or companies that file complaints or question the local regulator's decisions;

(p) a building inspector accepting what would reasonably be viewed as a bribe, including monetary, goods, materials, or other benefits in the course of duty;

(q) any willful, fraudulent, or deceitful act by a licensee, caused by a licensee, or at a licensee's direction that causes material injury to another;

# LANDSCAPING

## Deliberation

- Landscaping
  - 2024 - Developers no longer required to put in landscaping
  - 2025 - Developers desire that if they do not put in landscaping, then they are not required to submit a landscaping plan.
  - Meaningful rumblings at capitol to remove some or all authority to require specific landscaping
  - ULCT: If they **do** put in landscaping, then they need to submit a landscaping plan and install correctly just like any other property owner. - **They agreed.**

# WATER AMENDMENTS

## HB 274 – REP SNIDER [P]

Requires consideration of water conservation when setting water rates (*lines 932, 938*)

By **July 1, 2027**, includes water conservation as an element in determining the rate charged for at least the highest usage block

The rate is intended to help increase conservation.

The additional fees could be used for conservation efforts, but not for for-profit dividends or salaries



# HB 285 – REP SNIDER [P]

By **no later than July 1, 2028**, as a condition of receiving state or federal financing or grants, the governing body of a public water system that is not a water conservancy district **shall adopt a capital asset management plan**

The governing body of a public water system required to adopt a capital asset reserve funding plan under this section shall **update** the public water system's capital asset reserve funding plan **every five years**

# HB 318 – REP OWENS

## RESIDENTIAL TURF AMENDMENTS

(6) (a) If a single-family detached dwelling that is newly constructed within the Great Salt Lake basin on or after May 7, 2025, is located within a municipality, the municipality shall:

(i) require that the lawn or turf in the landscaped area of the single-family detached dwelling not exceed:

(A) 600 square feet for a lot size less than 4,000 square feet; or

(B) for a lot size equal to or greater than 4,000 square feet, the lesser of 15% of the lot's square footage or 2,500 square feet; and

(ii) prohibit lawn or turf:

(A) in a landscaped area that is less than eight feet in any dimension;

(B) in a park strip; or

(C) on a slope that is greater than 25%.

(b) A municipality may impose a stricter lawn or turf restriction than a restriction imposed under Subsection (6)(a).

# ELECTIONS - MAYORAL RECALL

## HB 291 - REP ABBOTT [O]

Allows voters to file a petition and gather signatures to put the questions of **recalling the mayor** on the ballot.

Petition application would include a description of the mayor's alleged conduct that constitutes a high crime, a misdemeanor, or malfeasance in office

Would need to collect signatures of registered voters who reside in the municipality **equal to 50%** of the number of registered voters who voted in the race for mayor at which the mayor was last elected.

# ELECTIONS CONT. [P]

## **HB 213**

Voters must request by mail ballots in 2026 at the polls for future elections

## **HB 300**

Ballots will be mailed to voters, but ballots must be returned in person with voter ID

- Voters using a drop box must also show ID
- Drop box would only be available during certain hours

# ZONING - SHORT TERM RENTALS

## HB 256 - REP WALTER [S]

- **Clarifies “Knotwell Language” to reduce legal ambiguity**
  - *does NOT change underlying principle*
- **Allows municipalities that allow STRs in at least part of the municipality to:**
  - Require listing sites add a business license field for registration
  - Require listing sites to remove listings for illegally operating properties (with notice to listing site)
- **Allows site listing to be used for tax compliance**

# HB 237 - REP SNIDER

## ROLLBACK TAX AMENDMENTS

- Authorizes county to use 100% of rollback tax or fee-in-lieu revenue collected in county when land no longer used for agriculture for open land and agricultural use.
- Directs unused funds from county to be transferred to LeRay McAllister Fund after 5 years.