



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

# HOUSING

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Housing discussions have been ongoing over the interim through the Commission of Housing Affordability and the Economic Opportunity Commission.

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Topics being discussed are:

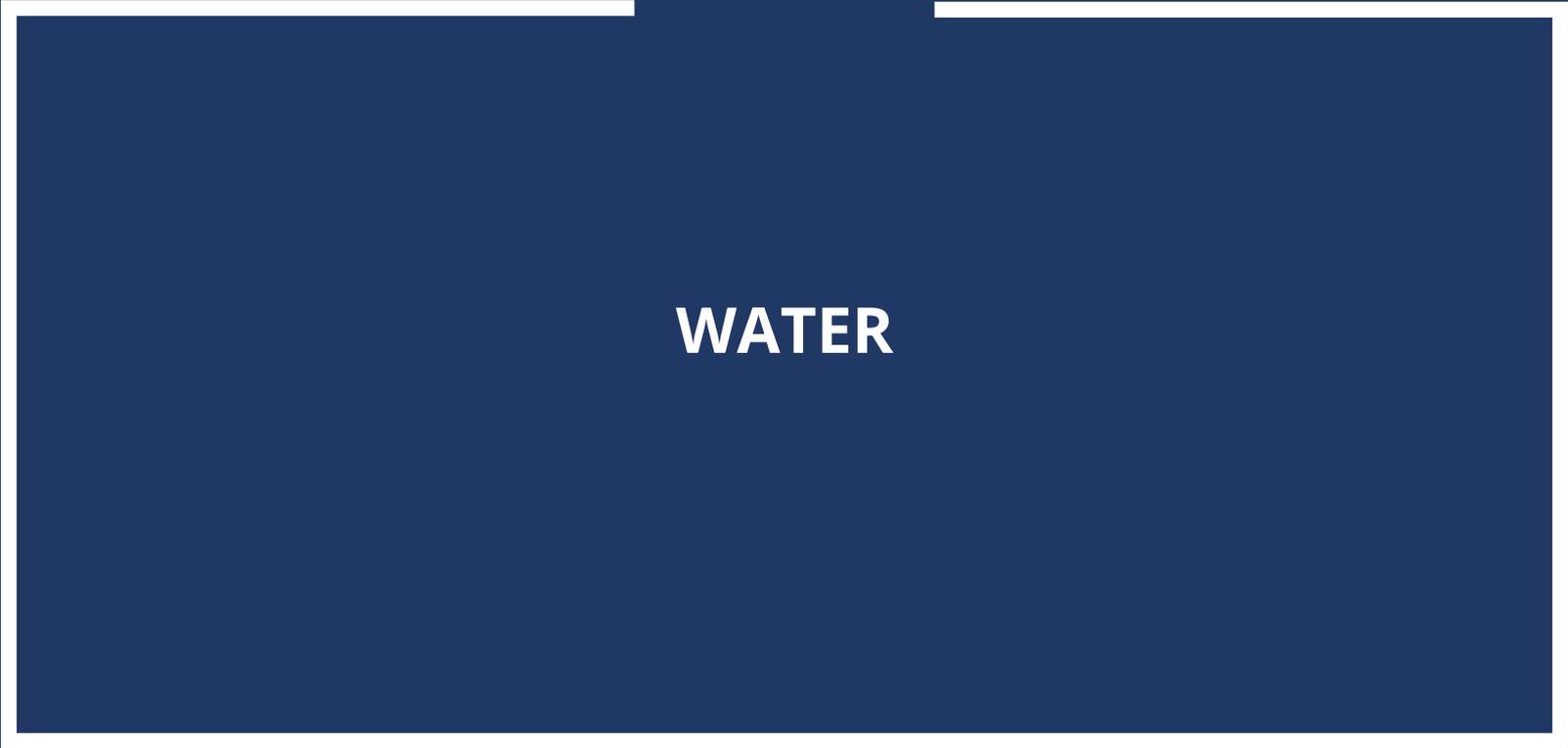
- IADU's
  - standard parking requirements
  - standard entrance requirements
- \*Roles of General Plans and Zoning- make binding by ordinance
- \*By Right Development of Affordable Housing
- \*No Downzoning
- \*Eliminating Minimum Lot Sizes
- Require Compliance with MIHP
- \*B & C Road Funds as a Carrot

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- \*Development Standards
  - predictability in road width standards
- No referendums with a 2/3 council vote in moderate income housing projects
- \*Cities provide attorney fees if developer must appeal approval process
- Roving city manager concept to bolster smaller city staff- fund consultant to help smaller fast growth cities to handle permit applications
- Short term rentals- allowing for code enforcement
- Infrastructure districts to fund infrastructure to manage growth

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- \*Deemed project approval in certain timeframes
  - Standardizing administrative process by removing public comment requirements at every level to shorten timeframes for land use approval.
  - Accountability measures
    - 5<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> only goes to cities that are compliant with MIHP
    - State Infrastructure Bank- cities can only be eligible for loans if compliant with MIHP and projects include moderate income housing, encourage home ownership, make loans for steel and parking structures to allow more density
  - More & Better Data to Track Progress
  - Link Economic Development Incentives
- \* League Opposes



**WATER**

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The Great Salt Lake has been the focus of concern. There will be many bills in relation to water. Some not all will solve the problem, but several legislators are trying to find a fix.

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- Water conservation
  - more rebates for flip the strip
- Removing property tax from water to eliminate the subsidy and realize real costs associated with water. This would result in large fee increases from Metro.
- Require alternative (xeriscape) to usable turf for new development

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The State of Utah has concerns over dwindling gas tax revenue and infrastructure spending due to separate income and sales tax buckets. The income tax bucket continues to trend up but is earmarked for education. The sales tax bucket does not have the same surplus and has many more needs such as infrastructure. The state will need to find solutions to fix this.

# INFRASTRUCTURE

- 5th of 5th goes to cities and includes active transportation
- Active transportation included in TTIFF funds
- Moving city roads to state roads-trigger mechanisms which would preclude the move to state oversight
- Gondola funding- could happen this session

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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- HTRZ clarifications
- RDA/CRA meet state requirements for EDTIF- could bypass each district by using HTRZ model of board decisions.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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- Justice Court reforms- anticipate a study bill but no changes this year
- Public Safety retirement and recruitment-League is conducting a study but no draft legislation currently. Fiscal impacts will be biggest issue to changing retirement Tier 2.
- School resource officers- state wants to require a school resource officer in all middle and high schools. Would have fiscal impact.

# HOMELESSNESS

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The COM committee worked through the interim to locate a winter overflow shelter. Many issues arose in this process so there will be fixes to HB 440.

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- Homeless mitigation fund increased
- HB 440 fixes on buffers to shelters, process of identifying location

# MISCELLANEOUS

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- Removing public notice requirements to meet new technology

THANKS!

Any questions?