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# UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## 2023 INTERIM

Earlier this month, the Legislative Management Committee (LMC) approved the interim schedule, committees, and [study items](#). Lawmakers will spend the next nine months preparing for the 2024 legislative session by taking an in-depth look several policy topics, finding solutions to critical issues facing our state, and exploring Utah's greatest areas of opportunity.

The 2023 interim schedule is as follows:

- May 16-17 at the Utah State Capitol
- June 13-14 at the Utah State Capitol
- August 8-9 at the Utah State Capitol
- September 18 in St. George
- October 10-11 at the Utah State Capitol
- November 14-15 at the Utah State Capitol
- December 5 at the Utah State Capitol

You can always participate in interim meetings by attending in person or visiting [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).

## FLOODING

As temperatures begin rising, Utah's snowpack begins melting and flood risk becomes greater. Several areas around the state have already experienced the impacts of spring runoff. However, it's never too late to prepare. [Be Ready Utah](#) has provided several helpful tips regarding how to prepare for and what to do during a flood!

## BEST ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

For the 16th year in a row, Utah has been recognized as the state with the best economic outlook by [Rich States, Poor States](#). Utah has a long history of fiscal responsibility and prudence. We are proud that Utah prioritizes a business-friendly policies, encourages innovation, and supports hard-working Utahns.

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# A CLOSER LOOK

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

You may have seen the news, but we couldn't resist the opportunity to share it once again! Earlier this month, a group of stakeholder launched Big League Utah – a coalition to bring Major League Baseball to the Beehive State!

### WHY UTAH?

While we could think of 100 reasons as to why Utah is the perfect home for America's favorite pastime, five areas stand out:

1. Growth
2. Economy
3. Location
4. State of Sport
5. Quality of Life

Utah is one of the fastest-growing and youngest

states in the nation with a population that lives for sports and cheering on our teams. As the "Crossroad of the West," Utah is centrally located and is home to Delta's largest Western U.S. hub making travel for teams and fans easy and accessible. We are no stranger to holding sporting events – from the Olympics to NBA All-Star games to college rivalries – we know what it takes to make a successful, profitable, and exciting experience for all!



Community leaders and stakeholders break ground on Utah's new Power District in April 2023



Mock-up of the potential MLB Stadium located on the west side of Salt Lake City

### THE POWER DISTRICT

Thanks to one RRJ's clients, Rocky Mountain Power, the coalition has selected a shovel-ready 100-acre site in the heart of Salt Lake, deemed the "Power District." The Power District is a project aimed at revitalizing the west side of Salt Lake City and is "both the literal gateway to the capital city, and a promise for the energy it will inspire in the gateway of tomorrow."

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Trust us, we're just as anxious as you are to sit in the stands and cheer on Utah's newest professional sports team! The A's recently made moves to

relocate to Las Vegas and the Rays are rumored to also be looking for a new home. The MLB has also expressed an interest in creating two expansion teams. Other cities rumored to be interested in an expansion team are Nashville, Charlotte, Portland, San Antonio, and Mexico City. We hope one day soon we'll be eating Cracker Jacks while rooting for the Beehive State's favorite home team.