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UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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AUGUST INTERIM UPDATE

After the July recess, the legislature has resumed its work. Last month, they held both appropriations meetings and interim sessions to kick off the second half of the year in preparation for the upcoming general session.

The Revenue and Taxation and Transportation committees are reviewing local option transportation taxes. The Wasatch Front Regional Council provided an overview of the tax allocations in each county, including a detailed breakdown of the various funding quarters.

***Thank you again for letting us represent
you on Capitol Hill.***

-- Rob, Chris and Jodi --

AUGUST SPECIAL SESSION

At the conclusion of the August interim meetings, the Legislature convened a Special Session and voted to place a constitutional question on the November ballot.

Constitutional Amendment D will read:

Should the Utah Constitution be changed to strengthen the initiative process by:

- Prohibiting foreign entities from influencing ballot initiatives and referendums.
- Clarifying the voters' and legislative bodies' ability to amend laws.

If approved, state law would also be changed to:

- Give Utahns 50% more time to gather signatures for a statewide referendum.
- Establish requirements for the legislature to follow the intent of a ballot initiative.

A CLOSER LOOK

UTAH 2034 OLYMPICS

Utah has officially been selected to host the 2034 Winter Olympics, marking a return of the Games to Salt Lake City after the successful 2002 Winter Olympics. The announcement has reignited enthusiasm across the state, with officials and residents alike expressing pride in Utah's proven track record of hosting world-class events. The 2034 Olympics are expected to build on the legacy of 2002, leveraging the existing infrastructure and strong community support to create another memorable global event. We are known for our easy access to the mountains, world-renowned ski resorts, and efficient transportation system, are already preparing to welcome athletes and visitors from across the globe once again.

The 2002 Winter Olympics left a significant and lasting legacy in Utah. The Games brought international recognition to the state and led to major investments in infrastructure, including the expansion of transportation networks, such as highways and light rail, and the development of world-class sports facilities like the Utah Olympic Park and the Olympic Oval. These venues continue to serve as training centers for athletes and host to various national and international competitions.

Beyond the physical infrastructure, the 2002 Olympics created a sense of pride and community spirit that still resonates in Utah today. The successful execution of the Games helped cement our reputation as a premier destination for winter sports. As we prepare for the 2034 Games, our legacy will undoubtedly play a crucial role in ensuring that the next Olympics will be just as impactful.



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