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UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2025 Utah Legislative Session began on January 21 and will run through March 7. This 45-day session brings a notable shift in representation, with 19 new lawmakers joining the ranks and women now constituting over 30% of the legislature—a historic high for the state.

Key issues on the agenda include immigration and crime, public safety, energy, transportation, public and higher education, water, and election reform.

As the session unfolds, we encourage you and follow us to engage with developments, reflecting Utah's evolving legislative landscape.

TRANSPORTATION IN UTAH

The Utah Legislature continues to prioritize transportation and infrastructure investment as a cornerstone of the state's growth and success. With a focus on building a multi-modal transportation system, lawmakers are working to enhance roadways, expand public transit options, and support active transportation projects.

These efforts are designed to meet the needs of Utah's growing population, reduce congestion, and improve air quality. We look forward to continuing to work with the legislature and our transportation partners to ensure that communities remain connected, accessible, and equipped for a thriving future.

— A CLOSER LOOK —

ENERGY - TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY

Energy is a top priority for Utah's 2025 legislative session, with the Governor's office, House, and Senate aligning on its significance. Governor Cox has emphasized energy production as a key focus, highlighting initiatives like Operation Gigawatt, which aims to double Utah's power production over the next decade. The Utah Senate's "2025 Blueprint for Utah" underscores the importance of energy independence and maintaining low electricity rates to support families and businesses. Additionally, legislators are exploring the development of nuclear energy and monitoring electricity rates to ensure affordability. This unified approach reflects a comprehensive strategy to address Utah's energy needs through innovation and sustainable practices.

Utah's energy landscape is at a pivotal moment as the state works to balance its growing energy needs with sustainability and innovation. As a leader in traditional energy production, Utah remains committed to supporting its vital coal, natural gas, and oil industries while advancing and exploring renewable and nuclear energy sources. The Legislature recognizes the importance of a diverse energy portfolio that ensures affordability, reliability, and environmental stewardship.

In this session, the Utah Legislature will focus on key initiatives to strengthen the state's energy infrastructure, support rural communities reliant on energy jobs, and encourage investment in emerging technologies. Discussions will include policies to bolster grid resilience, enhance energy efficiency programs, and clean energy development. As energy continues to power Utah's economic growth and quality of life, the Legislature is committed to ensuring a secure, sustainable, and forward-thinking energy future for all Utahns.

"This is not just about meeting demand – it's about leading the way with innovation and responsibility, securing the energy resources that will power the future of our state and nation."

– President J. Stuart Adams.

