



Legislative Process

Disability Advocacy Day Presentation

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The Legislature

Makes and
changes
state law

Sets the
state
budget



The Process Starts in June (if not sooner)



June–Aug.

Departmental
hearings &
recommendat
ions



September

Departments
send budget
requests to
Governor



December

Gov's budget
recommendat
ions



Jan.–Mar.

General
Session (45
days)



Spring-Fall

Special
Sessions: (as
needed)

Interim
Session:
Where the
Conversation
Starts!

- 3rd Wednesday: regular committees
- 3rd Tuesday: Legislative Management & Executive Appropriations



Learn the Lingo

Bill

A proposed law or new program

Appropriation

The budget for existing state programs

Resolution

Expresses a position or opinion of the legislature

Passing a bill.....

** = *Advocacy Opportunity*

• Find a..... ***Sponsor*



• Introduced in... *House or Senate*



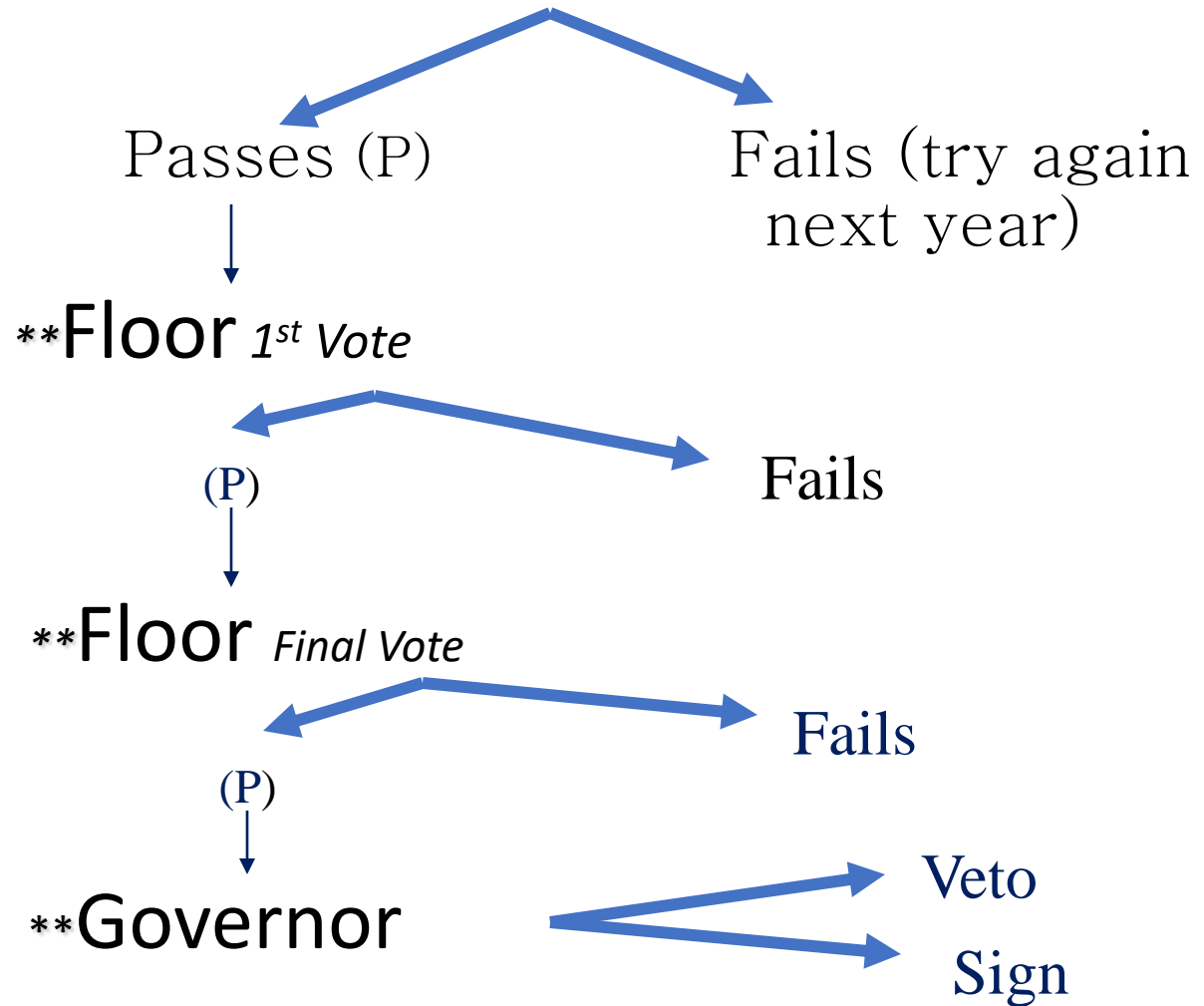
• Sent to.... ***Rules Committee*



• Assigns to... *Standing Committee*

Passing a Bill (Cont....)

Standing Committee



What about the Money?

Two Kinds

- Ongoing
- One-time

Most Comes From

- State dollars
- Medicaid Match

Getting \$\$\$ (Appropriations)

DEPARTMENT

**Advisory Committee



Department



Governor's Budget

LEGISLATURE

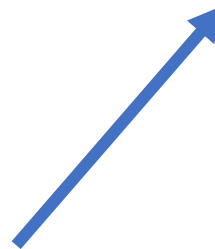
**Appropriations Committee



**Exec Approps
(LEADERSHIP)



State Budget



Legislative Website

The screenshot shows the Utah State Legislature website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Utah State Legislature logo and menu items: Legislators, Bills, Code, Committees, Audits, Budget, and Research and Legal. A search bar is located below the navigation bar, containing the text "Search le.utah.gov Find a legislator, bill, or other item".

Below the search bar, there are three main sections:

- Sessions:** This section includes links for the 2022 General Session (January 18, 2022 to March 4, 2022), Significant Dates, Weekly Schedule, Bill Requests, Numbered Bills, Bill Tracking, COBI, 2022GS Main Page, and Legislator Requests for Appropriations. A red box highlights the "Bill Requests" link, and a red arrow points to it with the text "Look for new bills or check on bills you care about".
- Quick Links:** This section includes links for View Redistricting Maps, Upcoming Agendas, How to participate in a virtual committee meeting, COVID-19 Reports for Senate and House Districts, 2020 Legislative District Demographic Profiles, and Utah State Legislature Workplace Discrimination and Harassment Policy (PDF). A red box highlights the "How to participate in a virtual committee meeting" link, and a red arrow points to it with the text "Tips for joining a meeting or testifying in a committee".
- Trending:** This section lists several bills, including HB0060 Vaccine Passport Amendments (Rep. Brooks), HJR001 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - State Board of Education (Rep. Ballard), HB0011 Student Athletics Participation (Rep. Birkeland), HB0012 Public Safety Retirement Amendments (Rep. Gwynn), HB0063 Covid-19 Vaccine Exemptions (Rep. Hawkins), and HB0095 Landscaping Requirement Prohibition (Rep. Ward).

At the bottom of the page, there are three main navigation buttons: Resources, Calendar, and My Legislators.

Legislative Website (cont.)

The screenshot shows the Utah State Legislature website with a calendar for January 2022. The calendar is a grid with columns for days of the week and rows for dates. The 19th and 21st are highlighted. Red boxes and arrows point to specific events and meeting times, with red text annotations explaining the information provided.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		First day of the annual General Session (1st Tuesday after the 3rd Monday in January)	Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations Subcommittee	Last day for a legislator to designate priority bill request number four (House) or priority bill number five (Senate) (1st Thursday of the annual General Session)	Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations Subcommittee	
		Each legislator shall receive a copy of each base budget bill for the next fiscal year (by calendared floor time on the 1st day of the annual General Session)	8:00 AM Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee	8:00 AM Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee	8:00 AM Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee	
		Senate Chamber, Senate Floor Time 10:00 AM-11:50 AM 10:00 AM	8:00 AM Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee	8:00 AM Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee	8:00 AM Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee	
		House Chamber, House	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	

Information about and documents for meetings

Meeting time, place, agenda, & options for watching or listening

