



2026 Utah Legislative Session Bill Recap

Overview of Bills Impacting Immigrant Families



This table is a summary overview of legislation we tracked that would impact immigrant children and families and the bill outcomes. We continue to review polices that could impact immigrant families across our state. For more information please visit our Legislative Recap [Page](#).

| Bills That Failed | | | | | | |
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| # | Position | Bill Number | Bill Name | Sponsor | Status | Summary |
| 1 | Opposed | HB88S06 | Public Assistance Amendments | (Rep. Lee, Trevor) | Held on House Floor | This bill would have require state public assistance programs like WIC, vaccines, and treatment for communicable diseases to verify immigration status from everyone who receives it and block undocumented immigrants from receiving any aid. This bill was circled on the House floor after its 6th substitute. |
| 2 | Opposed | HBO141S01 | International Money Transmission Amendments | (Rep. Gricius, Stephanie) | No Senate Committee Hearing | This bill would have added a 2% tax on money transmissions sent to a foreign country by licensed money transmitters or their authorized agents beginning January 2027. The tax is paid by the customer, collected at the time of the transaction, and must be separately itemized on the receipt. This bill did not receive a Senate Committee hearing and was not heard on the Senate floor. This is the second year this bill has been introduced. |
| 3 | Neutral | HBO200 | Human Trafficking, Transporting, and Harboring Amendments | (Rep. Lee, Trevor) | Held in House Rules | This bill would have increased penalties for human trafficking and the transporting or harboring of undocumented individuals, including enhancing penalties if the undocumented victim is under 13. This bill was held in the House Rules Committee. |
| 4 | Neutral | HBO244S01 | Employment Amendments | (Rep. Shepherd, Lisa) | Held In House Committee | This bill would have barred employers from retaliating or taking adverse action against an employee for voluntarily cooperating with law enforcement in certain situations, and it established remedies for employers who violate this protection. It includes a different definition of law enforcement than that already in the Utah code and deliberately calls out immigration statuses or ICE collaboration. This bill was held in the House committee after the Sponsor asked it not to be heard. |
| 5 | Opposed | HBO287 | Immigrant Driving Amendments | (Rep. Lee, Trevor) | Held in House Rules | This bill would have repealed the driving privilege card, would have forced local policy agencies to call ICE if someone was involved in an accident, and would have automatically found the undocumented person at fault. This bill was never released from the House Rules Committee. |

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| 6 | Opposed | HB0294 | Employer Verification Amendments | (Rep. Auxier, Tiara) | Did Not Pass Senate Committee | This bill would have required E-Verify for private employers with 100 or more employees, starting July 1, 2027, and would have imposed criminal penalties for using false documents (fraud/identity fraud). During the Senate Committee, the threshold was changed to 125, but it did not pass. This is the second year this bill has been introduced. |
| 7 | Opposed (Sub2) | HB0386S02 | Immigration Amendments | (Rep. Shepherd, Lisa) | Held after House Floor | This bill would have repealed the Guest Worker Program and the Utah Pilot Sponsored Resident Immigrant Program Act. During the House floor debate, the second substitute, HB88 Sub 7, was inserted and passed. It never received a Senate sponsor. |
| 8 | Opposed | HB0571 | Immigrant Amendments | (Rep. Lee, Trevor) | Held in House Rules | This bill would have removed access to bank accounts, international money transfers, workers' compensation, CDL tests to be in English, and increased law enforcement/ICE collaboration, among other provisions. This bill was held in the House Rules Committee. |
| 9 | Support | SB0171 | State Commercial Driver License Amendments | (Sen. Pitcher, Stephanie) | Held Senate Committee | The United States of Transportation changed policy so no nationally endorsed CDL would be available to those who weren't U.S. citizens or permanent residents. This would have created a state equivalent CDL for drivers in Utah. This bill was held in the Senate Committee due to potential funding loss if this bill was enacted. |
| 10 | Support | SB0136 | Enforcement Activities Amendments | (Sen. Blouin, Nate) | Did Not Pass Senate Committee | This bill would have banned ICE agents from wearing masks during immigration enforcement in Utah and ensured that there are "sensitive locations" that ICE should not enter, such as hospitals and courts. This bill did not pass its first Senate committee during the first week of the session. |

Bills That Passed

| # | Position | Bill Number | Bill Name | Sponsor | Status | Summary |
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| 11 | Neutral | HB118 | Driver Training Schools for Commercial Driver License Amendments | (Rep. Pierucci, Candice B.) | Passed both chambers | This bill adds an English proficiency requirement verification for CDL driving schools and applicants. This bill takes effect on May 6th, 2026 |
| 12 | Opposed | HB136 | Unlicensed Driver Amendments | (Rep. MacPherson, Matt) | Passed both chambers | If someone is driving without a driving credential, an officer can take their vehicle unless the driver only has an expired license, if seizure would create a safety risk or interfere with other public safety duties, if the driver is under 18, or if another licensed individual present or reasonably available can operate or retrieve the vehicle with the owner's permission. |

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| 13 | Opposed | HB209 | Voting Amendments | (Rep. Maloy, A. Cory) | Passed both chambers | This bill provides a process for an election officer to independently determine whether a registered voter is not a citizen of the United States. This bill takes effect on May 6th, unless the governor vetoes it. |
| 14 | Neutral | HB454 | Public Assistance Fraud Amendments | (Rep. Wilcox, Ryan D.) | Passed both chambers | This bill adds criminal penalties for public assistance fraud by a person who "knowingly" completes an inaccurate public assistance application for someone who does not qualify. We will be watching the implementation of this bill, which takes effect on May 6th, 2026. |
| 15 | Neutral (formerly opposed) | HB471 | Social Services Amendments | (Rep. Monson, Logan) | Passed both chambers | This bill codifies HR1/OBBB provisions into state statute, including limiting the lawful presence statuses eligible for Medicaid and SNAP. We originally opposed this bill because there were provisions that would have required public employees to report applicants for public programs to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) if their applications were denied. The first substitute removed these provisions and was substituted during the first House committee. This bill takes effect later this year with various start times because of HR1 implementation dates. |
| 16 | Neutral | SB110 | Marriage Amendments | (Sen. Weiler, Todd) | Passed both chambers | The bill ends Utah's common-law marriage, which some immigrants and refugees rely on to get legal documentation of their marital status when they may not have proper documentation from their country of origin. There is a one-year opportunity for individuals to file a petition to validate their marriage. |
| 17 | Support | SB311 | Medical Translation Amendments | (Sen. Balderree, Heidi) | Passed both chambers | This bill requires the SafeUT application to be available in multiple languages, including Spanish. This bill takes effect on May 6th 2026. |