

**LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES
JUNE 2010**

Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Inmate Health Insurance Amendments
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	Rep. Paul Ray
Interested Parties:	Mike Haddon, Deputy Director, DOC
Code Reference:	Amends UCA §§ 31A-22-613, 31A-22-619, 64-13-30
<p>Description: Provides that, if an insured is otherwise eligible for health or dental benefits under a policy, an insurer may not exclude coverage for an insured who: is an inmate housed in a correctional facility; is an offender in the custody of the Department of Corrections; or is an inmate housed in a county jail. Requires a health or dental insurer to coordinate benefits for an insured who is: is an inmate housed in a correctional facility; is an offender in the custody of the Department of Corrections; or is an inmate housed in a county jail. Requires a person who has health or dental insurance coverage, upon entering into the custody of the department or county sheriff, to use that coverage as primary payer for health and dental costs while in custody. Provides exemptions regarding coverage by an inmate's health or dental insurance policy for: incidents of inmate self harm; injuries sustained by the inmate as a result of an act of physical violence committed either upon or by the inmate; or situations where the department or sheriff has reason to believe, based on a medical evaluation of the inmate, that the inmate sought the health or dental care knowing that an underlying medical or dental need did not exist.</p> <p>The Committee passed the bill with a favorable vote.</p>	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Gun Safety and Gun Free Zones
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	Sen. Dennis E. Stowell
Interested Parties:	Blaine May, Cedar City Dr. Shumway, State Superintendent
Code Reference:	UCA § 53A-13-106
<p>Description: The item is from the Master Study List. The issue is that firearm safety training is not currently being taught in the schools as identified in the Utah Code. Sen. Stowell recommends amending the current statute to <i>put more teeth into the statute</i> to help the school children become aware of gun safety.</p> <p>Sen. Stowell asked members of the Committee to email any comments, thoughts, or concerns about how to make the current statute better and how to get it implemented in the schools.</p>	
Health and Human Services Interim Committee	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Scheduling of Controlled Substances
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	Rep. Paul Ray
Interested Parties:	Mr. Mark Steinagel, Director, DOPL Dr. Glen Hanson, Professor, UofU
Code Reference:	H.B. 38, 2010 General Session
<p>Description: Mr. Steinagel provided an update on the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee established by HB 38 in the 2010 General Session. The Advisory Committee will serve as a “consultative and advisory body to the Legislature.” Information was provided on the drugs “spice,” “tramadol,” and “salvia divinorum.”</p> <p>Rep. Beck made a motion for the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee to review, on an individual basis, and report back by November any research or applicable information on tramadol, spice, and saliva divinorum. The Motion was unanimous.</p>	