

**LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES
MAY 2011**

Education	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Recidivism Reduction Plan and Sunset Review
Legislator(s) – Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	Craig Burr, Division Director of Programming, DOC
Code Reference:	
<p>Description: Mr. Burr provided the required report on the DOC recidivism reduction plan. The Department issued a Request for Information in 2009 to gather information to develop an RFP on providing educational courses to offenders both inside and outside the prison setting. The goal is to provide courses that will allow offenders to gain employment that offers a livable wage. Contracts were signed with various direct service partners (ATCs and Snow College). Offenders either pay as they go, or sign promissory notes to fund the program along with the telephone surcharge account.</p> <p>The courses offered: automobile technology, three culinary arts courses, industrial maintenance, machine technology, two office technology courses, residential construction, and building construction. Offenders receive a proof of completion and are allowed to progress at their own pace and competency to get the required hours. There is high demand in several of the courses. The courses are continually being evaluated to ensure they are right for the job market. Offenders need to tie their education with work experience and can apply for prison jobs through the resume and interview process. The jobs are time limited to allow a larger number of offenders to apply. Six agents have been hired as “offender employment specialists.” The agents work with potential employers to help the offender find work after their release.</p> <p>There are currently 364 offenders enrolled in the courses with an overall capacity of 382 slots. The program receives \$700-800,000 in state resources (telephone surcharge) and \$400,000 from the legislature. There are three requirements for offenders to meet in order to get into the program: the offender must have a high school diploma; be within five years of release from prison; and have an acceptable behavior for the program. DOC is recommending the statute be reauthorized but only be required to report to one Interim committee (currently they report to both Education and Criminal Justice Interim Committees).</p> <p><i>No action was taken by the Committee.</i></p>	

Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Retention Elections for Justice Court Judges
Legislator(s) – Sponsor:	Rep. Curtis Oda
Interested Parties:	Joanne Slotnik, Executive Director JPEC
Code Reference:	Amends UCA §§ 63I-2-278, 78A-7-202
<p>Description: For the 2012, 2014, and 2016 retention elections only, authorizes the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission to evaluate justice court judges under two different standards by allowing: justice court judges who are employed part-time on July 1, 2012 to be evaluated by the criteria established before the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission was established; and justice court judges who are employed full-time on July 1, 2012 to be evaluated by the new criteria established when the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission was created. Rep. Oda would like this bill considered in the June Special Session (if there is one).</p> <p><i>[Action: Passed out as a Committee Bill.]</i></p>	

Business and Labor Interim

Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Technical Changes to 2011 General Session SB 314 “Alcoholic Beverage Amendments”
Legislator(s) – Sponsor:	Sen. Valentine
Interested Parties:	Earl Dorius
Code Reference:	S.B. 314 2010 General Session
<p>Description: Senate Bill 314 has some additional items that need to be addressed. Sen. Valentine has requested the Governor add this bill to the Special Session in June to address the technical corrections. The bill is only to address the technical changes as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The bill addressed the conflict of interest between policy makers in DABC and those appearing before the DABC. The bill addressed a policy change defining the conflict of interest that also excluded some areas in permits that may have been overreaching. Redefine the area of <i>direct</i> conflict of interest.2. Dealing with the issue of the ability to have a manufacturing license holder who has a restaurant associated with it to be open on holidays. This is especially important for places like Park City and Moab. The definition needs to be expanded to include certain facilities.3. Uniformity of hours. Some of the stated hours are disjointed in the bill. The hours should be uniform for restaurants to open at 11:30 AM; restaurant’s last call at midnight; and last consumption at 1:00 AM. This allows all restaurants to be governed under the same hours of operation. Social clubs will have one additional hour as they have always had in current code.4. Issue of bond requirements. One of the bond requirements was not changed in the bill. It was left at the old \$2,000 limit and did not change it to \$5,000. <p>Earl Dorius asked the following be considered in the technical amendments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have the permit designation also include “special use permit,” referred to in the code as religious use permit. These permits are issued to churches to purchase sacramental wines.2. Exclude the reference to “certificate” that is included in list of potential conflict of interest section. There is only one kind of certificate of approval and it is issued to manufactures outside the state of Utah that want to sell 3.2 percent beer in Utah. Having certificates of approval in conflicts of interest may not be valid. Enforcement of 3.2 percent beer can be done through wholesalers in the state. He is recommending excluding the reference to certificates in the conflict of interest section. <p>Senator Valentine made a motion to amend the working draft of SB 314 to incorporate the above recommendations. <i>Unanimous.</i></p> <p>Senator Valentine made a motion to recommend this technical clean up bill be considered for the Special Session.</p> <p><i>[Action: Passed out as a Committee Bill.]</i></p>	