



# UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

## OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Utah State Senate  
Utah House of Representatives

December 15, 2021  
Business and Labor Interim Committee  
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair  
Rep. Joel Ferry, Chair  
State Capitol Complex  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

RE: Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee Report

Sen. Bramble and Rep. Ferry,

The Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee is required to submit an annual report to the Legislative Management Committee in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 36-23-106. The committee's activities are outlined below.

### **Professional Engineer Licensing**

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommended the elimination of the professional engineer licensure exemption for public utility work to require a professional engineer's seal on public utility engineering drawings. The NTSB's recommendation was issued as a result of a NTSB accident report concerning a series of structure fires and explosions caused by the overpressurization of a natural gas distribution system in the Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts. The committee supported the NTSB recommendation, and we expect 2022 General Session legislation to address the issue.

### **Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing**

The committee discussed clinical mental health counselor licensing related items, including a report that was provided by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (division) in accordance with the Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act. The division recommended changing Utah Code Ann. § 58-60-405(1)(d) to align with the national average of supervised training hours for Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselors. Currently, Utah requires 4,000 hours of supervised training while the national average is approximately 3,000 hours. Committee staff advised that Health and Human Services Interim Committee recommended draft legislation that would implement the division's recommendation by reducing the number of required supervised training hours to 3,000.

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## Sunrise Review: Community Health Worker Certification

The committee conducted a sunrise review for a Community Health Worker Certification. The application was submitted by Sen. Luz Escamilla on behalf of the Utah Public Health Association (UPHA), Community Health Worker Section. The committee did not pass a motion on the proposed certification.

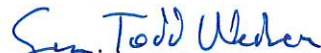
## Licensure Review

The committee discussed draft legislation that was recommended by the Business and Labor Interim Committee which addresses proposed and existing regulated occupations, including the creation of the Office of Occupational and Professional Licensure Review to conduct sunrise reviews for applications of newly regulated occupations and review each regulated occupation at least once every 10 years.

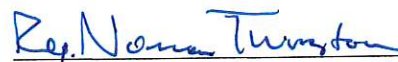
We have appreciated and valued the important work that the Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee has performed. It has served an important function for the legislature.

Sincerely,

ATS for:

  
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Sen. Todd Weiler, Chair  
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Rep. Norman K. Thurston, Chair  
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