

# Legislative Process

## 2026 General Session

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1. The Policy Review Committee will work with staff to elevate high-priority bills to the Utah Behavioral Health Commission (Commission). These bills would:
    - a. Relate directly to the Commission's policy and budget recommendations;
    - b. Relate to the Commission's structure; or
    - c. Substantially impact the Commission's strategic plan.
  2. Staff will alert the Legislative Policy Committee when bills are elevated to the Commission.
  3. If the Policy Review Committee has voted to oppose a high-priority bill, commissioners and staff will reach out directly to bill sponsors to express their concerns before the Commission conducts a vote on the relevant bill.
    - a. Note that the Policy Review Committee will first vote to "request revisions" and contact bill sponsors before the Policy Review Committee votes to oppose any bill.
  4. The Commission will take positions on high-priority bills during their scheduled meeting in February.
    - a. The executive committee will determine whether an additional impromptu meeting needs to be scheduled to conduct an additional vote.
    - b. The Commission will only oppose bills that the Policy Review Committee has already voted to oppose (which requires communication and outreach to legislators in advance of the Committee's vote).
  5. Staff will communicate the Commission's bill positions to legislators and other stakeholders in the policymaking process via email and other methods as appropriate.
  6. Commissioners may testify in support of or against high-priority bills as needed.
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