

1 **Higher Education Student Housing Study**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jason E. Thompson

Senate Sponsor: Brady Brammer

2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill requires the completion of a feasibility study on higher education student housing.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

7 ▶ requires an employee of the governor's office, in consultation with the commissioner of
8 higher education, to:

9 • complete a feasibility study regarding the impact of higher education student housing
10 on surrounding communities; and

11 • report to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

12 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

13 None

14 **Other Special Clauses:**

15 This bill provides a special effective date.

16 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

17 ENACTS:

18 **53H-9-405**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

19 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

20 Section 1. Section **53H-9-405** is enacted to read:

21 **53H-9-405 . Higher education student housing feasibility study.**

22 An employee of the governor's office who is an expert or advisor on housing strategy
23 shall, in consultation with the commissioner of higher education:

24 (1) complete a feasibility study that:

25 (a) examines the impact of higher education student populations on home ownership in
26 communities surrounding institutions of higher education, including the magnitude
27 and costs; and

28 (b) proposes opportunities for state and institutional mitigation of the impacts described
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- 31 in Subsection (1)(a), which may include:
32 (i) a uniform statewide effort to create dedicated student, faculty, and staff housing
33 on state- or institution-owned land; or
34 (ii) state facilitation of negotiated development agreements with third-party
35 developers for student housing;
36 (2) ensure the involvement of presidents of institutions of higher education, the Utah Board
37 of Higher Education, developers, ~~H~~→ **municipalities in which an institution of higher**
37a **education is located,** ←~~H~~ and other interested parties in the process of
38 completing the feasibility study; and
39 (3) report to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee before November 1, 2026,
40 regarding the outcome of the feasibility study described in Subsection (1).

41 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

42 This bill takes effect:

- 43 (1) except as provided in Subsection (2), May 6, 2026; or
44 (2) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:
45 (a) upon approval by the governor;
46 (b) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time limit of
47 Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or
48 (c) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.