

SB 129 Judiciary Amendments (Oppose)

In its current amended form, [SB129](#) will: 1) remove Bar and court appointees from the judicial nominating commissions; 2) consolidate all power to appoint nominating commissions in the Governor; and 3) remove currently required political balance on the judicial nominating commissions. This is in contravention of established [best practices](#). Senator Cullimore has agreed to maintain a dialogue with the Bar on this bill. We request that members [contact](#) the Governor's Office and your [legislators](#) as soon as possible to discuss your concerns with SB129. Please visit the Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee's [webpage](#) to view and hear the dialogue on this bill.

H.B. 216 Business and Chancery Court Amendments (Support)

Bar member and House Representative Brady Brammer worked extensively with members of the Bar, the Judiciary, and the business community to develop [HB 216](#). This legislation establishes a separate court for business litigation similar to Delaware and several other states. Rep. Brammer shared this concept with Bar members at the Fall Forum and at various other CLE activities and his ideas were well received. HB 216 increases access to justice by expanding court resources and is therefore **supported** by the Utah State Bar, the Utah State Courts, various chambers of commerce, and other organizations. The Bar requests that members communicate with your [legislators](#) in support of funding HB216.

HJR2 Joint Resolution Amending Rules of Civil Procedure on Injunctions (No Position)

The Bar appreciates the lawyers who provided input on [HJR2](#). As a result of lawyers' engagement, the Senate adopted a third substitute to HJR2, which ultimately passed both the Senate and the House. The [substitute's language](#) reflected a suggestion from one of our Bar commissioners to narrow the original scope of the bill. The language limited the retroactive application of the legislation to injunctions of laws passed by the Utah Legislature. The Bar appreciates the opportunity provided by the Legislature and Representative Brady Brammer to provide meaningful input into the legislative process. The Bar's official position changed from opposed to a neutral **no position** with the Legislature's adoption of the third substitute.