

Legislative Scan: COVID-19

Week of May 4, 2020

West Additions:

- Utah <u>HCR 301</u>: Acknowledges and expresses gratitude for the efforts of individuals and organizations responding to the pandemic caused by COVID-19
- Utah <u>SB 3006</u> Creates a program and funds existing programs and services related to relieving economic injury to individuals and businesses affected by COVID-19
- Utah <u>SB 3007</u> Provides legal immunity for damages or an injury resulting from exposure of an individual to COVID-19 on the premises owned or operated by the person, or during an activity managed by the person
- Utah <u>HB 3006</u> Temporarily changes the Election Code and related provisions, as they
 relate to the 2020 regular primary election only, to conduct the election in a manner that
 protects the public health and safety in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Utah <u>HB 4001</u> Supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; appropriates federal funds provided for responses to COVID-19

Summary:

The western region saw activity in Utah this week with the passage of several bills in regard to individual protection and appreciation regarding COVID-19, temporary changes to election codes as they relate to the 2020 primary, and legal immunities for exposures to COVID-19 on privately owned premises. Utah also passed a house bill providing funds to the current fiscal year and next year.

Midwest Additions:

- Michigan <u>SR 112</u>: Urges the Governor to use the most current federal guidelines on identifying essential critical infrastructure workers
- Michigan <u>SR 114</u>: Authorizes the Senate Majority Leader to commence legal action on behalf of the Senate challenging the Governor's authority and actions during the coronavirus pandemic
- Michigan <u>HR 250</u>: Authorizes the Speaker of the House to commence legal action on behalf of the House of Representatives challenging the Governor's authority and actions during the Coronavirus pandemic

Summary:

The midwestern region saw activity in Michigan as they passed bills to urge the governor to adopt federal guidelines on identifying essential infrastructure workers, and to give authority to the House and Senate leaders to take legal action challenging the Governor's authority during COVID.



There were no additions in the South or East this week. Several bills have been prefiled or are now in 1_{st} chamber as legislatures begin to reconvene.