Government Optimization

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- The Utah Advisory Commission to Optimize State Government was created by Governor Herbert in 2009. The Commission was tasked with submitting recommendations to the Governor on ways to better optimize state government. Commission results include:
  - Recommendations made on very specific, rather than far-reaching areas of optimization. For example, the Committee recommended an audit to identify fraud and waste in Medicaid.
  - Governor’s Offices restructure to include two Deputy Chief of Staff positions in addition to the Chief of Staff position.

- In 2011, H.B. 280 established the Advisory Council on Optimizing and Streamlining State Government to study and make recommendations on consolidation of state agencies in order to increase efficiency. Council results include:
  - Study of all state agencies with less than $30 million in the general fund to see if some functions could be shared with other agencies.
  - Support of a study conducted by the Department of Community and Culture (DCC) and following the council’s recommendations, the DCC’s housing and community development functions were moved to the Department of Workforce Services.

- The Utah Education Excellence Commission established the goal of at least 66% of Utahns having some post-secondary education by 2020.

- In addition to these councils and the commission, a study was done on business regulation to identify those regulations that may be unnecessary and may impede business growth or economic development.