



UTAH | COMMERCE

Senate Bill 35

Reciprocal Professional Licensing Amendments

UTAH'S CURRENT EFFORTS

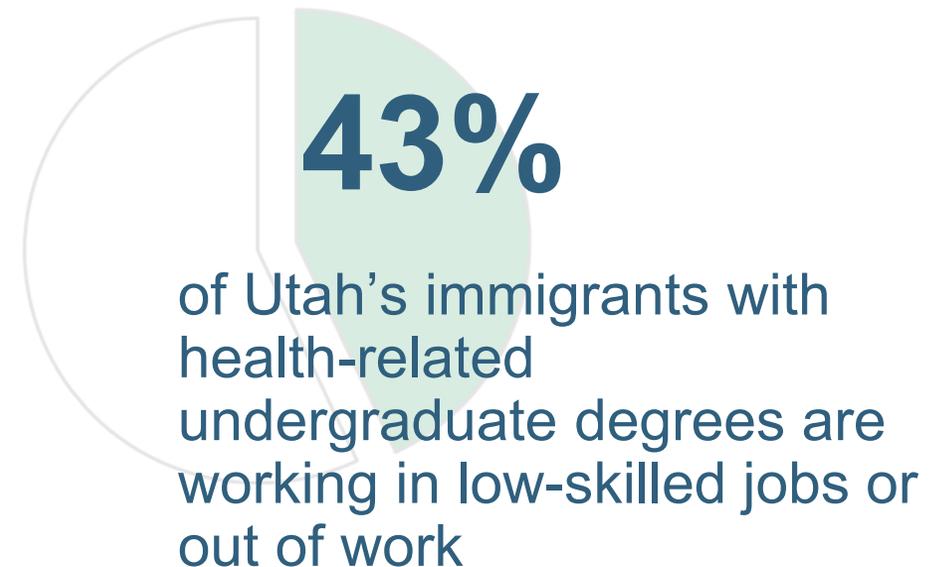
- 2020 SB23 modified licensure pathways to allow DOPL to issue licenses to individuals licensed in a state, district or territory of the United States based on **scope of practice** and experience
- 2022 SB43 introduced additional provisions that allowed DOPL to consider **competency and substantially similar education, exams, and experience** for both US *and* foreign trained professionals
- Office of Professional Licensure Review conducted a comprehensive census of licensure in Utah, identifying that **38%** of Utah's workforce required some form of licensure
- Through the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission, Commerce partnered with GOEO and the Center for Economic Opportunity & Belonging to evaluate expanding the DOPL language to additional state agencies



UNTAPPED POTENTIAL

The Migration Policy Institute has identified correlation between states with high GDP growth and an increase in the growth rate of the state's college-educated immigrant population.

However, MPI also identified Utah as one of two states having a “strikingly wide gap” between the underemployment of highly skilled immigrants and the underemployment of U.S. born graduates, suggesting **ample potential growth**.



Source: Jeanne Batalova, Michael Fix, and Sarah Pierce, "Brain Waste among U.S. Immigrants with Health Degrees," Migration Policy Institute, July 2020.

PROPOSED BILL

Expand language found in 58-1-302 to additional occupations and professions regulated in Utah to allow for:

- endorsement of like credentials;
- evaluation of similar education, exams, experience; and
- acceptance of competency and experience based credentials in lieu of prescriptive requirements



Licensing advisor

One FTE, embedded within OPLR, to coordinate executive branch agencies and act as navigator for foreign licensing.

Anticipated Ongoing:
\$110,000



Expert vendor review

Vetted contracted vendors that specialize in credentialing to assist in evaluations.

Anticipated One Time:
\$10,000



THANK YOU!

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