Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Utah Commitment to Interstate Sandbox Collaboration

The Utah Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy ("OAIP") believes that state regulatory sandboxes become substantially more valuable when states work together.

A sandbox can help an innovative company enter one state's market. A network of interoperable sandboxes can create a practical pathway into many markets at once—while allowing participating states to share regulatory work, develop common expectations, and learn from a much larger pool of real-world deployments.

For that reason, OAIP welcomes collaboration with any state that establishes or is actively developing an artificial intelligence, innovation, or comparable regulatory sandbox.

The Opportunity

Utah sees several important benefits from interstate sandbox cooperation.

Larger and more efficient market access. Companies participating in a sandbox should not have to begin from zero each time they seek to operate in another state. Where state laws and regulatory objectives permit, participating states can build processes that allow prior review, evidence, and compliance work to carry forward.

Our long-term goal is a system approaching "vet once, deploy everywhere": participating states retain their own legal authority, but rely on common evidence, shared evaluations, and reciprocal processes wherever possible.

A larger market for sandbox participants. A company entering the Utah sandbox today gains access primarily to Utah. An interoperable network could give successful participants a pathway to customers across several states, making participation more valuable and making state sandboxes more attractive to serious innovators.

Reciprocal applicant referrals. Utah has already worked with or received applications from approximately 60 prospective sandbox participants. As other states establish compatible programs, OAIP intends to make appropriate participants aware of opportunities in those states and would welcome reciprocal referrals. Rather than competing for applicants, participating states can jointly create a larger market for responsible innovation.

Shared regulatory work. States frequently confront the same technologies, evidence, safety questions, and regulatory uncertainties. Cooperative review can reduce duplication for both regulators and companies. States can share evaluations, subject-matter expertise, evidence standards, lessons from completed pilots, and post-deployment results while preserving each state's ultimate regulatory authority.

Greater regulatory consistency. A network of states using compatible standards can reduce unnecessary variation in the rules companies must navigate. Greater uniformity can also create a clearer pathway for collaboration with federal agencies—including the FDA and CMS—by giving federal officials a coordinated group of states with common processes, evidence expectations, and implementation experience.

Faster adoption of beneficial technologies. Where an innovation has demonstrated safety and effectiveness through supervised deployment, interstate cooperation can help successful approaches spread more quickly rather than requiring substantially duplicative pilots in every jurisdiction.

Utah's Commitment

OAIP therefore makes a standing commitment to work with states building compatible sandbox programs.

OAIP has developed detailed review processes, evidentiary standards, and operational efficiencies through its administration of Utah's AI sandbox. We are happy to share these processes, standards, and practical tools from day one, where helpful, so that other states can build on that work and put new programs into operation more efficiently.

That cooperation may include:

- referring appropriate Utah sandbox applicants and participants to other states' programs and accepting reciprocal referrals;
- developing mechanisms for reciprocal or expedited review of participants already evaluated by another participating state;
- working toward shared application requirements, evidentiary standards, safety expectations, reporting structures, and evaluation methods;
- sharing regulatory analyses, pilot results, and lessons learned;
- coordinating multi-state pilots and supervision where appropriate;
- jointly engaging relevant federal agencies where a coordinated state approach could improve regulatory clarity or technology adoption; and
- working toward an interstate compact to support lasting cooperation among participating sandbox programs.

Our aim is not to require participating states to surrender regulatory authority or adopt identical laws. It is to identify areas where states can rely on one another's work, reduce unnecessary duplication, and create a more coherent interstate market while preserving each state's ability to protect its residents.

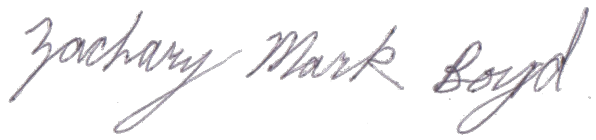
Utah's Office of AI Policy is prepared to begin that work now with any interested state.

Status of This Statement

This statement is a public expression of OAIP's policy and intent. Specific reciprocal or other formal arrangements would remain subject to applicable law and any approvals required of the participating states.

OAIP speaks for itself and does not commit other Utah agencies without their participation.

This statement may be publicly reproduced and cited as OAIP's standing invitation to states interested in interstate sandbox collaboration.



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