

2019 United Way Bill Tracker February 3, 2019

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Education					
Bill # and Sponsor	Title	Description	Status	Fiscal Note	Position
HB45 (Rep. Peterson)	Higher Education Credit Amendments	This bill requires the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) to develop policies that allow people to get credit for prior learning that can be put towards their degree.	Passed House 73-0-2	\$0	Pending
HB47 (Rep. Snow)	Early Childhood Coordination Amendments	Following recommendations offered by the Early Childhood Services Report sponsored by Senator Millner (SB100, 2017) this bill creates the Governor's Early Childhood Council, a high-level, interagency governing body to identify opportunities for, and address barriers to, the coordination of federal and state early childhood policies and procedures that affect the health and well-being of Utah's children between the ages of 0 and 6 years. This governing body will establish and facilitate a comprehensive service delivery system for children using data to improve policy decision-making, alignment, and coordination among federally funded and state-funded services. At a minimum, the comprehensive service delivery system for children shall include services in the areas of: family support and safety; health and development; early learning; and economic stability. The bill also makes Early Childhood Utah an official advisory council.	Passed House 67-7-1	\$118,000 ongoing	Support
HB118 (Rep. Winder)	Incentives for Statewide Assessment Performance	This bill allows allows a school district or charter school to use a student's score on standardized, high school, and college readiness assessments to improve the student's academic grade or demonstrate the student's competency.	House Education Committee	\$0	Pending
HB227 (Rep. Knotwell)	Utah Computer Science Grant Act	This bill requires the Talent Ready Utah Board to develop a computer science education master plan and creates the Computer Science for Utah grant program. The master plan must include: guidance for school districts on how to implement a program K-12; recommendations and best practices from the private sector; recommendations on course offerings, professional development opportunities in computer science for licensed teachers, curriculum software for computer science courses, assessment solutions to measure the learning outcomes of students, and technical support opportunities.	Introduced	\$10 million	Pending
SB37 (Sen. Millner)	Interventions for Reading Difficulties Sunset Amendments	This bill continues this program and funding by moving the sunset to 2024. This is a grant program focused on children who are struggling in reading in Kindergarten through 5th grade.	Passed Senate 24-0-5	\$250,000 Ongoing	Pending

SB112 (Sen Anderegg)	Public Education Information Systems Uniformity Act	his bill requires the State Board of Education to have in place an information management system by a certain date; establishes requirements for the information management system; establishes requirements for local education agencies related to the information management system; requires the State Board of Education to establish data and reporting standards	Sent to Senate Education		Pending
SB115 (Sen Riebe)	High-need School Amendments	This bill creates a grants program to fund a first year teacher in a high needs elementary school. USBE will develop the criteria for high needs, but it will include things such as Title I status, high percent of students who are homeless, high teacher turnovers, and low school performance. Funds will be used to pay for a teacher in a classroom with 20 or fewer students.	Introduced		Pending
Financial Stability					
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HB103 (Rep Spendlove)	Utah Intergenerational Poverty Work and Self-Sufficiency Tax Credit	This bill creates a refundable state Earned Income Tax Credit for families experiencing intergenerational poverty.	Introduced	\$7,233,500	Support
SB34 (Sen Anderegg)	Affordable Housing Modifications	This bill was developed by the Housing Affordability Commission. It modifies provisions related to a municipality's and a county's general plan related to moderate income housing. The bill gives clear direction to municipalities and counties regarding what needs to be in their moderate housing plans. Provides communities with a choice of tools to use to develop affordable housing. Penalizes communities by holding transportation dollars if plans are not met. Provides resources to the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund to help mitigate the cost of building affordable housing.	Passed out of Committee Unanimously Senate 2nd reading	\$20 million one-time \$4 million ongoing	Pending
SB110 (Sen Hemmert)	Family Medical Unpaid Leave Provisions	This bill requires that employers with 30 to 50 employees provide at least three weeks of unpaid leave during a 12 month period for employees. This only applies to employees who work more than half time and have been employed for at least one year. Unpaid leave is defined by FMLA, which is only for serious illness, caring for a seriously ill family member, care for a newborn or newly adopted child, and care for a wounded military service member.	Passed out of Committee Unanimously Senate 2nd reading		Pending
Health					
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HB210 (Rep Ward)	Medicaid Expansion Revisions	This bill amends Proposition 3 by: removing the requirement that reimbursements for Medicaid providers increase annually at a specific rate; allowing for the use of the inpatient hospital assessment and the medicaid expansion hospital assessment for Proposition 3; permitting funds from the Medicaid Expansion Fund (savings to the program due to expansion) to be used for Proposition 3; and transfers the sales tax dollars collected from Proposition 3 into the Medicaid Expansion Fund.	Introduced		Support

SB83 (Sen Millner)	Partnerships for Healthy Communities	This bill creates a grants program focused on improving health outcomes for children zero to six years old. The bill requires partnerships to be cross sector, address social determinants of health, and used data to align and improve efforts focused on early childhood benchmarks. Funding is for the backbone function, not programming.	Passed unanimously out of Committee Senate 2nd reading	\$2 million ongoing	Pending
SB96 (Sen Christensen)	Medicaid Expansion Adjustments	This bill repeals Medicaid expansion and delays implementation of the sales tax increase in Proposition 3 until the state gets approval to implement a waiver. Requires the Department of Health to continue to seek a waiver from the federal government passed last year. Also requires the Department to seek a waiver to: implement a per capita cap by eligibility groups that annually adjusts according to inflation, accounts for differences in cost amongst populations, allows flexibility to charge recipients more for services; limits presumptive eligibility; imposes lock-out periods if program requirements are not followed; allows for 12-month continuous eligibility. Also requires the Department to seek a waiver to allow for Medicaid funds to be used for housing supports. Allows the Department to close enrollment if there are insufficient funds.	Senate 3rd Reading Calendar		Oppose
SB97 (Sen Anderegg)	Medicaid Program Revisions	This bill repeals Proposition 3 (Medicaid expansion and the sales tax increase), the waiver requesting to expand Medicaid up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level passed last year, and the hospital assessment that was passed to pay for the waiver.	Not heard in Committee	Not Public	Oppose
SB106 (Sen Fillmore)	Mental Health Services in Schools	This bill requires the Department of Health to develop and submit a state plan amendment allowing Medicaid to reimburse for mental health services provided in a school by an employee or a contractor of a school district. The bill also prohibits health insurers from denying payment for mental health services provided in a school by an employee or a contractor of a school district.	Passed unanimously out of Committee Senate 2nd reading		Pending
Immigration					
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HR3 (Rep Dailey- Provost)	House Resolution Supporting Humane Response to Refugee Crisis	This resolution urges a humane response to the immigration crisis at the US Mexican border. It recognizes the plight of millions of people who fled their country seeking relief from civil conflict or other hardships and opposes separating children from their families at the border.	Introduced	\$0	Pending
HCR6 (Rep Romero)	Concurrent Resolution Designating May 5 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBT Awareness Day	This concurrent resolution designates May 5 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBT Awareness Day. It highlights data and impacts related to missing and murdered indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBT.	Introduced	\$0	Pending
SR1 (Sen Davis)	Senate Resolution Regarding the Separation of Families at the Border	This resolution urges Congress and policymakers within the federal government to halt the separation of migrant parents from their children, reunify separated children with their parents, and desist from any further separation based upon a family's pursuit of asylum or any other legal immigrant status. It also affirms Utah's belief that families belong together.	Held in Committee	\$0	Pending