## **VOTE YES ON HB260**

Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program, sponsored by Rep. Owens



Graduating high school is foundational for economic and social success, but in today's economy, **most living-wage jobs require education and training beyond high school**. Yet there are many students who do not see postsecondary education as an option.

Modeled after Weber State's Dream Weber scholarship and the Salt Lake Community College Promise Program, HB260 Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program **allows qualifying college students to pay no tuition or fees for two years**. Scholarships can be utilized in Utah Systems of Higher Education (USHE) and Utah System of Technical Colleges (UTECH) institutions.

## HB260 WILL:

- Build a statewide pipeline to college access and completion for students who otherwise would not attend, including:
  - First generation college attendees
  - Returning adults
- Leverage federal and other aid
- Create an employer partnership
- Help break the cycle of poverty

HB260 WILL HELP ENSURE WE HAVE THE EDUCATED POPULATION WE NEED TO CONTINUE OUR STATE'S PROSPERITY.

 Letter from 8 state college and university presidents and Utah's Commissioner of Higher Education

The program will be funded with money saved by phasing out other state scholarships.