

2019 United Way Bill Tracker March 18, 2019

<i>Education</i>					
<i>Bill # and Sponsor</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Fiscal Note</i>	<i>Position</i>
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	\$0	Support
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	\$0	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.	Passed	\$0	Support
HB120 (Rep Ward)	Student and School Safety Assessment	This bill has been significantly amended. It enacts a number of provisions related to school safety. It directs the Department of Public Safety to employ a public safety liaison to be housed within the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). Requires USBE to develop and maintain a central repository database for resources and tools for school safety and allows LEA's to share certain student data. Requires the Board to develop model policies and procedures for studen safety and support. Directs the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to employ a school -based mental health specialist.	Passed	\$780,000 ongoing	Monitor
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.	Passed	\$3,150,000 one-time	Support

HB260 (Rep Owens)	Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program	This bill creates the Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program for students that have a high school diploma or GED, does not have an associate or higher postsecondary degree, demonstrates financial need, is a Utah resident, and accepts all other grants and scholarships offered. The scholarship must be used for tuition and fees, is good for two years, and will help cover the rest of the cost of those two years beyond other grants and scholarships. The bill creates a process for employers to be deemed promise partners to match or make up the difference between what the employer invests and the total cost of attending an institution.	Passed	\$2 million ongoing	Support
HB373 (Rep Eliason)	Student Support Amendments	This bill aims to provide targeted school-based mental health support, including trauma-informed care, through employing or entering into contracts for services provided by qualifying personnel. Funds will be targeted at LEAs with a high percentage of students who have experienced a risk factor for childhood trauma, high intergenerational poverty rates, and low rates of counselors in elementary schools. The funds must be matched by the district and must be used to improving student safety, student engagement, school culture, and academic achievement.	Passed	\$26 million ongoing \$10 million one-time	Support
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	\$250,000 Ongoing	Support
SB112 (Sen Anderegg)	Public Education Information Systems Uniformity Act	This 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	Passed	\$17,200,000 one-time	Support
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. Matching funds are required.	Passed	\$500,000 ongoing	Support
SB149 (Sen Millner)	Teacher and Student Success Act	This bill creates the Teacher and Student Success Program to distribute the money in the account that was created last year in anticipation of Question 1 passing. Part of the deal struck last year was that a specific pot of money was put into this fund and if Question 1 passed the gas tax would go into it as well. The bill is similar to the language in Question 1, without the additional funding. It requires districts and schools to develop a student success plan to improve school performance or student academic achievement.	Passed	\$0	Monitor
SB166 (Sen Millner)	School Readiness Amendments	This bill aligns current preschool programs, repeals conflicting statute, establishes one evaluation tool for place based preschool programs, continues quality and expansion grants, expands UPSTART.	Passed	\$12 million ongoing	Support

Funding Request	Statewide College Access Advisor Program	This funding request will be to put a college access advisor in every high school in the state. The advisors will focus on college readiness and will help with application completion. College advisors will be recent college graduates and an employee of the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE). Assessing the data, college advisors will target specific cohorts of students and will work closely with the institutions. This will not be a recruiting effort.	Not Funded	\$6 million ongoing	Support
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.	Died	\$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 without funding	\$0	Support
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.	Died	\$0	Support
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.	Died		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.	Died	\$2 million ongoing	Support

SB96 (Sen Christensen)	Medicaid Expansion Adjustments	This bill repeals full Medicaid expansion. Requires the Department of Health to seek a waiver from the federal government to expand Medicaid up to 100%FPL at a 70/30 match rate with caps on enrollment. 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. If waivers are not received Medicaid will be fully expanded in July 2020.	Signed by the Governor		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.	Died		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	\$8,200 ongoing	Support
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.	Passed House Enrolled	\$0	Support
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.	Passed House and Senate, Sent to Governor	\$0	Support
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.	Died	\$0	Support

*Bills with fiscal notes over \$10,000 must wait until they are funded for final approval.