

# 2021 United Way Bill Tracker February 1, 2021

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serving Davis, Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties

## Education

Bill # and Sponsor	Title	Description	Status	Fiscal Note	Position
Funding Request	Optional Extended-Day Kindergarten Funding	We support an \$8.6M increase in the Optional Extended-Day Kindergarten (OEK) program.	On the funding request list	\$8.6M ongoing Education Fund	Support
Funding Request	Early Learning Training and Assessment Funding	Last year we supported a bill that required school districts to develop early literacy and mathematics plans, establishes grants for targeted, evidence-based professional learning and ongoing, job-embedded coaching, requires collaboration between higher education, school districts, schools and teachers, creates a teacher training and licensing in reading and mathematics test, aligns and strengthens instruction and learning from preschool through 3rd grade, provides the resources necessary to improve quality instruction and educational outcomes.	On the funding request list	\$5M ongoing Ed Funds	Support
<a href="#">HB125 (Rep Thurston)</a>	Intergenerational Poverty Solution	This bill creates the Education Savings Incentive Program, which provides a process for people experiencing intergenerational poverty to receive a state match of funds deposited into 529 savings accounts. Eligible individuals must be identified by the Department of Workforce services at experiencing intergenerational poverty, be eligible for and claim the federal earned income tax credit the year prior to applying for the program, and own one or more eligible 529 savings accounts. As funds allows a match of \$1 to \$1 will be deposited into the account, with a maximum of \$300 per family.	House Rules	\$910,300 Ongoing and \$6,900 one-time	Position Pending
<a href="#">SB107 (Sen Weiler)</a>	In-person Instruction Prioritization	This bill requires the State Board of Education to reallocate certain funds provided to a school district that does not provide in person options for students in kindergarten through 12 grade by February 8, 2021. For every student in a district with no in person option that transfers to a school within person schooling, half of the weighted pupil unit (WPU) funding must be reallocated. If the student moves to a private school, then a portion of the tuition must be paid to the private school by the school district. The bill further rewards school districts with in person education that also have declining enrollment by allowing them to use the prior year's base enrollment for funding projections, and specifically restricts a school district who does not have in person education by February 8, 2021 and declining enrollment from using this type of projection.	Passed 2nd Reading in the Senate, Circled on the 3rd Reading Calendar	\$2.7M in one time savings of hold harmless costs	Position Pending
<a href="#">SB136 (Sen Owens)</a>	Higher Education Scholarships Amendments	This bill forecloses new applications for a New Century scholarship after the current academic year, expands eligibility and extends the availability of technical education scholarships, replaces the Regents' Scholarship Program with the Opportunity Scholarship Program for degree-granting institutions.	Senate Rules	No Impact	Position Pending

<a href="#">SB142 (Sen Fillmore)</a>	Public Education Funding Amendments	This bill creates a weighted per pupil (WPU) add on for at risk students and phases out the current Enhancement for At-Risk Students program. The Public Education Appropriations Committee is required to build upon the public education funding study that the Utah State Board of Education is conducting by evaluating the funding structure for public education, including by developing recommendation for future legislation to: evaluate and recommend the rate at which the WPU add on for at risk students should grow, and address long term equalization of funds; consider additional issues raised under the evaluation and recommendations.	Senate Rules	Not Public	Position Pending
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**Financial Stability**

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<a href="#">HB68 (Rep Judkins)</a>	Rental Expenses Disclosure Requirements	This bill requires that prior to a landlord accepting a rental application or application fee, the landlord disclose to the potential tenant an itemized list of the amounts the renter will or may be obligated to pay; if there is an available unit, and the criteria the owner will review as a condition of accepting the prospective renter as a renter, such as criminal history, credit, income, employment, or rental history. A rental agreement must include all amounts the renter is or may be obligated to pay, and prohibits the landlord from charging a renter more unless they are month to month and the owner provides a 15-day notice of the charge.	Sent to House Biz and Labor	No Impact	Position Pending

**Health**

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<a href="#">HB262 (Rep Welton)</a>	Children's Health Insurance Amendments	This bill creates the Children's Health Care Coverage Program in the Department of Health (DOH). The DOH must develop an outreach campaign and work in collaboration other state departments, schools, nonprofits, businesses, and other community groups to promote and do outreach to eligible children for the CHIP and Medicaid programs. The bill also requires that research is conducted regarding awareness of the programs, analyze trends in disenrollment and identify reasons that families may not be renewing enrollment, including any barriers, administer surveys to recently enrolled children to identify how the learned about the program, barriers they experience during the application process, and must identify ways to redesign the eligibility website to increase accessibility and enhance the user experience.	House Rules	\$172,500	Support
<a href="#">SB141 (Sen Escamilla)</a>	Task Force on Food Security	This bill creates a Food Security Task Force that is charged with developing an evidenced-based plan for establishing food security in the state. The Plan must include recommendations on: increasing economic security, increasing public awareness and understanding hunger is vital to the health and well-being of the state's residents, economy, and communities, increasing access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food with in the community, increasing the number of individuals who can access nutritious food assistance through community-based organizations, maximizing enrollment in SNAP, improving children's health by optimizing participation in federal child nutrition programs, and removing barriers for senior citizens to access food security.	House Rules	Not Public	Position Pending

<b>Racial Equity</b>					
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<a href="#">HB41 (Rep Romero)</a>	Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Task Force	This bill was recommended by the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee, The Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Task Force and the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee. This bill re-establishes the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Task Force and outlines the work of the task force.	Passed the House, Introduced in Senate	\$8,100 ongoing \$1,100 one-time	Position Pending
<a href="#">SB80 (Sen Kitchen)</a>	Utah Antidiscrimination Act Amendments	This bill amends the Utah Antidiscrimination Act, adding immutable traits historically associated with race and protective hairstyles.	Senate Rules	No Impact	Position Pending
<a href="#">SCR1 (Sen Vickers)</a>	Concurrent Resolution on Holocaust Education	This resolution highlights the importance of Holocaust and genocide education and encourages the State Board of Education and local education agencies to emphasize the importance of this course of study.	Senate 2nd Reading Calendar	No Impact	Position Pending

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