

# 2022 United Way Bill Tracker: March 7

<i>Education</i>					
<i>Bill # and Sponsor</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Fiscal Note</i>	<i>Position</i>
<a href="#">HB193 (Rep Waldrip)</a>	Full-Day Kindergarten	The bill was amended to require the Utah State Board of Education to give grants to LEA's for full-day kindergarten based on a few requirements. Requires the Public Education Appropriations Committee to discuss moving full-day K into the weighted-per-pupil unit after 80% of the funds needed to get there are in the budget. *While we support this bill it is not the bill we would like to see passed this session.	<b>PASSED with Significant Changes, Only Funded at \$12.2 M</b>	Decreased to \$12.2M, not our original request	Support
<a href="#">HB79 (Rep Ballard)</a>	State School Board Governance Amendments	This bill would slowly phase out current Utah School Board members and phase in governor appointed members as those who were elected end their terms; reduces the size of the school board to 9 members; makes the terms 6 years and only allows a member to serve for two terms; prohibits a state school board member from also serving on a local school board or as an employee of the state board during their term; requires the governor to fill vacancies; allows the governor, with consent of the senate, to remove a member with cause. The bill would take effect on January 1, 2023 if the amendment to the Utah Constitution proposed by HJR1 passes and is approved by the voters.	DIED	Save \$84,000 due to decreased board member compensation	Monitor
<a href="#">HB230 (Rep Johnson)</a>	Refugee and Immigrant Student Policies Amendments	This bill amends age documentation and immunization requirements to remove barriers for newcomer students, including refugees, to enroll in public school. This bill also creates an international transcript repository to facilitate information sharing between districts about the placement of newcomer students. *This bill will reduce barriers for immigrant and refugee children who come to Utah.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Fiscal Impact	Support
<a href="#">HB234 (Rep Teuscher)</a>	Public Educator Curriculum Transparency Requirements	This bill requires local school boards and charter school governing boards to formally adopt curricula used within schools; requires class syllabi be approved before the school year and made available and updated online including a description of associated learning materials; requires schools to make learning materials available for public inspection. *This sets up a duplicative, time intensive process that could create differences across districts on what is taught and could squash innovation and creativity. We support parental involvement and believe it is already prominent in current statute.	DIED	No Fiscal Impact	Oppose
<a href="#">HB302 (Rep Johnson)</a>	Educational Language Services Amendments	This bill creates the Educational Interpretation and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council that will advise the Purchasing Director on needs of services for students learning English. Requires the state board of education to provide information to the council and expands provisions of family engagement.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$5,600 ongoing	Support

<a href="#">HB315 (Rep Winder)</a>	Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program Amendments	This bill makes changes to the Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program. Clarifies that special education teachers are eligible for the program, makes kindergarten teachers eligible, adds a second method for teachers in grades 1 through 3 to be eligible.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$113,000 ongoing	Support
<a href="#">HB331 (Rep Pierucci)</a>	Hope Scholarship Program	This bill creates the Hope Scholarship Program. Authorizes a scholarship granting organization to establish scholarship accounts on behalf of eligible students to pay for private education goods and services starting in the 2023-24 school year; requires the State Board to contract with a scholarship granting organization to administer the program; requires private schools and service providers to meet certain standards to be eligible to receive scholarship funds; establishes rules for the program; sets how much students are eligible to receive based on family income. *This establishes a state voucher system.	<b>DIED</b>	\$36M ongoing starting in 2024, \$2M in 2023 to set up and market the program	Oppose
<a href="#">HB337 (Rep Lisonbee)</a>	Office of the Education Ombudsman	This bill creates the Office of the Education Ombudsman in the governor's office; creates a committee that that appoints the head of the Ombudsman who reports to the committee and to the Education Interim Committee; outlines duties of the office including developing parental involvement materials everything from core standards, to school discipline regulations and resources to support parents in assisting with their student's education, facilitating the resolution of complaints. *This creates one more layer of bureaucracy in education, giving roles of the state board of education to another branch of government.	<b>DIED</b>	\$457,600	Oppose
<a href="#">HB366 (Rep Stratton)</a>	Education Sovereignty and Curriculum Transparency	This bill requires local governing boards to implement methods to provide curriculum transparency, emphasizes state sovereignty and individual liberty in public education. Asserts the state's right to reject federal authority to require, direct, or mandate use of curriculum, textbooks, teacher training, education materials, course of study, and programs. *This could cause conflict with federal regulations and protections, and result in the loss of federal education funds.	<b>DIED</b>	\$0 to the state, could cost LEA's \$1K ongoing	Oppose
<a href="#">HB374 (Rep Ivory)</a>	Sensitive Materials in Schools	This bill has been amended. The new bill prohibits certain sensitive instructional materials in public schools, which is defined as materials that is pornographic or indecent material. Requires the State Board of Education to, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, provide guidance and training to public schools on identifying sensitive materials. Requires LEA's to include parents who are reflective of a school's community when determining whether an instructional material is sensitive.	<b>PASSED with Significant Changes, Making it a little better</b>	\$0	Oppose
<a href="#">HB386 (Rep Welton)</a>	Education Innovation Program	This bill establishes a process for a teacher or teachers to submit an application and receiving approval for an innovation program. Requires parental consent for student participation and program accountability.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$6,300 ongoing, \$2.5M one-time	Support

<a href="#">HB396 (Rep J Moss)</a>	Paid Professional Hours for Educators	This bill requires the State Board of Education to provide funding to local education agencies for additional paid professional hours for educators. Funds will annually come from one-time appropriations in the Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account. The amount will be the lesser of 10% of the total amount of the one-time appropriations or the cost of providing 32 professional development hours.	<b>PASSED</b>	See Description	Support
<a href="#">HB428 (Rep Hollins)</a>	School Safety Amendments	This bill requires administrators receive training on state and federal laws protecting students; requires local education agencies to review information on harassment and discrimination within the LEA, revise plans accordingly; requires the collection of data on victims of bullying, hazing or cyber-bullying.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$10K	Support
<a href="#">HB470 (Rep Teuscher)</a>	Higher Education Residency Amendments	This bill enacts language classifying an international student who has applied for asylum or refugee status under United States immigration law as a resident student for higher education attendance and tuition purposes.	<b>DIED</b>	Not Public	Support
<a href="#">HJR1 (Rep Ballard)</a>	Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - State Board of Education	This resolution proposes to amend the Utah constitution to: eliminate the requirement that State Board of Education members be elected and requires that State Board of Education members be appointed.	<b>DIED</b>	\$8,600 one-time	Monitor
<a href="#">SB114 (Sen Fillmore)</a>	Public School Curriculum Requirements	This bill requires a process for local school boards and charter school governing boards to approve instructional materials for classroom use, including public/parental input; requires local education agencies to adopt policies to provide guidance to educators on the use of materials that have not been approved. *We support parental involvement and believe this is already prominent in current statute.	<b>DIED</b>	No Fiscal Impact	Monitor
<a href="#">SB127 (Sen Millner)</a>	Early Literacy Outcomes Improvement	This bill requires the state board to establish strategies and administer programs to improve early literacy outcomes in K-3 grade including: providing statewide and regional literacy coaching and professional learning; establishing a panel of experts in the science of reading and instruction; partnering with business and nonprofits to provide personal home libraries; leveraging community engagement. Requires the use of a diagnostic assessment for targeted interventions. Requires teacher preparation programs to prepare teachers in the science of reading. Requires the creation of a website that will provide teachers with materials to give to parents and caregivers to help students at home.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$9.67M ongoing and \$9.48M one-time	Support
<a href="#">SB145 (Sen Stevenson)</a>	Reading Competency Benchmark Assessment	This bill requires the statewide reading competency benchmark assessment be given to children grades 1 through 8. (Currently it is grades 1through 6.)	<b>DIED</b>	\$795K ongoing, \$50K onetime	Support
<a href="#">SB157 (Sen Johnson)</a>	Parental Rights in Public Education	This bill recognizes and exercises state sovereignty in public education, recognizes, exercises, and protects the rights and responsibilities of parents in the education of their children, grants parents the right to opt out or withdraw their children from objectionable matters and materials, allows parents to sue LEA's, and protects elected officials from reprimand if they make offensive comments. *A substitute bill has been filed.	<b>DIED</b>	No Fiscal Impact	Oppose

<a href="#">SB191 (Sen Fillmore)</a>	Regulatory Sandbox in Education	This bill permits a district school or charter school to create a plan to implement an innovative education program plan for approval that is based on research based innovations, discusses intended outcomes, and has a clear evaluation tool to measure impact. The plan may include a waiver of state board rule. A school board must approve or deny the plan and within 30 of approval or denial publicly post the reasons for approval or denial. Restricted funds can be used to support an innovation.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$7,700 ongoing, \$7,400 one-time	Support
<a href="#">SB244 (Sen Cullimore)</a>	Ethnic Studies Amendments	This bill requires the state board of education to establish ethnic studies core standards; requires local education agencies (LEAs) to adopt instructional materials and curriculum that aligns with ethnic studies core standards, integrates ethnic studies into regular school work for K-12 grade; creates a commission to study the contributions of ethnic minorities in Utah and recommend ethnic studies core standards to the state board.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$91,700 Ongoing \$75,00 One-time	Support
<a href="#">SB257 (Sen Johnson)</a>	Divisive Concepts in Government and Education	This bill prohibits certain teaching and training requirements by state and local governments, including within the public education and higher education systems, related to divisive concepts. Outlines a process for violations of the prohibitions related to divisive concepts and makes it an automatic trigger for an investigation and hearing by the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission related to an educators license. Defines divisive concepts.	<b>DIED</b>	Not Public	Oppose

**Financial Stability**

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<a href="#">HB15 (Rep Pulsipher)</a>	Child Care Amendments	This bill clarifies the Dept of Health’s authority over municipalities and counties to regulate child care programs, allows a community reinvestment agency to use the agency’s housing allocation to pay for expansion of child care facilities within the agency’s boundaries; requires the Dept of Health to make rules allowing licensed and certified child care providers to provide after school care for additional children; removes provisions limiting the number of children under two years old that a residential child care provider may care for; requires the Office of Child Care to provide grants to child care providers that provide child care on behalf of employers, using COVID relief funds requires a proposal for a housing and transportation reinvestment zone to promote the objective of increasing access to child care; increases the number of children an unlicensed home provider can have to 6 and caps the number at 10. *We have concerns with raising the number of children an unlicensed childcare provider can have. This does not follow national best practices.	PASSED	\$3K one-time	Monitor with Concerns
<a href="#">HB36 (Rep Waldrip)</a>	Commission on Housing Affordability	This bill establishes the Housing Affordability Subcommittee as a permanent subcommittee of the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission. Defines terms, modifies membership and duties of the subcommittee.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Fiscal Impact	Support

<a href="#">HB162 (Rep Lisonbee)</a>	Period Products in Schools	This bill requires local school boards and charter schools to provide period products in certain restrooms within all school facilities free of charge.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$2,387,400 in 2023 \$1,757,400 on-going starting in 2024	Support
<a href="#">HB211 (Rep Robertson)</a>	School Fees Amendments	This bill prescribes the fees an LEA (school district or charter school) may charge. Allows fees for AP tests, instrument rental, driver's ed, and items that become the property of the student. No other fees for curricular or co-curricular may be charged. Fees for extracurricular fees are allowable.	<b>DIED</b>	\$0 to the state, LEA's will be impacted depending on current fees	Support
<a href="#">HB359 (Rep Judkins)</a>	Eviction Records Amendments	This bill was amended. Allows for the expungement of eviction records in certain instances.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$45,200 ongoing, \$116,600 one-time	Support
<a href="#">HB375 (Rep Matthews)</a>	Office of Child Care Amendments	This bill requires the Office of Child Care (OCC) to develop a cost of quality care estimator tool.	<b>DIED</b>	No Fiscal Impact	Support
<a href="#">SB71 (Sen Fillmore)</a>	Financial Education and Savings Plan to Benefit At-risk Children	This bill creates the Parental Coaching to Encourage Student Savings Program within the Department of Workforce Services. The program provides financial training to parents of 5- and 6-year-olds experiencing intergenerational poverty, to encourage the parents to start saving money for their child's higher education expenses; provides a \$500 contribution to 529 savings accounts if a parent finishes the trainings; provides a matching fund of \$50 to parents who contribute \$50.	<b>DIED</b>	\$1M one-time	Support
<a href="#">SB81 (Sen Iwamoto)</a>	Affordable Housing Tax Amendments	This bill modifies provisions related to the assessment of real property subject to a low-income housing covenant: prescribes a valuation method for determining fair market value of real property subject to a low-income housing covenant; requires a county assessor to send a form to each owner of real property subject to a low-income housing covenant.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Fiscal Impact	Support
<a href="#">SB133 (Sen Escamilla)</a>	Food Security Amendments	This bill creates the State Nutrition Action Coalition at Utah State University to coordinate state efforts in addressing food security. The Coalition is tasked with examining barriers to food security, developing statewide goals and messaging related to food security and nutrition education, coordinate statewide efforts to address food security, ensure state programs receiving federal funds are aligned and coordinating efforts, and promote programs and activities that contribute to health eating and active lifestyles.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$75K ongoing	Support

<b>Health</b>					
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<a href="#">HB114 (Rep Harrison)</a>	School Nursing Services Amendments	This bill defines school nurse and reduces the number of students each school district and charter school is encouraged to serve from 5,000 students to 2,000 students. This will require 95 additional nurses across the state. *The fiscal note is not accounting for any new state funds to support this bill, though local education agencies could have to spend around \$100K ongoing per nurse. Statewide this means around \$9.5 million	<b>PASSED</b>	See Description	Support *concerned with fiscal note
<a href="#">HB247 (Rep Collard)</a>	Child Health Care Coverage Amendments	This bill requires the Department of Health to seek a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to create 12-month continuous eligibility for a child enrolled in the Medicaid Program	<b>DIED</b>	\$1.1M ongoing	Support
<a href="#">HB256 (Rep Handy)</a>	Farm to School Program	This bill creates the Utah Farm to Fork Commission which is tasked with identifying impediments to providing locally produced fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, and other nutritious, locally produced foods; advise other state agencies and local agencies on actions to promote farm to school programs; promote communications between local farmers and schools and childcare centers; develop a statewide farm to school strategic plan that connects, trains, educates and promotes farm to school. Creates a grant program. *A substitute bill takes the grant program out.	<b>DIED</b>	\$194M ongoing	Support
<a href="#">HB266 (Rep Hawkins)</a>	Trauma-informed Research and Training Grant Program	This bill creates the Trauma-informed Research and Training Grant program within the Department of Workforce Services which will provide a grant to implement a statewide program to prevent and mitigate the impact of traumatic life experiences on state communities by: researching the economic and workforce impacts of traumatic life experiences on state communities; provide workforce education and training on the impact of traumatic life experiences and processes for building and evaluating trauma-informed organizations; support local agencies in providing education and training.	<b>DIED</b>	\$2M one-time	Support
<a href="#">SB104 (Sen Escamilla)</a>	Community Health Worker Certification Process	This bill creates a state certification for community health workers, defines the core-skills they provide, requires 90 hours of competency-based education and 300 hours of community involvement.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Impact	Support
<a href="#">SB185 (Sen Escamilla)</a>	Children's Health Coverage Amendments	This bill directs the Department of Health to expand eligibility for all income eligible Utah children under Medicaid and CHIP and provide 12 month continuous eligibility.	<b>DIED</b>	\$3.6-5.9M ongoing	Support
<b>Racial Equity</b>					
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<a href="#">HB130 (Rep Bennion)</a>	Driver License Test Amendments	This bill requires the Driver License Division to administer and individuals to take their initial application and first renewal application for a driver license in their native language, based on availability; allows a translator for certain driver license examinations in certain circumstances.	<b>DIED</b>	No fiscal impact	Support

<a href="#">HB238 (Rep Hollins)</a>	State Holiday Modifications	This bill added Juneteenth National Freedom Day to the list of state holidays and to be celebrated on June 19 each year.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$1,400 one-time	Support
<a href="#">HCR 16 (Rep Pierucci)</a>	Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Student Athletes' Right to Religious Freedom and Modesty	This resolution encourages all municipalities, public and private K-12 schools, universities, and organizations supporting youth athletic teams and activities to allow you to wear religious clothing or headwear or to modify their uniforms to accommodate religious beliefs or personal values of modesty without barriers or limitations.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Impact	Support
<a href="#">SB117 (Sen Kitchen)</a>	Utah Antidiscrimination Act Amendments	This bill amends the Utah Antidiscrimination Act to provide protection for a trait historically associate with race, including a protective hairstyle.	<b>DIED</b>	No fiscal impact	Support

**Tax**

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<a href="#">HB105 (Rep Seegmiller)</a>	Reductions to Income Tax	This bill reduces the corporate and individual income tax rate 4.95% to 4.75%.	DIED	\$320.6 million ongoing from Ed Fund	Monitor
<a href="#">HB165 (Rep Lesser)</a>	Food Sales Tax Amendments	This bill removes the state sales tax on food, but excludes candy.	DIED	\$114,552,000 ongoing and \$18,792,000 one-time	Support
<a href="#">HB203 (Rep Rohner)</a>	Food Sales Tax Modifications	This bill removes the state tax imposed on food.	DIED	\$122.4M ongoing reduction of General Fund	Support
<a href="#">HB307 (Rep Winder)</a>	Earned Income Tax Credit Amendments	This bill creates a state nonrefundable earned income tax credit (EITC) at 15% of the federal EITC. Makes it retrospective for the 2022 taxable year. *This bill was included in SB59.	<b>PASSED in Another Bill</b>	\$16.1 M ongoing	Support
<a href="#">SB59 (Sen McCay)</a>	State Income Tax Rate Reduction	This bill reduces the corporate and individual income tax rate 4.95% to 4.85%. Creates a state nonrefundable earned income tax credit (EITC) at 15% of the federal EITC, and expands the Social Security tax credit. *This bill is the main vehicle for tax cuts this year. Governor has indicated he will sign the bill.	PASSED	\$195.3 M ongoing reduction of Education Fund	Monitor *Support the EITC

<i>Other</i>					
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<a href="#">HB60 (Rep Brooks)</a>	Vaccine Passport Amendments	This bill has been amended. The bill now prohibits government and private business from requiring patrons to provide proof of vaccination status. Requires an employer to exempt an employee or prospective employee from a vaccine requirement if the employee submits a primary care provider's note stating the person previously was infected. Puts restrictions on records keeping. Schools, childcare programs and nursing homes are exempted. *This bill has 31 co-sponsors.	<b>DIED</b>	\$50,700 ongoing	Oppose
<a href="#">HB63 (Rep Burton)</a>	Covid-19 Vaccine Exemptions	This bill requires an employer to accept a physician's note stating that the employee or prospective employee was previously infected by COVID-19 in lieu of a vaccine if the employer has a vaccine mandate. Prohibits an employer from keeping a record or copy of an employee's vaccination, except in some cases.	PASSED	No Impact	Oppose
<a href="#">SB214 (Sen Wilson)</a>	Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission	This bill creates the Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission that will solicit input from stakeholders and make recommendations to the Utah Broadband Center with respect to the development of a statewide strategic plan to utilize the \$700M of federal funds that will come to Utah.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$157,700 ongoing, \$42,200 one-time	Support

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