

# 2021 United Way Bill Tracker March 6, 2021

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## 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.	<b>FUNDED AT \$7M ONGOING</b>	\$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.	<b>FULLY FUNDED</b>	\$5M ongoing Ed Funds	Support
Funding Request	Preschool Demonstration Projects	Funding for Preschool Demonstration Projects will be targeted at innovative pilot projects that increase alignment of early childhood programs. These projects will foster local solutions to improve kindergarten readiness, helping to ensure that our youngest and most vulnerable children enter school ready to learn. The purpose of this funding is to support early childhood service providers—LEA preschools, Head Start, Upstart, and private preschools and child care—in developing collaborative solutions to better meet the needs of our 3 and 4 year old's. This also enhances our current mixed-delivery early childhood service system, and supports parent choice.	<b>FULLY FUNDED</b>	\$500,000 one-time	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.	DIED	\$910,300 Ongoing and \$6,900 one-time	Monitor
<a href="#">HB381 (Rep J Moss)</a>	Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program	This bill creates the Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program to provide scholarships to paraprofessionals, school counselor assistant and school counselor interns. Provides eligibility requirements.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$9.2M one-time	Support

<a href="#">HB393 (Rep Last)</a>	Low Performing Schools Amendments	This bill takes out of statute the thresholds for determining what schools are low performing and requires the State Board of Education to define this in rule.	Did Move Forward	No Impact	Support
<a href="#">SB107 (Sen Weiler)</a>	In-person Instruction Prioritization	<b>This bill was significantly amended.</b> The bill now implements the test to stay program where an school district will test students during a COVID outreach at the school in order to identify cases and allow individuals who test negative to still attend school in person, allowing the school to stay open even when the case threshold has been reached. The Department of Health is required to assist with testing.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$151,400 one time	Neutral
<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.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Impact	Support
<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.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$900,000 Ongoing, \$2,600,000 one-time	Support
<a href="#">SB184 (Sen Riebe)</a>	School Assessment and Accountability Amendments	This bill waives the requirement that the State Board of Education use 2020-21 school testing to assign a school a grade, publish a report card or determine school performance success and student academic achievement under the Teacher and Student Success Program. Allows USBE to use Turn Around funds not spent for innovative projects aimed at increasing student success and to study the impacts of various efforts.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Impact	Support
<b>Financial Stability</b>					
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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.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Impact	Support
<a href="#">HB271 (Rep Pulsipher)</a>	Home Child Care Amendments	This bill increase the number of children a home child care provider can have from 4 to 6 prior to being required to have a residential child care license. The bill has been amended to delay implementation until January 2022, and to limit the number of children under the age of two years old to two children.	<b>DIED</b>	Reduce costs by \$129,600	Oppose

<a href="#">HB277 (Rep Matthews)</a>	Childcare Eligibility Amendments	This bill provides a full child care subsidy for families up to 85% of the median income until July 2023 and then moves it to a sliding scale for those between 75% to 85% median income. Also, until July 2023 pays providers based on enrollment.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$0 in State Funds, Uses Federal \$	Support
<a href="#">HB344 (Rep Christiansen)</a>	Program Eligibility Amendments	This bill allows the Department of Health (DOH) to contract with a third-party vendor to assist with verifying Medicaid eligibility; removes DOH's ability to receive automated data matching from financial institutions, and requires it to independently verify every month whether a person is still eligible for benefits. Requires a benefit recipient to agree to disclose additional information before the recipient is eligible for benefits. Requires DWS to regularly publish information regarding benefit fraud. Requires the DOH to apply for Medicaid waivers to remove the requirement that DOH use information it already possesses when determining eligibility; a waiver to stop using pre-populating forms; and a waiver to restrict presumptive eligibility to pregnant women and children. The bill codifies requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid eligibility; and restricts DWS's use of categorical eligibility regarding SNAP benefits.	<b>DIED</b>	\$1,351,500 ongoing	Oppose
<a href="#">SB164 (Sen Anderegg)</a>	Utah Housing Affordability Amendments	Amended: This bill modifies provisions related to affordable housing and the provision of services related to affordable housing. Provides that a political subdivision may grant real property that will be used for affordable housing units, describes additional activities that may receive funding from the Olene Walker Housing Loan fund, including a mediation program and predevelopment grants. Modifies the responsibilities of the Automated Geographic Reference Center.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$800,000 one time	Support
<b>Health</b>					
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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.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$172,500	Support

<a href="#">HB288 (Rep Peterson)</a>	Education and Mental Health Coordinating Council	This bill establishes a coordinating council that is required to: generate a common framework for preventing and addressing youth behavioral health, clarify roles of various agencies, facilitate joint development of state and local plans amongst groups, develop a plan on how to align programs for better outcomes, standardize the collection, analysis and application of behavioral health-related data to drive improvement, and develop policy recommendations.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$14,100 ongoing and \$1,800 one-time	Support
<a href="#">HB337 (Rep Eliason)</a>	Child Mental Health Amendments	This bill requires the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to administer a grant program for the purpose of providing education regarding best practices for early childhood mental health support and interventions. The bill further requires the Office of Child Care to collaborate with the Division in delivering early childhood programs and child care across the state the training provided through the grant program.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$1,547,800 ongoing \$5K one-time	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.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$4,200 One-time	Support
<a href="#">SB158 (Sen Escamilla)</a>	Children's Health Coverage Amendments	This bill creates a Children's Coverage Outreach Pilot Program to increase health insurance coverage for children. The program includes a grant program for targeted outreach and direct application assistance, media outreach/awareness campaign, direct enrollment assistance in schools and safety net clinics. Expands eligibility for Medicaid and CHIP to children who do not currently qualify, but are under 200% of the federal poverty level.	<b>DIED</b>	\$5,246,600 ongoing	Support
<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.	<b>PASSED</b>	\$8,100 ongoing \$1,100 one-time	Support

<a href="#">HCR22 (Rep Johnson)</a>	Concurrent Resolution Celebrating the Contributions of Multilingual and Multicultural Families to Utah Schools	This concurrent resolution celebrates the contributions and multicultural families in Utah's schools and recognizes the state's previous support for Utah's multilingual and multicultural families. It encourages schools to utilize the "Parent and Family Engagement" self-reported indicators in the statewide school accountability system to highlight the efforts to engage multilingual and multicultural families, and encourages the Education Interim Committee to review data and current family engagement policies.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Impact	Support
<a href="#">HJR 13 (Rep Hollins)</a>	Joint Resolution Declaring Racism a Moral and Public Health Crisis	This joint resolution affirms that differences in access to opportunities and resources according to race persist; highlights racial disparities in health measures, including COVID risks; describes calls by various organizations for racism to be addressed; declares racism to be a moral and public health crisis; and expresses the legislature's commitment to identify and abolish state policies that are discriminatory and identify actions that may be taken by the state to help mitigate the impacts of any discriminatory policies of the past.	<b>DIED</b>	No Impact	Support
<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.	<b>DIED</b>	No Impact	Support
<a href="#">SB214 (Sen Cullimore)</a>	Official Language Amendments	This bill removes the provision that English is the sole language for the government in Utah; removes the provision requiring all official government documents, translations, proceedings, meeting or publications be in English; removes provisions relating to the return of state funds appropriated or designated for the printing or translation of materials or the provision of services or information in a language other than English.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Impact	Support
<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.	<b>PASSED</b>	No Impact	Support
<b>Digital Equity</b>					
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Funding Request	Expanded Access to Broadband	Requests an additional FTE for a "Digital Adoption Coordinator" in the Utah State Library Division (USLD) to administer a public-private matching grant program to partners to engage in broadband adoption and digital literacy training projects. The request is also for funds to support a grant program for digital inclusion efforts, and to continue supports to LEA's in providing hotspots and other broadband access.	<b>NOT FUNDED</b>	\$350,000 ongoing, \$5 million one-time	Support

<a href="#">HB304 (Rep Dailey Provost)</a>	Digital Opportunity Access Amendments	This bill creates the Digital Equity Program within the State Library Division to be administered by the director of digital equity. The objectives of the program are to, in coordination with stakeholders and partners: promote digital access, digital literacy, and digital safety; promote the development of broadband, increase access to and the adoption of broadband; provide statewide strategic leadership and coordination of digital access; build local capacity to increase digital access and literacy. The program targets communities most impacted by the digital divide. Provides rule making and grant making authority to carry out the objectives.	<b>DIED</b>	\$120,000 ongoing	Support
<b>Other</b>					
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<a href="#">HB365 (Rep Ray)</a>	State Agency Realignment	This bill consolidates the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services into the Department of Health and Human Services and outlines the steps that must be taken during the transition. Requires a written transition plan to be provided by December 1, 2021 and full transition by July 1, 2022. The plan must include how stakeholder input will be solicited, the proposed organizational structure, office space and infrastructure requirements, transition of service delivery sites, amendment needed to existing contracts and grants, legislative changes, rules changes, procedures for the transfer and reconciliation of budgeting and funding, transition of technology services, tasks that may need to be completed after July 1, 2022, how current functions will not be interrupted... And a detailed timeline. The bill also moves Medicaid and CHIP eligibility policy to the Department of Workforce Services.	PASSED	Allows for spending of up to \$9M for the transition and makes other budget changes	Monitor

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