

2020 United Way Bill Tracker March 13, 2020

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Education

Bill # and Sponsor	Title	Description	Status	Fiscal Note	Position
HB14 (Rep Snow)	School Absenteeism and Truancy Amendments	This bill creates a uniform definition of truancy by establishing which absences from school are excused and unexcused, limits school districts ability to impose penalties, and requires districts to submit truancy data to the State Board of Education.	Passed	No Impact	Support
HB68 (Rep Gibson)	Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning	This bill creates a grant program administered by the Talent Ready Utah Center to support new apprenticeship and work-based learning programs. High need industries will be targeted.	Passed	\$2M ongoing Education Funds	Support
HB99 (Rep Snow)	Enhanced Kindergarten Amendments	This bill expands optional extended-day kindergarten.	Passed	\$10M ongoing Education Fund	Support
HB103 (Rep Owens)	Utah Promise Scholarship Program Amendments	This bill clarifies that the Promise Scholarship should cover the cost of tuition and that if an institution does not have enough money in the program to provide the scholarship that they should use other funding sources including fee waivers, and tuition waivers.	Passed	No Impact	Support
HB107 (Rep Winder)	Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program Amendments	This bill includes teachers in 1st through 3rd grade in the program, and increases the amount of the annual salary bonus.	Passed	\$428,200 ongoing Education Fund	Support
HB114 (Rep Waldrip)	Early Learning Training and Assessment Amendments	This bill requires 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.	Passed	\$5M ongoing Ed Funds	Support

HB160 (Rep Spackman Moss)	Refugee Continuing Education Program	This bill creates an education program for refugee students. The Refugee Services Office in the Department of Workforce Services will administer the program and will partner with local school districts to help refugees who do not have a high school diploma and are 18 to 23 years old obtain a diploma and plan a career pathway.	Died	\$500,000 ongoing Education Funds	Support
SB99 (Sen Millner)	School Leadership Development Amendments	The bill creates a grant program to provide awards for mentorship and training activities for new and aspiring principals. Builds upon best practices and work over the last four year.	Passed	\$5M ongoing Education Fund	Support
SB73 (Sen Stevenson)	Reading Assessment Expansion Amendments	This bill expands the reading assessment given to children in first through third grades to those in fourth through sixth grades.	Passed	\$1.5 million one-time Education Funds	Support
Financial Stability					
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HB69 (Rep Arent)	Sick Leave Amendments	This bill requires employers who offer paid sick leave to allow employees to use that time to care for an immediate family member. It prohibits an employer from taking adverse action against an employee for using sick leave to care for an immediate family member.	Died	No Impact	Support
HB89 (Rep Harrison)	Workforce Development Incentives Amendments	This bill makes working parent benefits one of the items the Governor's Office of Economic Development may consider when determining whether to provide economic development tax credits to a business. It defines working parent benefits as a benefit provided to an employee, outside of their wage, including licensed on-site child care, licensed near-site child care, or a child-care subsidy, a flexible work schedule, a matched flexible spending account for child care, paid family care leave, and a partnership with a local licensed child-care provider to secure stable placement for children of an employee.	Died	No Impact	Support
HB187 (Rep Harrison)	Employer Tax Credit for Child Care	This bill creates a nonrefundable corporate and individual income tax credit for employers that pay for or provide child care for employees either onsite or by a third party. The maximum amount of the tax credit is \$50,000 annually. The maximum aggregate tax credit that can be distributed by the state is \$500,000.	Died	\$500,000 reduction to Education Fund	Support

HB211 (Rep Judkins)	Renter 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.	Died	No Impact	Support
HB462 (Rep Dunnigan)	Unlawful Detainer	This bill changes the eviction notice time line from three calendar to three business days. It also addresses issues around landlord restitution.	Passed	No Impact	Support
SB39 (Sen Anderegg)	Affordable Housing Amendments	This bill modifies the allowable uses for a community reinvestment agency's housing allocation, modifies requirements for distributing money from the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund, and allows low-income housing tax credits to be assigned to another tax payer.	Passed	\$10M one-time General Fund	Support
SB69 (Sen Anderegg)	Tax Credit for Educator Expenses	This bill creates a refundable income tax credit for out-of-pocket classroom expenses a teacher, who teaches Kindergarten through twelfth grade, makes. The maximum tax credit is \$500.	Died	\$28 million reduction in the Education Fund	Support
SB186 (Sen Hemmert)	Family Unpaid Medical Leave Provisions	This bill requires that employers with 30 to 49 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	No Impact	Support
Health					
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HB16 (Rep Johnson)	School Meals Program Amendments	This bill allows for revenues earmarked for school lunch to also be used for breakfast and requires local school districts to assess which schools do not participate in school breakfast and whether the school has a valid reason for not participating.	Passed	No Impact	Support

HB87 (Rep Ward)	Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program Amendments	This bill amends the current program and specifies that education loan repayment assistance to eligible professionals if they agree to practice in an underserved area and the health care facility employing the professional also provides 20% of the total award amount.	Passed	\$500,000 ongoing General Funds	Support
HB210 (Rep Ward)	Insurance Coverage for Children Amendments	This bill directs the Health Department to provide 12-month continuous coverage for children on Medicaid, evaluate reasons for children dis-enrolling from Medicaid and CHIP, Pilot renewal strategies and employ other best practice strategies to enroll and retain children on Medicaid and CHIP.	Was Never Heard, but 12-month continuous eligibility was funded	\$687,800 ongoing and \$85,900 one-time	Support
HB222 (Rep Johnson)	Start Smart Utah Breakfast Program	This bill requires schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program to also participate in the School Breakfast Program, allows for an alternative breakfast service model if a certain percent of students qualify for free or reduced lunch, and creates a waiver if schools do not want to comply.	Passed	\$1,008,000 Federal Funds	Support
Rev and Tax					
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HB357 (Rep Spendlove)	Public Education Funding Stabilization	This bill amends the allowable purposes for the capital local levy, creates a new fund called the Uniform School Fund where the minimum school program and appropriates ongoing funds to the new fund, automatically adjusts education funding for enrollment growth and inflation. The bill only takes effect if SJR9 passes and voters approve a proposal to amend the constitution to allow for income tax to also be used for programs to support children and people with disabilities.	Passed	If this was in effect in 2019 -\$20M in FY2020 and -\$70M in FY 2021 from the Education Fund	Support
SB107 (Sen Fillmore)	Income Tax Rate Reduction Amendments	This bill creates a formula where the income tax would be reduced when the growth rate of income tax revenue exceeds the growth rate of the gross domestic product for Utah.	Died	If this was in effect in 2019 -\$20M in FY2020 and -\$70M in FY 2021 from the Education Fund	Oppose
SB164 (Sen Escamilla)	Social Impact Services	This bill would allow counties to levy a property tax to support social impact services. Social impact services is defined as a services that facilitates a positive result or outcome for improving the quality of life of individuals or communities in a county by: promoting economic opportunity and innovation, facilitating collaboration between public and private entities, improving human health and well-being, providing low-income or underserved individuals or communities with beneficial products or services, promoting child and youth development, targeting specialized populations with social innovation.	Died		Monitoring

SJR9 (Sen McCay)	Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Use of Tax	This bill was substituted from its original form. Now it proposes to ask the voters if we should amend the constitution to allow for the income tax to also be used for programs that serve children and people with disabilities.	Passed	\$13,000 One-time funds	Support
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*Bills with fiscal notes over \$10,000 must wait until they are funded for final approval.