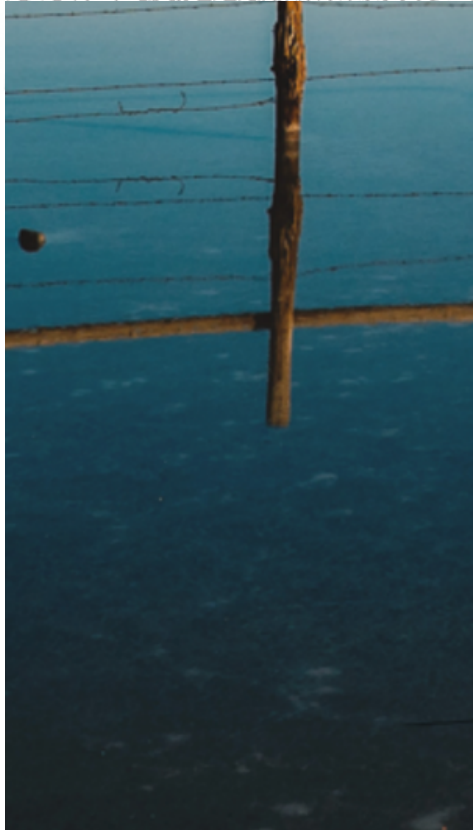




THE UTAH WAY TOGETHER

HOUSE MAJORITY CAUCUS | 2023 GENERAL SESSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS



45 DAYS | 500+ BILLS PASSED | \$29 BILLION FUNDED

STEWARDSHIP

WATER

INCREASED WATER CAPACITY, EXPANDED CONSERVATION EFFORTS, PREPARED FOR FUTURE WATER NEEDS, AND ENHANCED OUTREACH EFFORTS

CONSERVATION

Increased funding for statewide water projects

Encouraged local governments to prioritize conservation

Incentivized all Utahns to do their part to save water

- ✓ H.B. 450 Landscaping Requirements
- ✓ S.B. 118 Water Efficient Landscaping
Makes it easier to use artificial water efficient landscaping
- ✓ S.B. 119 Per Capita Consumptive Use
- ✓ S.B. 158 Water Extractions
Requires cities to budget water usage in new development projects

STATEWIDE POLICIES

- ✓ H.B. 307 Utah Water Ways
Combines private donations with legislative funding to increase awareness and bolster Utah water conservation efforts
- ✓ H.B. 207 Compact Commission
Allows the state engineer to oversee our various river compacts
- ✓ H.B. 150 Emergency Water Shortages
Better prepares our state against natural disasters
- ✓ S.B. 53 Groundwater Use
Increases resilience of southern Utah's water resources

GREAT SALT LAKE

Provided funding for, coordinated efforts on, and put mechanisms in place to get and keep more water in the lake

- ✓ H.B. 349 Water Reuse Projects
- ✓ H.B. 491 Amendments to the Great Salt Lake
- ✓ H.B. 513 Great Salt Lake Amendments

FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

\$200 MILLION
FOR AGRICULTURE OPTIMIZATION

\$50 MILLION
FOR WATER REUSE & DESALINATION

\$30 MILLION
FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

\$15 MILLION
FOR SECONDARY WATER METERS

\$12.5 MILLION
FOR THE GREAT SALT LAKE COMMISSIONER

NEARLY

\$500 MILLION

INVESTED IN UTAH'S WATER RESOURCES

ENERGY

SAFEGUARDED UTAH'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE SAFE, RELIABLE, AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY

- ✓ H.B. 389 Renewable Energy Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 425 Energy Security Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 426 Statewide Energy Policy Amendments
- ✓ H.C.R. 9 Resolution Against the Shutdown of Utah's Power by the Federal Government

Pushed back against the federal government's regulatory overreach that threatens our ability to reliably provide power to the state at affordable rates

Created a statewide energy plan to develop and implement Utah's energy policies and goals as it relates to renewable and non-renewable energy sources

WE WILL CONTINUE TO INVEST IN UTAH'S ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE ENERGY APPROACH INCLUDING COAL, NATURAL GAS, HYDROELECTRIC, NUCLEAR, WIND, SOLAR, HYDROGEN, AND MORE

LAND MANAGEMENT

ENSURED OUR LANDS ARE MANAGED IN A WAY THAT PROVIDES BENEFITS FOR UTAHNS TODAY AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

OUTDOOR RECREATION

INCREASED ORGANIZATION AND FUNDING COOPERATION FOR STATE RECREATION PROJECTS

- ✓ H.B. 224 Outdoor Recreation Initiative
- ✓ H.B. 384 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure

INVESTED **\$90 MILLION** IN TRAILS AND RECREATION

\$45 million one-time
\$45 million ongoing

- ✓ H.B. 261 Fire Related Amendments
Keeps costs low and Utahns safe when disaster strikes

RURAL UTAH

- ✓ H.B. 371 Working Farm and Ranch Protection Fund
- ✓ \$453,000 toward Rural Utah Student Initiative
- ✓ \$40 MILLION toward rural B & C roads
- ✓ \$30 MILLION toward 4-6th class county schools

AFFORDABILITY

TAXES

ALLOWED UTAHNS TO KEEP MORE OF THEIR HARD-EARNED MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS

INCOME TAX

Reduced the income tax rate from 4.85% to 4.65%

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX CREDIT

Expanded eligibility to households earning up to \$75,000 per year

DOUBLE DEPENDENT EXEMPTION

For families in the year of a child's birth

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Increased from 15% to 20% of the federal tax credit

SALES TAX ON FOOD

Removed the state portion of the sales tax on food, contingent on the passage of a constitutional amendment modifying the income tax earmark on the 2024 ballot

CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT

Provided a \$1,000 tax credit for children ages 1-3 years old for child care expenses

\$850 MILLION

TOTAL TAX REDUCTION

GOVERNMENT OVERREACH

BLOCKED EFFORTS TO DISTORT FINANCIAL MARKETS AND LIMIT ACCESS TO CAPITAL BASED ON ARTIFICIAL AND SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA

- ✓ H.B. 281 Social Credit Score Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 449 Unlawful Anticompetitive Activity Amendments
- ✓ S.B. 96 Fiduciary Duty Modifications
- ✓ S.B. 97 Public Contract Requirements

Protects against investment schemes based on assessments of businesses' and individuals' political beliefs

Ensures any state investment is done without regard to companies' political, environmental, or social considerations

ELECTION INTEGRITY

- ✓ H.B. 269 Election Audit Requirements
Clarifies the oversight of elections, establishes uniform statewide election processes, and creates a process to publicly reconcile any disparities in ballot tabulation
- ✓ H.B. 448 Election Changes
Requires an audit of election procedures be conducted each election cycle by the Legislator Auditor General

HOUSING

REDUCED REGULATORY BARRIERS, IDENTIFIED TOOLS TO FACILITATE MARKET-BASED SOLUTIONS, AND INCREASED HOUSING IN RURAL UTAH

- ✓ H.B. 364 Housing Affordability Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 406 Land Use, Development, and Management Act Modifications
- ✓ S.B. 174 Local Land Use and Development Revisions
- ✓ S.B. 240 First-time Homebuyer Assistance Program

MORE THAN **\$200 MILLION** FOR HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

\$51 MILLION
FOR UTAH LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT

\$50 MILLION
FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM

\$50 MILLION
FOR DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

\$12 MILLION
FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

\$10 MILLION
FOR HOUSING PRESERVATION FUND

\$4 MILLION
FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

INVESTMENT

EDUCATION

PROVIDED RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS AND ENSURED STUDENTS ARE PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE WORKFORCE

✓ **H.B. 215 Funding for Teacher Salaries and Optional Education Opportunities**

Provides a \$6,000 salary increase to Utah teachers

✓ **S.B. 183 Educator Salary Amendments**

Ties teacher salary raises to WPU value growth and inflation increases

✓ **H.B. 489 Educator Paid Professional Hours**

Provides 32 paid hours for preparation and collaboration for FY2024

✓ **H.B. 477 Full-day Kindergarten Amendments**

Expands access to optional full-day kindergarten statewide

✓ **H.B. 308 School Grading Modifications**

Improves the State's system for rating school performance

✓ **H.B. 394 Hold Harmless For Public Education Enrollment**

✓ **S.J.R. 10 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Income Tax**

Gives voters the option to remove the state sales tax on food and prioritizes and protects public education funding in the state constitution

FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

\$213 MILLION
FOR TEACHER PAY RAISES

\$236 MILLION
FOR 6% WEIGHTED PUPIL UNIT INCREASE

\$92 MILLION
FOR PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

\$64 MILLION
FOR PREPARATION/COLLABORATION TIME

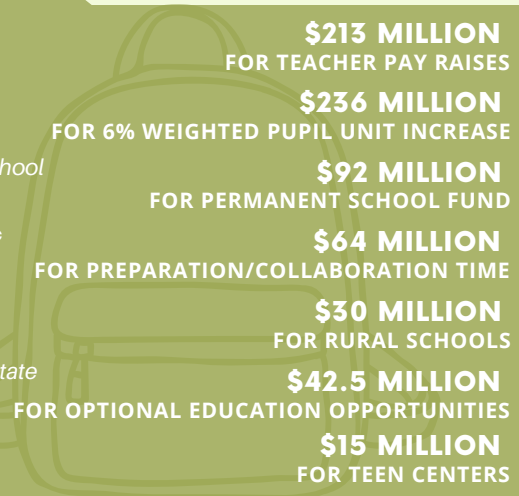
\$30 MILLION
FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

\$42.5 MILLION
FOR OPTIONAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

\$15 MILLION
FOR TEEN CENTERS

**\$915
MILLION**

**INCREASE IN STATE FUNDING
FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION**



SCHOOL SAFETY

INVESTED IN STUDENT SAFETY AND ENSURED BEST PRACTICES ARE USED TO PROTECT UTAH SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

- ✓ **H.B. 60 Juvenile Justice Modifications**
- ✓ **H.B. 61 School Safety Requirements**
- ✓ **H.B. 140 Standard Response Protocol to Active Threats**
- ✓ **H.B. 249 Education Related Information Amendments**
- ✓ **H.B. 304 Juvenile Justice Revisions**
- ✓ **H.B. 400 School Absenteeism Amendments**

**\$75 MILLION INVESTED IN
SCHOOL SAFETY**

Addressed the top concerns of students, educators, parents, and law enforcement

Empowered parents with information and resources when their student has been subject to bullying, cyber-bullying, or other abusive behavior

Addressed chronic absenteeism through prevention and intervention

TRANSPORTATION

PLANNED FOR GROWTH AND CONTINUED TO INVEST IN UTAH'S TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**OVER \$2 BILLION INVESTED IN
TRANSPORTATION**

✓ **H.B. 44 Transportation Corridor Funding Amendments**

Extends transportation planning time horizons and criteria

✓ **H.B. 301 Transportation Tax Amendments**

Ensures all users contribute to the cost of roads and maintenance, and prepares Utah for a shift in our infrastructure and transportation systems

FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

\$1.6 BILLION
FOR STATE ROADS

\$200 MILLION
FOR COMMUTER RAIL IMPROVEMENTS

\$150 MILLION
FOR COTTONWOOD CANYON TRANSPORT

\$108 MILLION
FOR POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN

\$88.5 MILLION
FOR HIGHWAY 191 IMPROVEMENTS

\$40 MILLION
FOR RURAL AND BACKCOUNTRY ROADS

