
2023 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



*A report by the
Utah Taxpayers Association*



OBJECTIVES

The Utah Taxpayers Association releases the Legislative Scorecard annually following the General Session. It is intended to rank legislators based on their votes on bills considered most important to taxpayers by the Association.

Although legislators did not know which bills would be selected for the scorecard, the Association did actively testify in committees, distribute materials and engage with legislators one-on-one on each of the selected bills.

METHODOLOGY

The Association tracked 71 bills throughout the 2023 General Session.

10 bills were selected for the scorecard for the House.
8 bills were selected for the scorecard for the Senate.

The scoring is as follows:

- A vote with the Association awards 1 point
- A vote against the Association deducts 1 point
- An absence neither awards nor deducts a point.

This year, the scorecard incorporates "double weighting" for high-priority bills, indicated with an asterisk. For these bills, points are doubled.

Legislators are then ranked according to the number of points they scored versus their potential maximum. Awards are given to legislators with the top rank. Using this method, absences neither benefit nor penalize legislators. Winners only voted against the Association once, and their opposing vote was not on a high-priority, double-weighted bill.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUMMARY

BILLS SELECTED

The House voted on 39 bills on our watchlist. Ten were selected for the scorecard; five were double-weighted: HB 54, HB 215, HB 422, SB 260, and SJR 10.

POTENTIAL SCORES

The maximum potential score for a Representative was 15; the minimum was -15. The average was 4.21.

AWARD WINNERS

10 Representatives won the "Friend of the Taxpayer" award, with an average score of 12.6. They represent 13.3% of the House.

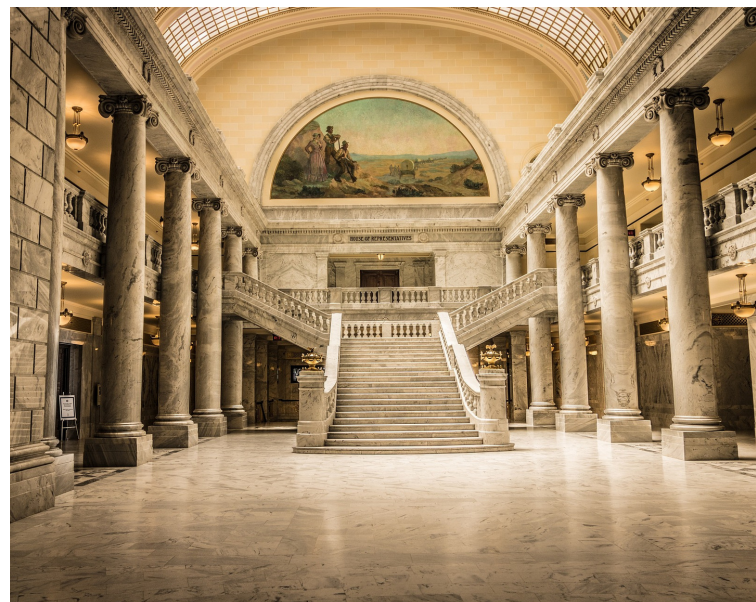
LOW SCORERS

The lowest-scoring Republican Representatives were Marsha Judkins and Jay Cobb, with an average score of -2. Seven Democrats tied for the lowest score of -13.

FRIEND OF THE TAXPAYER WINNERS

The following Representatives won the 2023 Friend of the Taxpayer Award:

- Norman Thurston
- Walt Brooks
- Joseph Elison
- Trevor Lee
- Tyler Clancy
- Nelson Abbott
- Cheryl Acton
- Phil Lyman
- Mark Strong
- Colin Jack



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SCORECARD 2023

Friend of the Taxpayer Award Winners

| Representative | District | Party | 4th Sub HB 54* (Double-Weighted) | 1st Sub HB 144 | 3rd Sub HB 215* (Double-Weighted) | HB 294 | 3rd Sub HB 301 | 1st Sub HB 422* (Double-Weighted) | 3rd Sub HB 513 | 2nd Sub SB 81 | 2nd Sub SB 260* (Double-Weighted) | 1st Sub SJR 10* (Double-Weighted) | Score | 2023 Rank | Percentage | 5-Year Average | 5-Year Ranking |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Association Position | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Norman Thurston | 62 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | 13 | 1 | 90.00% | 91.46% | 1 |
| Walt Brooks | 75 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 13 | 1 | 90.00% | 90.36% | 2 |
| Joseph Elson | 72 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 13 | 1 | 90.00% | 90.00% | 3 |
| Trevor Lee | 16 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 13 | 1 | 90.00% | 90.00% | 3 |
| Tyler Clancy | 60 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 13 | 1 | 90.00% | 90.00% | 3 |
| Nelson Abbott | 57 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 13 | 1 | 90.00% | 80.40% | 19 |
| Cheryl Acton | 38 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 13 | 1 | 90.00% | 79.84% | 24 |
| Phil Lyman | 69 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 13 | 1 | 90.00% | 79.50% | 26 |
| Mark Strong | 47 | R | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 11 | 1 | 88.89% | 89.54% | 7 |
| Colin Jack | 73 | R | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 11 | 1 | 88.89% | 88.89% | 8 |
| Mike Schultz | 12 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | 10 | 11 | 88.89% | 83.46% | 11 |
| Keven Stratton | 58 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | 10 | 11 | 88.89% | 83.08% | 12 |
| Val Peterson | 56 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | 10 | 11 | 88.89% | 79.72% | 25 |
| Jon Hawkins | 55 | R | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | 8 | 11 | 87.50% | 80.83% | 18 |
| Robert Spendlove | 42 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | A | Y | Y | 9 | 11 | 87.50% | 78.42% | 33 |
| Jordan Teuscher | 44 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 85.63% | 10 |
| Cory Maloy | 52 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 81.30% | 15 |
| Brady Brammer | 54 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 81.08% | 16 |
| Mike Petersen | 2 | R | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 11 | 11 | 80.00% | 80.87% | 17 |
| Anthony Loubet | 27 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 80.00% | 20 |
| Bridger Bolinder | 29 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 80.00% | 20 |
| Katy Hall | 11 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 80.00% | 20 |
| Neil Walter | 74 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 80.00% | 20 |
| Stephen Whyte | 63 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 79.30% | 27 |
| Ryan Wilcox | 7 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 78.50% | 31 |
| Calvin Musselman | 9 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 78.22% | 34 |
| Ken Ivory | 39 | R | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 11 | 11 | 80.00% | 77.84% | 35 |
| Rex Shipp | 71 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 76.06% | 40 |
| Mike Kohler | 59 | R | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 11 | 11 | 80.00% | 75.37% | 41 |
| Dan Johnson | 3 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 20 | 80.00% | 74.98% | 43 |
| Christine Watkins | 67 | R | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | N | A | A | A | A | 4 | 11 | 80.00% | 69.92% | 53 |
| Jeff Moss | 51 | R | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 8 | 20 | 77.78% | 89.74% | 6 |
| Jeff Burton | 64 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | 8 | 20 | 77.78% | 86.53% | 9 |
| Candice Pierucci | 49 | R | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 20 | 77.78% | 82.89% | 13 |
| Brad Wilson | 15 | R | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 8 | 20 | 77.78% | 82.04% | 14 |
| Steve Lund | 66 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 20 | 77.78% | 79.13% | 28 |
| Karianne Lisonbee | 14 | R | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 20 | 77.78% | 77.78% | 36 |
| Tim Jimenez | 28 | R | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 20 | 77.78% | 77.78% | 36 |
| Melissa Garff Ballard | 20 | R | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 20 | 77.78% | 76.92% | 38 |
| Stephanie Gricius | 50 | R | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | 6 | 20 | 75.00% | 75.00% | 42 |
| Casey Snider | 5 | R | Y | A | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | 6 | 20 | 71.43% | 78.51% | 30 |
| Kera Birkeland | 4 | R | A | A | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | 4 | 20 | 71.43% | 72.51% | 48 |
| Susan Pulipher | 45 | R | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 43 | 70.00% | 78.70% | 29 |
| Carl Albrecht | 70 | R | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 5 | 53 | 70.00% | 78.46% | 32 |
| Doug Welton | 65 | R | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 43 | 70.00% | 76.73% | 39 |
| Matt Gwynn | 6 | R | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 43 | 70.00% | 74.80% | 44 |
| Stewart Barlow | 17 | R | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 43 | 70.00% | 73.56% | 46 |
| Karen Peterson | 13 | R | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 43 | 70.00% | 73.45% | 47 |
| Judy Weeks Rohner | 30 | R | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 7 | 43 | 70.00% | 70.70% | 50 |
| Scott Chew | 68 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 7 | 43 | 70.00% | 70.28% | 51 |
| Kay Christofferson | 53 | R | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | 6 | 43 | 66.67% | 73.57% | 45 |
| Steve Eliason | 43 | R | Y | Y | N | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 4 | 53 | 66.67% | 70.19% | 52 |
| Tom Peterson | 1 | R | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | 5 | 43 | 66.67% | 66.67% | 56 |
| Jeff Stenquist | 46 | R | Y | A | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | 5 | 43 | 62.50% | 70.92% | 49 |
| Raymond Ward | 19 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 56 | 60.00% | 69.60% | 54 |
| Jason Kyle | 8 | R | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 56 | 60.00% | 60.00% | 57 |
| Paul Cutler | 18 | R | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 56 | 60.00% | 60.00% | 57 |
| Quinn Kotter | 26 | R | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | 3 | 56 | 60.00% | 60.00% | 57 |
| Marsha Judkins | 61 | R | A | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | -1 | 61 | 55.56% | 67.49% | 55 |
| Jay Cobb | 48 | R | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | -3 | 62 | 50.00% | 50.00% | 64 |
| Jim Dunningan | 36 | R | A | N | N | N | N | A | Y | Y | N | Y | -1 | 56 | 37.50% | 37.50% | 71 |
| Ashlee Matthews | 37 | D | A | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | -7 | 63 | 33.33% | 33.33% | 72 |
| Rosemary Lesser | 10 | D | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | -7 | 64 | 30.00% | 49.37% | 65 |
| Mark Wheatley | 35 | D | A | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | -9 | 64 | 22.22% | 56.94% | 60 |
| Andrew Stoddard | 40 | D | N | Y | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | -11 | 67 | 20.00% | 54.92% | 61 |
| Doug Owens | 33 | D | N | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | -11 | 67 | 20.00% | 38.27% | 70 |
| Sandra Hollins | 21 | D | A | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | -11 | 66 | 11.11% | 46.76% | 67 |
| Brett Garner | 31 | D | N | N | A | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | N | -11 | 55 | 11.11% | 11.11% | 74 |
| Carol Spackman Moss | 34 | D | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | -13 | 69 | 10.00% | 51.32% | 62 |
| Jen Daley-Provost | 22 | D | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | -13 | 69 | 10.00% | 51.26% | 63 |
| Angela Romero | 25 | D | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | -13 | 69 | 10.00% | 48.64% | 66 |
| Joel Briscoe | 24 | D | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | -13 | 69 | 10.00% | 40.26% | 68 |
| Brian King | 23 | D | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | -13 | 69 | 10.00% | 39.58% | 69 |
| Gay Lynn Bennion | 41 | D | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | -13 | 69 | 10.00% | 22.77% | 73 |
| Sahara Hayes | 32 | D | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | -13 | 69 | 10.00% | 10.00% | 75 |
| With Association | | | 48 | 53 | 52 | 47 | 55 | 50 | 0 | 66 | 15 | 55 | | | | | |
| Against Association | | | 11 | 14 | 20 | 26 | 16 | 19 | 66 | 1 | 57 | 17 | | | | | |
| Absent | | | 14 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| % With Association | | | 64% | 71% | 69% | 63% | 73% | 67% | 0% | 88% | 20% | 73% | | | | | |

SENATE SUMMARY

BILLS SELECTED

The Senate voted on 34 bills on our watchlist. Eight were selected for the scorecard; five were double-weighted: HB 54, HB 215, SB 260, SB 279, SJR 10.

POTENTIAL SCORES

The maximum potential score for a Representative was 13; the minimum was -13. The average was 0.75.

AWARD WINNERS

2 Senators won the "Friend of the Taxpayer" award, with an average score of 10.5. They represent 6.9% of the Senate.

LOW SCORERS

The lowest-scoring Republican Representatives were David Hinkins and Derrin Owens with an average score of 0. Four Democrats tied for the lowest score of -11.

FRIEND OF THE TAXPAYER WINNERS

The following Senators won the 2023 Friend of the Taxpayer Award:

- Lincoln Fillmore
- Dan McCay

Note that Senator Thatcher was absent during voting for all bills surveyed; for this reason he does not appear on our 2023 Scorecard.



SENATE SCORECARD 2023

Friend of the Taxpayer Award Winners

| Senator | District | Party | 4th Sub HB 54* (Double-Weighted) | 3rd Sub HB 215* (Double-Weighted) | 3rd Sub HB 301 | 1st Sub HB 345 | 3rd Sub HB 513 | 2nd Sub SB 260* (Double-Weighted)2 | 1st Sub SB 279* (Double-Weighted)2 | 1st Sub SJR 10* (Double-Weighted) | Score | Rank | Percentage | 5-Year Average | 5-Year Ranking |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Association Position | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | | | | | |
| Lincoln Fillmore | 17 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | 11 | 1 | 87.50% | 90.06% | 1 |
| Dan McCay | 18 | R | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | N | N | Y | 10 | 1 | 85.71% | 88.21% | 2 |
| John D Johnson | 3 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | 9 | 3 | 87.50% | 83.50% | 4 |
| Jerry Stevenson | 6 | R | Y | Y | A | Y | A | A | Y | Y | 5 | 3 | 80.00% | 83.22% | 5 |
| Don Ipson | 29 | R | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | 4 | 5 | 66.67% | 80.13% | 13 |
| Wayne Harper | 16 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | 5 | 5 | 71.43% | 81.68% | 10 |
| Michael Kennedy | 21 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | 5 | 5 | 71.43% | 82.81% | 6 |
| David Buxton | 4 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 5 | 8 | 75.00% | 82.39% | 7 |
| Stuart Adams | 7 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 5 | 8 | 75.00% | 81.69% | 9 |
| Scott Sandall | 1 | R | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | 2 | 10 | 57.14% | 74.36% | 21 |
| Todd Weiler | 8 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 10 | 62.50% | 81.30% | 11 |
| Evan Vickers | 28 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 10 | 62.50% | 78.03% | 16 |
| Chris H Wilson | 2 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 13 | 62.50% | 73.83% | 22 |
| Ann Millner | 5 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 13 | 62.50% | 77.24% | 17 |
| Ronald Winterton | 20 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 13 | 62.50% | 79.89% | 14 |
| Jacob Anderegg | 22 | R | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | 2 | 13 | 57.14% | 80.76% | 12 |
| Keith Grover | 23 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 13 | 62.50% | 82.17% | 8 |
| Curtis Bramble | 24 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 13 | 62.50% | 85.90% | 3 |
| Mike McKell | 25 | R | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 13 | 62.50% | 76.50% | 19 |
| Kirk Cullimore | 19 | R | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 2 | 20 | 57.14% | 79.01% | 15 |
| David Hinkins | 26 | R | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | -1 | 21 | 50.00% | 76.83% | 18 |
| Derrin R Owens | 27 | R | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | -1 | 21 | 50.00% | 75.00% | 20 |
| Luz Escamilla | 10 | D | N | N | A | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | -10 | 23 | 14.29% | 66.52% | 23 |
| Jen Plumb | 9 | D | N | N | N | A | Y | Y | Y | N | -12 | 24 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 28 |
| Karen Kwan | 12 | D | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | -11 | 24 | 12.50% | 55.82% | 25 |
| Nate Blouin | 13 | D | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | -11 | 24 | 12.50% | 12.50% | 27 |
| Stephanie Fitcher | 14 | D | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | -11 | 24 | 12.50% | 50.88% | 26 |
| Kathleen A Riebe | 15 | D | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | -11 | 24 | 12.50% | 58.55% | 24 |
| With Association | | | 23 | 21 | 20 | 25 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 23 | | | | | |
| Against Association | | | 6 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 24 | 23 | 24 | 6 | | | | | |
| Absent | | | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | | | | |
| % With Association | | | 79% | 72% | 69% | 86% | 14% | 14% | 10% | 79% | | | | | |

SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS

HB 54, 4TH SUB (ELIASON)*



Lowers the state individual and corporate tax rate from 4.85% to 4.65%; allows a second dependent exemption to be claimed in the year of birth; expands the Social Security credit; removes the state sales tax on food contingent on the passage of the constitutional amendment to remove the earmark on income tax. Your Taxpayers Association supports competitive tax rates for the entire base.

Passed House 50-11-14

Passed Senate 22-6-1

HB 215, 3RD SUB (PIERRUCCI)*



Establishes the Utah Fits All Scholarship which allows students to apply for up to \$8,000 to attend private schools or be homeschooled. Federal funding and local property tax funding for that student remains in the classroom. Directly appropriates a \$6,000 salary increase to teachers. Your Taxpayers Association supports results-driven tax policy and efficient spending in education.

Passed House 54-20-0

Passed Senate 20-8-1

HB 144, 1ST SUB (ALBRECHT)



Adds severance tax as a claimable source for tax credits; enhances the usability of the high cost infrastructure tax credit to mining, oil and gas and other heavy industries in the state of Utah. Your Taxpayers Association supports tax credits which remove sales tax from business inputs and eliminate tax pyramiding.

Passed House 55-14-6

Passed Senate 25-0-4

HB 294 (ABBOTT)



Requires certain state and local entities to disclose certain information about their budget, including percentage population estimate changes and estimated total budget percentage changes. Your Taxpayers Association supports transparency in budgeting processes in order to increase accountability to taxpayers.

Passed House 49-26-0

Not heard in Senate

**Double-weighted, high-priority bill*

SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS

HB 301, 3RD SUB (SCHULTZ)



Increases vehicle registration fees by \$7; lowers the state gas tax and raises the state gas tax ceiling; enacts a tax on electric vehicle charging stations. Your Taxpayers Association supports user fees and acknowledges that the gas consumption is diminishing as an accurate reflection of road usage.

Passed House 57-16-2

Passed Senate 19-5-5

HB 422, 1ST SUB (KYLE)*



Contingent on the passage of a constitutional amendment, establishes a 60% threshold for the passage of any statewide initiative that would raise taxes. Your Taxpayers Association supports legislation which protects taxpayers from outside interests and insures any measures that raise taxes have broad support.

Passed House 52-19-4

Not heard in Senate

HB 345, 1ST SUB (K. PETERSON)



Requires special districts to report proposed tax increases or bond issuances to their respective municipal legislative body, and requires that elected municipal legislative body to make a recommendation on the proposal. Your Taxpayers Association supports transparency for voters and accountability for special districts.

Passed House 71-0-4

Passed Senate 24-0-5

HB 513, 3RD SUB (SNIDER)



Implements royalties and severance tax for certain minerals and metals mined from the Great Salt Lake. Your Taxpayers Association opposes legislation which increases the tax burden on important industry and makes Utah a less competitive place to do business.

Passed House 68-0-7

Passed Senate 24-3-2

**Double-weighted, high-priority bill*

SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS

SB 81, 2ND SUB (FILLMORE)



Addresses when deferred property taxes come due; makes technical changes. Your Taxpayers Association supports the deferral of property taxes rather than a tax credit because it provides necessary relief to taxpayers without unfairly shifting the burden of tax to others.

***Passed House 68-1-6
Passed Senate 26-0-3***

SB 260, 2ND SUB (CULLIMORE)*



Eliminates the deadline for a county to implement a local option sales tax and expands which counties may impose a local option tax. Your Taxpayers Association opposes the addition of sales taxes which hide the cost of government.

***Passed House 57-17-1
Passed Senate 23-3-3***

SB 279, 1ST SUB (WEILER)*



Allows a city to propose a ZAP/RAP tax for a 20-year period instead of the current 10-year period and to issue a bond backed by the tax for that duration. The additional tax is to be authorized by voters. Your Taxpayers Association opposes the addition of sales taxes and the creation of new sources of revenue with limited transparency and accountability.

***Not heard in House
Passed Senate 24-2-3***

SJR 10, 1ST SUB (MCCAY)*



Forwards a constitutional amendment to remove the earmark on income tax for only education, children and disabled services. Your Taxpayers Association supports the responsible spending of taxpayer money and flexibility in budgeting.

***Passed House 57-17-1
Passed Senate 22-6-1***

**Double-weighted, high-priority bill*