



Voices for Utah Children 2018 Legislative Summary

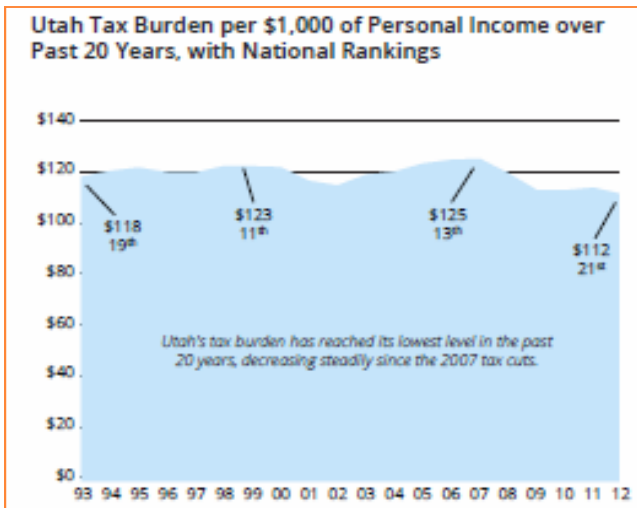
Area	Bill	Description	Voices Position	Final Status
Healthcare	HB12: Family Planning Services Amendment	<i>Enables access to family planning services for certain low-income individuals not currently covered by Medicaid.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed & funded!
	HB24: Autism Insurance Coverage Sunset Amendments	<i>Allows for continuation of guaranteed insurance coverage for health needs of children with autism spectrum disorder.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed!
	HB325: Primary Care Network Amendments	<i>Provides enhanced health coverage benefits for certain people who qualify for Utah's Primary Care Network.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed!
	HB472: Medicaid Expansion Amendments	<i>Directs the Department of Health to seek expansion of Medicaid with various wavier-dependent restrictions, including work requirements.</i>	Oppose	SAD NEWS: Passed.
	SB161: Nurse Home Visiting Pay-for-Success Program	<i>Establishes a Pay-for-Success program to support evidence-based home visiting in Utah.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed & funded!
	SB172: Medicaid Waiver Amendments	<i>Directs Dept of Health to implement a number of service modifications that would impact coverage/accessibility for parents, foster children and others.</i>	Oppose	GOOD NEWS: Did not pass.
	SCR11: Resolution on Awareness & Treatment of Maternal Mental Health Issues	<i>Raises awareness about maternal mental health issues in Utah and encourages state agencies to take action to address these issues.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed!
Juvenile Justice	HB132: Juvenile Justice Modifications	<i>Clarifies and/or delays certain key reforms from HB239 (juvenile justice reform legislation from 2017) related to truancy and the role of SROs.</i>	Neutral	MIXED NEWS: Passed, improved.
	HB190: Juvenile Offense and Jurisdiction Modifications	<i>Drops from 16 to 15 the age at which a child is tried as an adult for homicide against a law enforcement officer.</i>	Oppose	GOOD NEWS: Did not pass.
	HB264: Elementary School Counselor Program	<i>Creates grants for elementary schools to provide school-based mental health supports in elementary schools.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed & funded!
	HR1: Resolution Urging Restorative Justice in Utah's Education System	<i>Encourages school agencies to implement restorative justice programs in primary and secondary schools, to help Utah students deal with conflict in a more constructive way.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed!
	SB81: Children's Justice Center Program	<i>Establishes a Children's Justice Center, satellite office or multidisciplinary team to serve child abuse victims in Juab County.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed!
	SB198: Public School Disciplinary Action Amendments	<i>Requires the Utah State Board of Education to compile and annually present information about disciplinary actions taken by School Resource Officers in public schools.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed!
Early Education	HB319: Early Care and Learning Coordination Amendments	<i>Establishes an Early Childhood Commission, advised by the Early Childhood Utah Advisory Council, to coordinate services for Utah's young children (under 6).</i>	Support	SAD NEWS: Did not pass.
	HB380: Utah School Readiness Initiative Amendments	<i>Extends the state's Pay-for-Success contracting program to provide high-quality Pre-Kindergarten slots around the state.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed!
	SB194: Early Literacy Amendments	<i>Enhances existing early literacy programs with digital reporting, funding flexibility, and support for schools struggling to meet early literacy goals.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed!
Tax Fairness	HB57: Intergenerational Poverty Work and Self-Sufficiency Tax Credit	<i>Enacts a refundable state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for Utahns living in Intergenerational Poverty (IGP).</i>	Support	SAD NEWS: Did not pass.
	HB148: Tax Revisions	<i>Eliminates Utah's 1.75% state sales tax on grocery food items.</i>	Support	SAD NEWS: Did not pass.
Family Economic Prosperity	HB156: Family Leave Amendments	<i>Directs state agencies and higher education employers to provide eligible employees with paid parental for birth/adoption of child.</i>	Support	SAD NEWS: Did not pass.
	HB278: Paid Family and Medical Leave Tax Credit	<i>Create a state match for a new federal tax credit for businesses that offer paid family and medical leave.</i>	Support	SAD NEWS: Did not pass.
	HB283: Workplace Protection Amendments	<i>Applies anti-discrimination laws to small employers (under 15 employees)</i>	Support	SAD NEWS: Did not pass.
	HB326: Intergenerational Poverty Initiative	<i>Establishes a county-focused grant (pilot) program to support local solutions to intergenerational poverty.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed!
	SB152: Equal Pay Study	<i>To analyze gender-based wage disparities in executive branch agencies.</i>	Support	SAD NEWS: Did not pass.
	SB162: Intergenerational Poverty Matching - Education Savings Plan	<i>Creates Education Savings Pilot Program to provide matching contributions to 529 savings accounts for kids experiencing intergenerational poverty.</i>	Support	GOOD NEWS: Passed & funded!



Legislative Session 2018: Tax and Revenue

Revenue Sufficiency

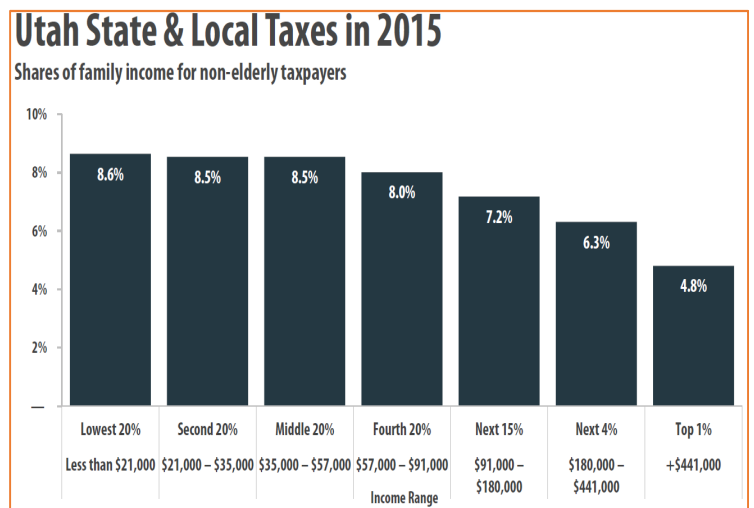
Are public revenues sufficient to make critical investments in the next generation?



Source: Utah Foundation

Tax Fairness

Are we taxing low-income Utahns into (or deeper into) poverty?



Source: ITEP.org

2018 Major Fiscal Actions:

1. The compromise with Our Schools Now

	Before the compromise	After the compromise
Total new revenue	<p>\$700+ million IF ballot initiative passed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income tax from 5 to 5.45% Sales tax from 4.7 to 5.15% <p>Would have moved Utah up from 50th to 48th place in per-pupil K-12 investment.</p>	<p>~\$300-350 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~\$200 million by FY2023 from property tax rate freeze (HB 293) \$120 million from gas tax up 10 cents IF non-binding referendum passes AND lame-duck Legislature keeps its word <p>Would move Utah up from 50th to 49th place in per-pupil K-12 investment.</p>
Who pays?	Mostly from top quintile of taxpayers because mostly an income tax increase	Mostly from middle-income Utahns with more detrimental impact on low-income than “before” because all from property tax and gas tax

2. **The response to the December 2017 federal tax changes** (H.R. 1), estimated conservatively to bring the state an additional \$80 million of income tax revenue this year, about half from the 14% of households that have 3 or more children:

- Single Sales Factor corporate income tax apportionment, a \$28 million business tax cut
- Reduced state income tax rate from 5% to 4.95%, which reduces Education Fund revenue by \$56 million in FY 2020. About 60-70% of this tax cut goes to the top quintile of Utahns, those earning over \$115,000.

3. **Tax Fairness:** Two bills failed that would have made Utah’s tax code fairer:

- HB 57: The IGP EITC (Rep. Westwood/Sen. Vickers)
- HB 148 to remove the sales tax from grocery food items (Rep. Quinn/Sen. Escamilla)