

2017 Priority Bills

Feb 24, 2017

Total Bills Exported: 16

#	Bill #	State	Last Action	Last Action Date	Status	Priority	Position
1	HB 168	UT	"Senate/ received from House"	Feb 23, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Kindergarten Supplemental Enrichment Program					
Bill Summary:		This bill establishes the kindergarten supplemental enrichment program.					
Categories:		Budget, Education, Families & Children, Labor & Employment					
Primary Sponsors:		V. Lowry Snow, F. Ann Millner					

2	HB 272	UT	"House/ comm rpt/ amended"	Feb 17, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Regulatory Impact Amendments					
Bill Summary:		This bill requires the legislative fiscal analyst, when evaluating proposed legislation, to indicate whether the legislation would make changes in the regulatory burden for state residents or businesses. We believe key reforms focused on improving analysis and evaluation of administrative rules will greatly improve Utah's business climate.					
Categories:		Government Administration, Budget, Small Business, Taxes, Labor & Employment					
Primary Sponsors:		Bradley R. Wilson, Daniel Hemmert					

3	SB 110	UT	"House/ to standing committee"	Feb 23, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Sales Tax Collection Amendments					
Bill Summary:		This bill defines terms; addresses the circumstances under which a seller may be required to collect and remit sales and use tax to the State Tax Commission; provides a legal process for determining the application of certain sales and use tax collection obligations; repeals a requirement that certain sales and use tax revenue be deposited into a restricted account; repeals the provision allowing a seller that voluntarily collects and remits sales and use tax to retain 18% of... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Taxes, Transportation, Legal Affairs, Communications, Budget, Crime, Sports & Recreation, Infrastructure, Energy					
Primary Sponsors:		Curtis S. Bramble, Michael Schultz					

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4	SB 197	UT	"Senate/ committee report favorable"	Feb 16, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Manufacturing Amendments				
Bill Summary:			<p>This bill repeals a provision related to the economic life of machinery, equipment, or normal operating repair or replacement parts for purposes of a sales and use tax exemption related to certain business activities and amends the sales and use tax exemption to include certain materials.</p> <p>We support tax policies that strengthen Utah's economy and properly balance tax simplicity, efficiency, fairness, revenue sufficiency and transparency.</p>				
Categories:			Transportation, Taxes, Industrials, Travel & Leisure, Energy, Infrastructure, Education, Sports & Recreation, Technology, Communications, Food & Beverage, Agriculture, Consumers				
Primary Sponsors:			J. Stuart Adams				

5	SJR 14	UT	"House/ to standing committee"	Feb 23, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Joint Resolution Regarding Jobs in Rural Utah				
Bill Summary:			<p>This resolution encourages the creation of 25,000 new jobs over the next four years throughout 25 rural counties; encourages collaboration and partnership to address economic barriers and pro-business strategies in rural Utah; and urges businesses to consider the advantages of expansion into rural counties.</p> <p>We support rural economic development efforts that advance infrastructure investment and export opportunities.</p>				
Categories:			Government Administration, Infrastructure, Labor & Employment, Budget, Agriculture, Technology, Taxes, Industrials				
Primary Sponsors:			Kevin T. Van Tassell, Scott H. Chew				

6	SB 190	UT	"Senate/ comm rpt/ amended"	Feb 14, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Education Computing Pathways				
Bill Summary:			<p>This bill creates the Computing Pathways Grants program, administered by the STEM Action Center.</p> <p>We stand with Gov. Herbert and the Utah Legislature in supporting a long-term plan for education. We believe the recommendations in "Prosperity Through Education" plan will elevate our educational outcomes to be globally competitive. We support investments for technology devices and technology-based assessments to support instruction for students.</p>				
Categories:			Technology, Education, Budget, Labor & Employment, Infrastructure, Industrials				
Primary Sponsors:			Ralph Okerlund, Bradley G. Last				

7	SJR 13	UT	"House/ to standing committee"	Feb 23, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Joint Resolution Supporting Creation of Citizens Equity Funds				
Bill Summary:			<p>This resolution strongly urges Utah's congressional delegation and the Governor to begin to work with Congress to authorize the creation of for profit corporations by the several states for the creation and replacement of needed infrastructure; and argues that these for profit corporations should be managed by a board of directors nominated by a governor and confirmed by the state legislature, with the governor serving as chair of the board of directors, and that such corporations... [Abridged]</p>				

Categories: Infrastructure, Government Administration, Taxes, Labor & Employment

Primary Sponsors: J. Stuart Adams, Raymond P. Ward

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8	SB 204	UT	"Senate Comm - Amendment Recommendation # 1"	Feb 16, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Public-Private Partnerships				
Bill Summary:			This bill defines "public-private partnership"; and enacts language relating to the use of public-private partnerships in the procurement of projects. We support innovative approaches to infrastructure investment, finance and operations to account for life cycle costs and operational risks of a project.				
Categories:			Budget, Labor & Employment, Consumers, Government Administration, Education, Industrials, Technology, Legal Affairs, Transportation				
Primary Sponsors:			Ralph Okerlund				

9	HB 392	UT	"House/ received fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst"	Feb 22, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Air Quality Policy Advisory Board				
Bill Summary:			This bill creates the Air Quality Policy Advisory Board; establishes board membership; and designates board responsibilities . We support helping Utahns better understand the causes and effects of poor air quality, including funding research and prompting voluntary actions to improve air quality.				
Categories:			Government Administration, Budget, Travel & Leisure				
Primary Sponsors:			Timothy D. Hawkes				

10	SJR 2	UT	"House/ 3rd reading"	Feb 22, 2017	Passed second chamber	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Joint Resolution Encouraging the Employment of Utah Workers for Airport Redevelopment Efforts				
Bill Summary:			This resolution of the Legislature encourages the Salt Lake City Department of Airports to procure services that will substantially employ Utah workers for the Salt Lake City International Airport Terminal Redevelopment Program. We support the Salt Lake International Airport as an extraordinary asset to Utah's economy. We will continue to champion the \$2.6 billion terminal redevelopment, funded without any increases in taxes or state funds, as a major investment in our state's... [Abridged]				
Categories:			Budget, Transportation, Labor & Employment, Public Resources, Housing & Property				
Primary Sponsors:			Karen Marie Mayne, Kay J. Christofferson				

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11	HB 223	UT	"House Comm - Substitute Recommendation from # 0 to # 1"	Feb 17, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Elementary School Counselor Program				
Bill Summary:			This bill defines terms; creates the Elementary School Counselor Pilot Program; authorizes the State Board of Education to award grants to qualified local education agencies to employ licensed school counselors; requires a local education agency that receives a grant to make an annual report to the State Board of Education; and provides a repeal date.				
Categories:			Education, Budget, Labor & Employment				
Primary Sponsors:			Steven Eliason, Howard A. Stephenson				

12	HB 108	UT	"Senate/ comm rpt/ amended"	Feb 23, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Teacher Salary Supplement Amendments				
Bill Summary:			This bill defines terms; amends provisions related to an individual's eligibility for a teacher salary supplement; and makes technical and conforming changes.				
Categories:			Education, Labor & Employment, Technology				
Primary Sponsors:			Kay J. Christofferson, Evan J. Vickers				

13	SB 117	UT	"House/ to standing committee"	Feb 23, 2017	Passed first chamber	Med Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Higher Education Performance Funding				
Bill Summary:			This bill amends and enacts provisions related to performance funding for higher education institutions and applied technology colleges.				
Categories:			Education, Technology, Budget, Government Administration, Labor & Employment				
Primary Sponsors:			F. Ann Millner, Bradley R. Wilson				

14	HB 147	UT	"House Comm - Held"	Feb 14, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Oppose Position
Watchlists:			2017 Priority Bills				
Title:			Living Wage Amendments				
Bill Summary:			This bill amends provisions related to minimum wages including increases to take place over the next four years. On and after July 1, 2017, and before July 1, 2018, the minimum wage is \$10.25 per hour. On and after July 1, 2018, and before July 1, 2019, the minimum wage is \$11.20 per hour. On and after July 1, 2019, and before July 1, 2020, the minimum wage is \$12.15 per hour. On and after July 1, 2020, and before July 1, 2021, the minimum wage is \$13.10 per hour. On and after... [Abridged]				
Categories:			Labor & Employment, Social Issues, Families & Children, Sports & Recreation				
Primary Sponsors:			Lynn N. Hemingway				

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15	HB 81	UT	"LFA/ fiscal note publicly available"	Feb 20, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Oppose Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Post-employment Restrictive Covenant Amendments					
Bill Summary:		Protecting Non-compete Agreements: We support the reasonable and responsible uses of non-compete agreements and other post-employment restrictive covenants that adequately protect both employers and employees, and are freely and openly entered into by both parties. We stand by the 2016 compromise on this issue, and before any further efforts to legislate, support completing, distributing and considering the results of the data-driven, Utah-based research on non-compete agreements.					
Categories:		Labor & Employment					
Primary Sponsors:		Brian M. Greene					

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16	HB 242	UT	"House Comm - Amendment Recommendation # 1"	Feb 13, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Oppose Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Family and Medical Leave Amendments					
Bill Summary:		This bill defines terms; provides that a state-eligible employer is subject to the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act; and addresses enforcement of the provisions of this bill.					
Categories:		Families & Children, Labor & Employment					
Primary Sponsors:		Dixon M. Pitcher					