

2017 Priority Bills

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Total Bills Exported: 19

#	Bill #	State	Last Action	Last Action Date	Status	Priority	Position
1	HB 168	UT	"Senate/ committee report favorable"	Mar 01, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Kindergarten Supplemental Enrichment Program					
Bill Summary:		<p>This bill establishes the kindergarten supplemental enrichment program that will improve the academic achievement and career readiness of Utah school students.</p> <p>We know that adequately funding early childhood education today creates successful lifelong learners who will drive tomorrow's economy.</p> <p>This bill fits within objective 1, expansion of voluntary full-day kindergarten for at risk-students, in the "Prosperity Through Education" plan. Utah must utilize all resources to... [Abridged]</p>					
Categories:		Budget, Education, Families & Children, Labor & Employment					
Primary Sponsors:		V. Lowry Snow, F. Ann Millner					
2	HB 272	UT	"Senate/ comm rpt/ amended"	Mar 02, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Regulatory Impact Amendments					
Bill Summary:		<p>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.</p> <p>We believe key reforms focused on improving analysis and evaluation of administrative rules will greatly improve Utah's business climate.</p>					
Categories:		Government Administration, Budget, Small Business, Taxes, Labor & Employment					
Primary Sponsors:		Bradley R. Wilson, Daniel Hemmert					
3	SB 110	UT	"House Comm - Not Considered"	Feb 28, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Sales Tax Collection Amendments					
Bill Summary:		<p>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]</p>					
Categories:		Taxes, Transportation, Legal Affairs, Communications, Budget, Crime, Sports & Recreation, Infrastructure, Energy					
Primary Sponsors:		Curtis S. Bramble, Michael E. Noel, Michael Schultz					

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4	SB 197	UT	"LFA/ fiscal note publicly available"	Mar 02, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Refinery Sales and Use Tax Exemption 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:		Taxes, Transportation, Energy, Industrials, Travel & Leisure, Infrastructure, Education, Food & Beverage, Technology, Sports & Recreation, Agriculture, Communications, Consumers					
Primary Sponsors:		J. Stuart Adams, Bradley R. Wilson					

5	SJR 14	UT	"House/ committee report favorable"	Mar 02, 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	"House Comm - Favorable Recommendation"	Mar 02, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Education Computing Partnerships					
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, Government Administration, Infrastructure					
Primary Sponsors:		Ralph Okerlund, Bradley G. Last					

7	SJR 13	UT	"Bill Received from Senate for Enrolling"	Mar 02, 2017	Passed second 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	"House Comm - Favorable Recommendation"	Mar 02, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
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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, Government Administration, Consumers, Education, Industrials, Technology, Legal Affairs, Transportation
Primary Sponsors:	Ralph Okerlund, John Knotwell

9	HB 392	UT	"Senate/ to standing committee"	Mar 02, 2017	Passed first chamber	High Priority	Support Position
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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
Primary Sponsors:	Timothy D. Hawkes, Todd D. Weiler

10	SJR 2	UT	"House/ 3rd reading"	Feb 22, 2017	Passed second chamber	High Priority	Support Position
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Watchlists:	2017 Priority Bills
Title:	Joint Resolution Encouraging the Employment of Utah Workers for Airport Redevelopment Efforts
Bill Summary:	(PASSED) 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... [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	"Senate/ to standing committee"	Mar 01, 2017	Passed first chamber	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/ 2nd reading"	Mar 02, 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 and will divert 20 percent of the estimated revenue growth from targeted jobs to a new restricted account within the Education Fund. Based on current job data, this is estimated at \$16,500,000 ongoing, beginning in FY 2018,					
Categories:		Education, Technology, Budget, Government Administration, Labor & Employment					
Primary Sponsors:		F. Ann Millner, Bradley R. Wilson					

14	HB 441	UT	"House/ received fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst"	Mar 02, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Housing and Homeless Reform Initiative Amendments					
Bill Summary:		This bill modifies the ordinances and other regulations that a municipality may enforce for a homeless shelter; modifies the requirements for the Homeless Coordinating Committee and the Housing and Community Development Division to award grants or contracts related to a facility that will provide shelter or other services to the homeless; and makes technical changes. We support planning and funding from communities throughout Utah for facilities, services and housing as part of... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Housing & Property, Government Administration, Budget, Families & Children, Social Issues, Crime, Health, Education					
Primary Sponsors:		Francis D. Gibson					

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15	HB 442	UT	"House/ received fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst"	Mar 01, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Alcohol Amendments					
Bill Summary:		H.B. 442 is a comprehensive review of existing alcohol regulation, it includes changes to retail licensing, an increase in markup on alcoholic beverages, electronic age verification requirements and provisions for removal of a bar structure.					
Categories:		Food & Beverage, Crime, Families & Children, Transportation, Health, Government Administration, Consumers, Arts & Humanities, Travel & Leisure, Taxes, Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Communications					
Primary Sponsors:		Bradley R. Wilson					

16	SB 276	UT	"Senate Comm - Amendment Recommendation # 1"	Mar 02, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Support Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Transportation Funding Modifications					
Bill Summary:		This bill changes the price at which the gas tax is calculated from 12 percent of \$2.45 per gallon to 16.5 percent of \$1.78 per gallon (the projected rack price in 2018). While the 29.4 cents per gallon equivalent of the gas tax would initially be unchanged, lowering the price at which the tax is calculated allows the revenues generated from the tax to increase as the wholesale fuel price rises. The bill also begins to shift some of the additional fuel tax revenues out of UDOT's... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Taxes, Transportation, Energy, Sports & Recreation, Infrastructure, Public Resources, Agriculture, Labor & Employment, Housing & Property, Communications, Travel & Leisure					
Primary Sponsors:		Kevin T. Van Tassell					

17	HB 147	UT	"House Comm - Held"	Feb 14, 2017	Introduced	High Priority	Oppose Position
Watchlists:		2017 Priority Bills					
Title:		Living Wage Amendments					
Bill Summary:		(DEFEATED - Held for Interim Study) 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... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Labor & Employment, Social Issues, Families & Children, Sports & Recreation					
Primary Sponsors:		Lynn N. Hemingway					

18	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:		(DEFEATED) The bill addresses consideration and termination of employment as they relate to post-employment restrictive covenants, restricts the time for bringing an action to enforce such covenants, and makes technical changes. 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... [Abridged]					

Categories:	Labor & Employment
Primary Sponsors:	Brian M. Greene

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19	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:	<p>(DEFEATED - Held for Interim Study)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Expanding FMLA also comes with additional recordkeeping requirements and operational costs as a result of managing the human resources and administration of the law. Rough estimates place this at \$1,720 per firm, per year with basic compliance, for the... [Abridged]</p>
Categories:	Families & Children, Labor & Employment
Primary Sponsors:	Dixon M. Pitcher