

THE CLUB FOR
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2023

Utah State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Utah's General Assembly are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. This is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT PRO-GROWTH POLICIES.

THE FOUNDATION CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS OF VOTING RECORDS.

THE FOUNDATION'S GOAL IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND BRING AWARENESS TO LAWMAKERS.

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Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Utah’s elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker’s record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

The Foundation examines legislative votes related to the Foundation’s immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limited government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing term limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examines votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation, and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN UTAH IN 2023

The Foundation’s study examined over 1,850 floor votes and, in the end, included 16 Utah House votes and 14 Utah Senate votes.

COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0% scores are, by default, ranked #75 in the House

and #29 in the Senate if all lawmakers are present. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2023 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the Utah House and Utah Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

- DAVID McINTOSH
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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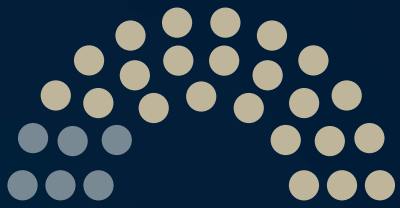
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23 Republicans

6 Democrats

0 Independent

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 31%

(Down from 42% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 4%

(Down from 14% in 2022)



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Lincoln Fillmore (SD-17) | 52%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator J. Stuart Adams (SD-7) | 17%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Jennifer Plumb (SD-9) | 9%

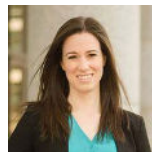


LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Senator Nate Blouin (SD-13) | 0%

Senator Luz Escamilla (SD-10) | 0%

Senator Stephanie Pitcher (SD-14) | 0%



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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
POINTS					7	8	5	7	8	9	7	8	9	5	8	5	6	8	
Adams, J. Stuart	SD-07	R	17%	30%	-	8	X	7	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Anderegg, Jacob	SD-22	R	40%	38%	7	8	-	7	8	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	3
Blouin, Nate	SD-13	D	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Bramble, Curtis	SD-24	R	35%	34%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	6	X	7
Buxton, David	SD-04	R	25%	31%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	16
Cullimore, Kirk	SD-19	R	25%	30%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	16
Escamilla, Luz	SD-10	D	0%	7%	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	26
Fillmore, Lincoln	SD-17	R	52%	59%	7	8	-	7	8	-	X	-	X	-	8	-	6	-	1
Grover, Keith	SD-23	R	35%	36%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	6	-	7
Harper, Wayne	SD-16	R	29%	41%	7	8	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	12
Hinkins, David	SD-26	R	24%	26%	-	8	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	20
Ipson, Don	SD-29	R	31%	33%	X	8	X	7	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	10
Johnson, John	SD-03	R	43%	60%	7	8	-	7	8	-	X	-	-	X	8	-	-	-	2
Kennedy, Michael	SD-21	R	36%	50%	7	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	5
Kwan, Karen	SD-12	D	7%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	6	-	25
McCay, Daniel	SD-18	R	36%	57%	7	8	-	7	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5
McKell, Mike	SD-25	R	31%	31%	X	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10
Millner, Ann	SD-05	R	28%	33%	-	8	-	7	8	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Owens, Derrin	SD-27	R	28%	34%	-	8	X	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	13
Pitcher, Stephanie	SD-14	D	0%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26

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Plumb, Jennifer	SD-09	D	9%	9%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	8	-	-	-	23
Riebe, Kathleen	SD-15	D	8%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	24
Sandall, Scott	SD-01	R	37%	35%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	4
Stevenson, Jerry	SD-06	R	26%	41%	X	8	X	7	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	15
Thatcher, Daniel	SD-11	R	n/a	24%	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	
Vickers, Evan	SD-28	R	23%	28%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Weiler, Todd	SD-08	R	25%	30%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	16
Wilson, Chris	SD-02	R	25%	24%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	16
Winterton, Ronald	SD-20	R	34%	43%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	X	-	8	-	-	-	9

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HB 42

NEW CRONYISM DEVELOPMENT FUND

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill establishes the Utah Innovation Lab to administer a new taxpayer-backed fund for corporate development. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$15 million to the new Innovation Lab through the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to attract technological commercialization into the state. This type of flagrant cronyism empowers the governor to reward well-connected, government-preferred interests at the expense of hardworking taxpayers and families. The Utah House passed the bill, 51-20, on February 3, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 19-6, on February 17, 2023.

HB 54

SIGNIFICANT TAX REFORM PACKAGE

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill enacts significant tax cuts and reforms. Specifically, the legislation reduces the individual and corporate income tax rates

from 4.85 to 4.65 percent, removes the state sales tax on food contingent on the passage of a constitutional amendment, and creates an additional dependent exemption during the year of birth. Furthermore, the bill unwisely increases the state-earned income tax credit from 15 percent to 20 percent of the federal credit, an unnecessary expansion of a welfare program rife with fraud. Despite this, the bill is estimated to cut roughly \$400 million in taxes for Utahns, providing much-needed economic relief for families and taxpayers. The Utah House passed the bill, 50-11, on March 2, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 22-6, on the same day.

HB 184

VETERINARIAN LOAN SUBSIDY PROGRAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new loan repayment program for veterinarians. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$2.5 million in subsidies to pay off the student loans of veterinarians on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hardworking Utahns should not

be asked to subsidize the loans of individuals who happen to be in a government-preferred profession. This type of cronyism unnecessarily pits citizens against one another. The Utah House passed the bill, 66-6, on March 1, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 23-0, on the same day.

HB 243

PRO TAXPAYER LABOR REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill enacts taxpayer protections against labor union bosses. Specifically, the legislation excludes future managerial hires within the Utah Transit Authority from engaging in collective bargaining. Government employees should not be able to use taxpayer money to bargain for higher taxpayer-funded salaries. Utah has incrementally converted roughly one-third of its state workforce into "at-will" employees. This legislation would continue that trend. The Utah House passed it, 49-21, on February 6, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 20-9, on February 16, 2023.

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HB 281

ANTI-SOCIAL CREDIT SYSTEM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits the implementation of a communist-style social credit system in Utah. Specifically, the legislation prohibits any governmental entity from using, enforcing, providing data, or otherwise participating in the creation of a social credit system that discriminates against people based on their political, religious, economic, or social views. Additionally, the legislation provides recourse for citizens to file complaints against financial institutions if they adopt such a system use it to discriminate against consumers. The Utah House passed the bill, 60-14, on March 1, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 18-5, on the same day.

HB 315

MEDICAID EXPANSION FOR RECREATIONAL THERAPISTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill further expands the costly Medicaid program in Utah. Specifically, the legislation requires the Department of Health and Human

Services (HHS) to seek a waiver to expand the state's already bloated Medicaid program to cover recreational therapy. This expansion not only further entrenches a costly program that provides dubious health outcomes, but also increases spending by more than \$6.3 million in just two years operating under the flawed view that federal taxpayer money is "free." The Utah House passed it, 60-10, on February 9, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 23-0, on February 23, 2023.

HB 384

TAXPAYER-FUNDED OUTDOOR RECREATION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill perpetuates a preexisting priority in Utah where the government funds outdoor recreational activities. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$32 million to the Department of Natural Resources to fund such things as water parks, campgrounds, trailheads, and paved walkways-while also funding the acquisition of land to develop such infrastructure in the process. This program continues to utilize hard-

earned taxpayer dollars to subsidize private civic activities. The Utah House passed the bill, 53-15, on February 23, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 24-0, on March 2, 2023.

SB 3

MASSIVE SPENDING BLOWOUT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill, known as the "bill of bills," primarily appropriates funding for FY2024. Specifically, the legislation authorizes a record \$29 billion budget-a 16 percent increase from the \$25 billion approved the previous year. The bill includes nearly \$100 million in housing subsidies, a 20 percent increase in the base education budget, and a \$6,000 across-the-board pay raise for government school teachers. Working families and households are struggling with record inflation and skyrocketing costs-lawmakers should not be creating exorbitant new funding baselines with temporary surpluses, instead the legislature should return surpluses to the people through tax cuts. The Utah House passed the bill, 70-1, on March 3, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 25-0, on the same day.

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SB 19

MASSIVE MEDICAID EXPANSION FOR DENTISTRY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill continues to expand the costly Medicaid program. Specifically, the legislation requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to seek a waiver to expand the state’s already bloated Medicaid program to cover dentistry. This expansion not only further entrenches an exorbitant program that provides dubious health outcomes, but also increases spending by more than \$42.5 million in just two years operating under the flawed view that federal taxpayer money is “free.” The Utah House passed the bill, 51-15, on February 8, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 19-0, on January 23, 2023.

SB 153

EXPANDED GOVERNOR-RUN CRONYISM SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands an existing model empowering the governor’s office to approve taxpayer-funded

credits and loans for “economic development.” Specifically, the legislation further empowers the Governor’s Office for Economic Opportunity by authorizing tax credits to hand-picked industries, creates a new redevelopment matching grant program, expands grant eligibility under the Rural Opportunity Program to government associations, and expands Hollywood film subsidies to hand-picked counties through an additional \$12 million appropriation. The Utah House passed the bill, 62-11, on March 2, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 26-0, on the same day.

SB 210

NEW STATE GOLF AUTHORITY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new government agency known as the State Golf Authority. Specifically, the legislation empowers the new agency to create an enterprise fund and grants taxation authority to maintain golf courses owned by the state of Utah. Additionally, the bill appropriates \$2 million to the new enterprise fund, provides for legislative appropriations, and puts Utahns

on the hook for new bonds for developing public golf infrastructure. The Utah Senate passed the bill, 17-7, on February 14, 2023. The Utah House did not take it up.

SB 240

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SUBSIDIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new loan-and-subsidy program for first-time homebuyers. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$50 million in subsidies to eligible recipients for specified home expenses that include down payments, closing costs, or reducing mortgage interest rates. Additionally, the bill sets a cap of \$20,000 in subsidies for each homebuyer. Lawmakers should not be facilitating new subsidy schemes—at the expense of hardworking Utahns—to cover the cost of other people’s homes. The Utah House passed the bill, 60-8, on February 28, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 28-1, on February 22, 2023.

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SB 255

REAUTHORIZED LOCAL TAXATION SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill reauthorizes a niche taxation authority at the local level. Specifically, the legislation allows smaller municipalities and counties to reimpose a tax for various recreational, botanical, and zoological initiatives—exposing Utahns to a perpetual local taxation scheme every decade for narrow, well-connected interests. Instead of expanding revenue grabs, lawmakers should lower the overall tax burden and allow the private sector to cater to such endeavors. The Utah Senate passed the bill, 16-9, on February 27, 2023. The Utah House did not take it up.

SB 288

UTILITY BILL WELFARE PROGRAM (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new welfare program administered by the Division of Public Utilities. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$12.1 million in welfare disbursements to utility companies to help eligible customers offset the costs of their utility bills in the form of credits. This type of cronyism pits citizens against one another with some households designated by the government as winners and others designated as losers. The Utah House passed the bill, 50-24, on March 1, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 27-0, on February 28, 2023.

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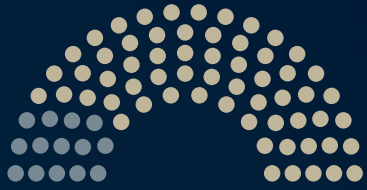
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75 MEMBERS

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61 Republicans

14 Democrats

0 Independent

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 45%

(Down from 47% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 0%

(Down from 15% in 2022)



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Ryan Wilcox (HD-7) | 88%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Marsha Judkins (HD-61) | 10%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

N/A



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

All Democrats | 0%

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POINTS					7	8	5	7	8	9	3	7	4	4	3	8	9	5	5	8	
Abbott, Nelson	HD-57	R	38%	45%	-	8	X	7	8	X	3	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	37
Acton, Cheryl	HD-38	R	30%	34%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	51
Albrecht, Carl	HD-70	R	52%	49%	7	8	-	7	8	-	3	-	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	8	16
Barlow, Stewart	HD-17	R	44%	43%	7	8	-	7	8	-	3	-	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	28
Bennion, Gay Lynn	HD-41	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Birkeland, Kera	HD-04	R	61%	61%	7	X	-	7	8	9	3	X	-	X	3	-	9	-	X	-	12
Bolinder, Bridger	HD-29	R	33%	33%	-	8	X	7	8	-	X	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	44
Brammer, Brady	HD-54	R	53%	59%	-	8	-	7	8	-	3	-	4	4	3	X	9	-	X	-	14
Briscoe, Joel	HD-24	D	0%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	62
Brooks, Walt	HD-75	R	37%	38%	-	8	-	7	8	-	3	-	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	41
Burton, Jefferson	HD-64	R	40%	39%	7	8	X	7	8	-	-	-	-	X	3	-	-	-	-	X	34
Chew, Scott	HD-68	R	43%	41%	7	8	-	7	8	-	-	7	X	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
Christofferson, Kay	HD-53	R	74%	74%	7	8	5	7	8	-	3	7	4	4	3	-	-	5	5	8	6
Clancy, Tyler	HD-60	R	38%	38%	-	8	-	-	8	-	-	7	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	8	37
Cobb, James	HD-48	R	31%	31%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	5	-	47
Cutler, Paul	HD-18	R	28%	28%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	53
Dailey-Provost, Jennifer	HD-22	D	0%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Dunnigan, James	HD-36	R	28%	27%	-	X	-	-	8	-	X	7	-	4	3	-	X	-	-	-	53
Eliason, Steve	HD-43	R	22%	23%	-	8	-	X	8	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Elison, Joseph	HD-72	R	43%	43%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	4	4	3	-	9	-	-	-	29

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POINTS					7	8	5	7	8	9	3	7	4	4	3	8	9	5	5	8	
Garff Ballard, Melissa	HD-20	R	25%	23%	-	X	-	7	8	-	-	-	4	X	3	-	-	-	-	-	55
Garner, Brett	HD-31	D	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Gricius, Stephanie	HD-50	R	48%	48%	X	X	X	7	8	X	-	-	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	8	20
Gwynn, Matthew	HD-06	R	41%	39%	-	8	-	7	8	-	3	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	8	32
Hall, Katy	HD-11	R	46%	46%	7	8	-	7	8	-	3	-	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	8	23
Hawkins, Jon	HD-55	R	31%	44%	-	X	-	7	8	-	-	-	4	4	3	-	X	-	-	-	47
Hayes, Sahara	HD-32	D	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Hollins, Sandra	HD-21	D	0%	7%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Ivory, Ken	HD-39	R	63%	69%	7	8	-	7	8	-	3	7	4	X	3	-	-	5	-	8	9
Jack, Colin	HD-73	R	20%	20%	-	X	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	60
Jimenez, Tim	HD-28	R	68%	68%	7	X	-	7	8	9	3	-	4	-	3	-	9	5	-	8	7
Johnson, Dan	HD-03	R	25%	30%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Judkins, Marsha	HD-61	R	10%	24%	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	61
King, Brian	HD-23	D	0%	7%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Kohler, Michael	HD-59	R	51%	49%	7	8	-	X	8	-	3	X	-	X	3	-	-	-	5	8	18
Kotter, Quinn	HD-26	R	87%	87%	7	8	5	7	8	9	3	7	-	4	3	8	-	5	5	8	2
Kyle, Jason	HD-08	R	76%	76%	-	8	5	7	8	9	3	7	-	4	3	-	9	5	-	8	5
Lee, Trevor	HD-16	R	84%	84%	7	8	5	7	8	9	-	7	4	4	3	-	9	5	-	8	3
Lesser, Rosemary	HD-10	D	0%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Lisonbee, Karianne	HD-14	R	47%	63%	-	X	-	7	8	9	3	7	4	X	3	-	-	-	-	-	21

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
POINTS					7	8	5	7	8	9	3	7	4	4	3	8	9	5	5	8	
Loubet, Anthony	HD-27	R	33%	33%	-	8	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	X	8	44
Lund, Steven	HD-66	R	34%	34%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	7	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Lyman, Phil	HD-69	R	61%	59%	7	8	-	7	8	-	3	-	4	4	3	-	9	-	-	8	12
Maloy, Cory	HD-52	R	45%	59%	-	8	X	7	8	-	-	-	4	4	3	-	9	-	-	-	24
Matthews, Ashlee	HD-37	D	0%	5%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Moss, Carol	HD-34	D	0%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Moss, Jefferson	HD-51	R	43%	42%	-	8	-	7	8	9	-	-	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	29
Musselman, Calvin	HD-09	R	40%	46%	-	8	5	7	8	-	X	-	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	34
Owens, Doug	HD-33	D	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Petersen, Michael	HD-02	R	82%	76%	7	8	5	7	8	-	3	X	4	4	3	-	9	5	5	8	4
Peterson, Karen	HD-13	R	47%	40%	-	8	-	7	8	9	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	8	21
Peterson, Thomas	HD-01	R	45%	45%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	X	3	-	9	-	-	8	24
Peterson, Val	HD-56	R	36%	50%	-	8	-	7	8	X	X	X	4	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	42
Pierucci, Candice	HD-49	R	45%	58%	7	X	-	7	8	-	X	7	-	4	3	-	X	-	-	-	24
Pulsipher, Susan	HD-45	R	38%	36%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	8	37
Romero, Angela	HD-25	D	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Schultz, Mike	HD-12	R	33%	40%	-	8	X	7	X	-	-	-	4	4	3	-	X	-	-	-	44
Shipp, Rex	HD-71	R	50%	54%	7	8	-	7	8	-	3	-	4	4	-	-	9	-	-	-	19
Snider, Casey	HD-05	R	68%	56%	7	8	-	7	8	9	-	-	-	4	3	-	9	5	-	8	7
Spendlove, Robert	HD-42	R	23%	20%	-	8	X	-	8	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	58

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POINTS					7	8	5	7	8	9	3	7	4	4	3	8	9	5	5	8	
Stenquist, Jeffrey	HD-46	R	31%	40%	-	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	5	-	47
Stoddard, Andrew	HD-40	D	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Stratton, Keven	HD-58	R	63%	68%	X	8	X	7	8	-	3	7	4	4	3	-	-	-	X	8	9
Strong, Mark	HD-47	R	63%	66%	-	X	-	7	8	-	3	7	4	4	3	-	9	5	-	8	9
Teuscher, Jordan	HD-44	R	53%	59%	-	8	-	7	8	X	-	-	4	4	3	-	9	5	-	-	14
Thurston, Norman	HD-62	R	52%	53%	-	8	5	-	8	-	X	7	-	-	-	-	9	X	X	8	16
Walter, R. Neil	HD-74	R	41%	41%	7	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	32
Ward, Raymond	HD-19	R	29%	32%	-	8	-	-	8	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	5	-	52
Watkins, Christine	HD-67	R	24%	23%	-	8	-	X	8	-	X	-	-	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	57
Weeks-Rohner, Judy	HD-30	R	38%	43%	7	8	-	-	8	-	3	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	5	-	37
Welton, Douglas	HD-65	R	45%	39%	-	8	-	X	8	-	X	X	-	4	3	-	X	-	X	8	24
Wheatley, Mark	HD-35	D	0%	8%	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	62
Whyte, Stephen	HD-63	R	31%	39%	-	8	-	7	8	-	X	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	47
Wilcox, Ryan	HD-07	R	88%	72%	7	8	-	7	8	9	3	7	-	4	3	X	X	5	X	8	1
Wilson, Brad	HD-15	R	40%	44%	X	8	-	7	8	-	-	-	4	4	3	-	X	-	-	-	34

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HB 42

NEW CRONYISM DEVELOPMENT FUND

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill establishes the Utah Innovation Lab to administer a new taxpayer-backed fund for corporate development. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$15 million to the new Innovation Lab through the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to attract technological commercialization into the state. This type of flagrant cronyism empowers the governor to reward well-connected, government-preferred interests at the expense of hardworking taxpayers and families. The Utah House passed the bill, 51-20, on February 3, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 19-6, on February 17, 2023.

HB 54

SIGNIFICANT TAX REFORM PACKAGE

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill enacts significant tax cuts and reforms. Specifically, the legislation reduces the individual and corporate income tax rates from 4.85 to 4.65 percent, removes the state

sales tax on food contingent on the passage of a constitutional amendment, and creates an additional dependent exemption during the year of birth. Furthermore, the bill unwisely increases the state-earned income tax credit from 15 percent to 20 percent of the federal credit, an unnecessary expansion of a welfare program rife with fraud. Despite this, the bill is estimated to cut roughly \$400 million in taxes for Utahns, providing much-needed economic relief for families and taxpayers. The Utah House passed the bill, 50-11, on March 2, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 22-6, on the same day.

HB 184

VETERINARIAN LOAN SUBSIDY PROGRAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new loan repayment program for veterinarians. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$2.5 million in subsidies to pay off the student loans of veterinarians on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hardworking Utahns should not be asked to subsidize the loans of

individuals who happen to be in a government-preferred profession. This type of cronyism unnecessarily pits citizens against one another. The Utah House passed the bill, 66-6, on March 1, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 23-0, on the same day.

HB 243

PRO TAXPAYER LABOR REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill enacts taxpayer protections against labor union bosses. Specifically, the legislation excludes future managerial hires within the Utah Transit Authority from engaging in collective bargaining. Government employees should not be able to use taxpayer money to bargain for higher taxpayer-funded salaries. Utah has incrementally converted roughly one-third of its state workforce into "at-will" employees. This legislation would continue that trend. The Utah House passed it, 49-21, on February 6, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 20-9, on February 16, 2023.

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HB 281

ANTI-SOCIAL CREDIT SYSTEM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits the implementation of a communist-style social credit system in Utah. Specifically, the legislation prohibits any governmental entity from using, enforcing, providing data, or otherwise participating in the creation of a social credit system that discriminates against people based on their political, religious, economic, or social views. Additionally, the legislation provides recourse for citizens to file complaints against financial institutions if they adopt such a system use it to discriminate against consumers. The Utah House passed the bill, 60-14, on March 1, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 18-5, on the same day.

HB 315

MEDICAID EXPANSION FOR RECREATIONAL THERAPISTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill further expands the costly Medicaid program in Utah. Specifically, the legislation

requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to seek a waiver to expand the state's already bloated Medicaid program to cover recreational therapy. This expansion not only further entrenches a costly program that provides dubious health outcomes, but also increases spending by more than \$6.3 million in just two years operating under the flawed view that federal taxpayer money is "free." The Utah House passed it, 60-10, on February 9, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 23-0, on February 23, 2023.

HB 363

NEW SUMMER SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill establishes a new taxpayer-funded school grant program. Specifically, the legislation creates a summer school competitive grant for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) with a one-time appropriation of \$10 million for additional school days and programs. Hardworking Utahns should not be asked to further subsidize K-12 spending through new competitive grant programs outside the base

education budget where unelected bureaucrats determine such funding. This approach incentivizes both continued excess spending and accepting poorer student outcomes. The Utah House passed the bill, 42-22, on February 16, 2023. The Utah Senate did not take it up.

HB 384

TAXPAYER-FUNDED OUTDOOR RECREATION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill perpetuates a preexisting priority in Utah where the government funds outdoor recreational activities. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$32 million to the Department of Natural Resources to fund such things as water parks, campgrounds, trailheads, and paved walkways-while also funding the acquisition of land to develop such infrastructure in the process. This program continues to utilize hard-earned taxpayer dollars to subsidize private civic activities. The Utah House passed the bill, 53-15, on February 23, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 24-0, on March 2, 2023.

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HB 412

MERIT PAY FOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill transforms state government employment through a merit-based approach. Specifically, the legislation allows existing government workers to voluntarily choose to give up their career service status for at-will employment in exchange for better benefits and pay increases. New government workers hired after July 1, 2023, would be considered “at-will” employees, resulting in an eventual phaseout of the career service bureaucracy that remains unaccountable to the public. Taxpayer-funded workers should be subjected to the same performance-based system as private-sector workers. The Utah House killed the bill, 30-44, on February 24, 2023. The Utah Senate did not take it up.

HB 444

ABSURD RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REVENUE GRAB (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new Recreational Vehicle Grant Program to further tax Utah residents for the dubious purpose of creating new recreational vehicle infrastructure. Specifically, the legislation imposes a new annual \$25 fee for owning a recreational vehicle. This fee is adjusted annually for inflation and is estimated to cost Utahns nearly \$4.5 million in new tax burdens through FY 2025. Further, estimates show the bill could generate \$16.3 million in new taxpayer-provided revenue for the grant program. The Utah House killed the bill, 22-42, on February 23, 2023. The Utah Senate did not take it up.

HB 529

NEW CONSUMER SNOOPING AUTHORITY (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill significantly expands the power of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and local health agencies. Specifically,

the legislation grants Utah HHS the authority to obtain a customer’s shopping history from restaurants and retail food establishments if HHS or local agencies determine an individual may have become sick from a specific location. While the legislation requires a consumer to provide consent for such snooping power, no government agency should be empowered through legislative precedent to collect information on the private transactions of citizens. The Utah House killed the bill, 24-48, on February 27, 2023. The Utah Senate did not take it up.

SB 3

MASSIVE SPENDING BLOWOUT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill, known as the “bill of bills,” primarily appropriates funding for FY2024. Specifically, the legislation authorizes a record \$29 billion budget—a 16 percent increase from the \$25 billion approved the previous year. The bill includes nearly \$100 million in housing subsidies, a 20 percent increase in the base education budget, and a \$6,000 across-the-board pay raise for

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government school teachers. Working families and households are struggling with record inflation and skyrocketing costs—lawmakers should not be creating exorbitant new funding baselines with temporary surpluses, instead the legislature should return surpluses to the people through tax cuts. The Utah House passed the bill, 70-1, on March 3, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 25-0, on the same day.

SB 19

MASSIVE MEDICAID EXPANSION FOR DENTISTRY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill continues to expand the costly Medicaid program. Specifically, the legislation requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to seek a waiver to expand the state’s already bloated Medicaid program to cover dentistry. This expansion not only further entrenches an exorbitant program that provides dubious health outcomes, but also increases spending by more than \$42.5 million in just two years operating under the flawed view that federal taxpayer money is “free.” The

Utah House passed the bill, 51-15, on February 8, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 19-0, on January 23, 2023.

SB 153

EXPANDED GOVERNOR-RUN CRONYISM SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands an existing model empowering the governor’s office to approve taxpayer-funded credits and loans for “economic development.” Specifically, the legislation further empowers the Governor’s Office for Economic Opportunity by authorizing tax credits to hand-picked industries, creates a new redevelopment matching grant program, expands grant eligibility under the Rural Opportunity Program to government associations, and expands Hollywood film subsidies to hand-picked counties through an additional \$12 million appropriation. The Utah House passed the bill, 62-11, on March 2, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 26-0, on the same day.

SB 240

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SUBSIDIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new loan-and-subsidy program for first-time homebuyers. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$50 million in subsidies to eligible recipients for specified home expenses that include down payments, closing costs, or reducing mortgage interest rates. Additionally, the bill sets a cap of \$20,000 in subsidies for each homebuyer. Lawmakers should not be facilitating new subsidy schemes—at the expense of hardworking Utahns—to cover the cost of other people’s homes. The Utah House passed the bill, 60-8, on February 28, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 28-1, on February 22, 2023.

SB 288

UTILITY BILL WELFARE PROGRAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new welfare program administered by the Division of Public Utilities. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$12.1

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million in welfare disbursements to utility companies to help eligible customers offset the costs of their utility bills in the form of credits. This type of cronyism pits citizens against one another with some households designated by the government as winners and others designated as losers. The Utah House passed the bill, 50-24, on March 1, 2023. The Utah Senate passed it, 27-0, on February 28, 2023.

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