



UTAH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION SPRING REGIONAL MEETINGS

March 2021



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2021 Spring Regional Meeting

1. Welcome
2. 2021 Legislative Report
3. 2022 Legislative Recommendations
4. Elect Regional Delegates at Large and Alternates
5. Other Items
6. Adjourn



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We want to hear from you...



**In the chat, type
your name,
district, and two
words to describe
the 2021 Legislative
Session.**



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THANK YOU!



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2021 Overall Budget Highlights

- **\$23.5 billion** state budget
- Nearly **\$100 million** in tax cuts
- **\$121 million** for public school teacher stipends
- **\$1.1 billion** for roads and transit
- **\$36.5 million** for two new state parks – a third of that with investment earnings, not taxes
- **\$110 million** to renovate existing state parks and creating new trails, bike lanes, and pedestrian pathways
- **3%** raises for state and higher education employees
- **\$250 million** to address the pandemic, including economic development assistance, rural broadband expansion, testing, and vaccine distribution



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2021 Education Highlights

- WPU value set at **\$3,809** for FY 2022 (5.9% increase)
 - FY21 - **\$3,596**
- **\$203.0 Million** ongoing to fund WPU increase
- **\$121.0 Million** one-time Supplemental Educator COVID Stipend
- Fully funded Enrollment Growth
 - **\$27.8 Million** ongoing and **\$43.5 Million** one-time
- **\$7.0 Million** for Optional Enhanced Kindergarten
- **\$8.6 Million** one-time for Small District and Charter School Base Funding Programs



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2021 Education Highlights

- **\$4.0 Million** one-time for LEA Financial and Information System Upgrade Grants
- **\$3.0 Million** ongoing for English Language Learner Software for Schools
- **\$5.0 Million** ongoing and \$4.0 Million one-time for UPSTART Online Preschool
- **\$1.8 Million** one-time to support the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB)
- **\$475,000** ongoing for iSEE Outreach Programs
- **\$250,000** ongoing for POPS Provisional Programs



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2021 Highlights

Bills

- **1,216** bills requested
- **767** bills numbered
 - 139 – Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice
 - 133 – Government Operations
 - 103 – Health
 - **93 - Education**
- **503** bills passed

JLC

- **80** bills discussed
- **39** bills supported
- **26** bills opposed



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In the chat, list one or two things that went well this session and one or two things that you would like to see changed for next year.



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LEA Reporting Process

- **HB42S: Education Agency Report Process Amendments**
 - Representative Pulsipher
 - Evaluate the impact of reports on LEAs
- **HB134S: Notice of Public Education Reporting Requirements**
 - Representative Pulsipher
 - Requires the LEA to indicate whether a bill impacts LEA reporting & directs USBE to comply with request
- **HB300: Reporting Requirements for Local Education Agencies**
 - Representative Pulsipher
 - Requires USBE to develop a process to review required reports



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Mental Health Days for Students



- **HB81: Mental Health Days for Students**
 - **Representative Winder**
 - **Adds mental or behavioral health as a valid excuse for a school absence**



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Student Attendance Amendments

- **HB116: Student Attendance Amendments**
 - **Representative Robertson**
 - **Prohibits documentation from a medical professional for an absence due to mental or physical illness**



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Emergency Powers



- **HB294S4: Pandemic Emergency Powers Amendments**
 - Representative Ray
 - Provides for the termination of certain emergency powers and public health orders related to COVID-19 upon reaching certain thresholds of positivity rates, case rates, intensive care facility capacities, and vaccine doses
 - Allows a local education agency, in consultation with the local health department and in response to the COVID-19 emergency, to implement and require certain health and safety measures in a K-12 school



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School Resource Officers

- **HB345S2: School Resource Officer Amendments**
 - Representative Hollins
 - Amends provisions related to a training that statute requires the State Board of Education to prepare and make available



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Grow Your Own Program



- **HB381: Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program**
 - Representative Moss
 - Creates the Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program to provide scholarships to certain school employees



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Intensive Services

- **HB421S3: Intensive Services Pilot Program**
 - **Representative Judkins**
 - **Creates the Intensive Services Special Education Costs Pilot Program to provide funding to local education agencies to supplement the cost of educating a student who:**
 - **has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP); and**
 - **for whom the cost of the special education services described in the student's IEP exceeds three times the statewide average per-pupil expenditures**



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In-person Instruction Prioritization



- **SB107S7: In-person Instruction Prioritization**
 - **Senator Weiler**
 - **Requires in-person instruction**
 - **Raises the threshold to 2% to trigger a Test to Stay event**
 - **Offers UDOH help in conducting Test to Stay events**



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Higher Education Scholarships

- **SB136: Higher Education Scholarship Amendments**
 - **Senator Owens**
 - **Forecloses new applications for a New Century scholarship after the current academic year**
 - **Expands the eligibility and extends the availability of technical education scholarships**
 - **Replaces the Regents' Scholarship Program with the Opportunity Scholarship Program for degree-granting institutions and amends related provisions**



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Funding Amendments & Fiscal Flexibility

- **SB142S: Public Education Funding Amendments**
 - Senator Fillmore
 - This bill requires the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee to complete an evaluation and make recommendations for future legislation regarding public education funding and addresses funding for students who are at risk.
- **SB178: Education Deadline and Fiscal Flexibility**
 - Senator Fillmore
 - Allows a LEA to transfer a portion of state restricted funds in its general fund to be used without the state restrictions under certain conditions
 - Extends certain expenditure deadlines by one fiscal year
 - Delays by one year a requirement that a student fee be equal to or less than the cost to the LEA of providing an activity, course, or program



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State Audit Amendments



- **SB160: State Audit Amendments**
 - **Senator Buxton**
 - **Authorizes the legislative auditor general to perform appropriation audits of executive branch entities and local education agencies**



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School Assessment & Accountability

- **SB184S3: School Assessment and Accountability Amendments**
 - **Senator Reibe**
 - **For the 2020-2021 school year, USBE is not required to:**
 - **identify schools not achieving state established acceptable levels of student performance**
 - **assign to each school an overall rating using an A through F letter grading scale**
 - **publish a report card for each school on the state board's website**
 - **determine school performance success and student academic achievement under the Teacher and Student Success Program**



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LEA Policies



- **SB187S4: Local Education Agency Policies Amendments**
 - **Senator Winterton**
 - **Requires the governor, the chief executive of a municipality or county, the Department of Health, or a local health department to work closely with a LEA when considering the implementation of a health order**



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Statewide Online Education Program

- **SB234S: Statewide Online Education Program Amendments**
 - **Senator Cullimore**
 - **Online courses, offered through SOEP, will now be available to 7th and 8th grade students**



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Monitoring

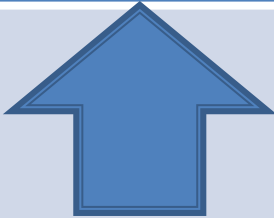
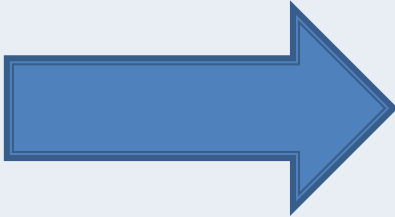
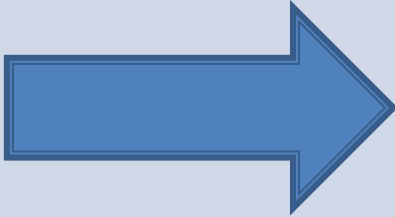
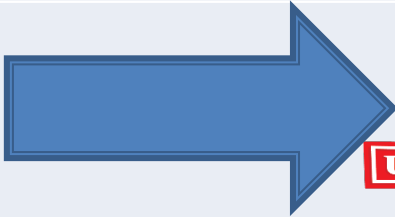
- **HB302S2: Preserving Sports for Female Students**
 - Representative Birkeland
- **HB338S: School District Voter Eligibility Amendments**
 - Representative Briscoe
- **HB428S2: Public Education Governance and Appeals**
 - Representative Waldrip
- **SB131S2: Public Education Buildings Standards**
 - Senator Harper
- **SB162: Education Expenses Tax Credit During Public Health Emergency**
 - Senator Harper
- **SB242: Alternative Tax Credit Amendments**
 - Senator Johnson




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JLC Priority Scorecard

Priority Area	Outcome
Fundamental Obligations & Commitments	
From Ongoing Current Education Fund Revenues	
From One-Time Revenues	
Enact Policy Requests	



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Interim

Working Groups

- WestEd Public Education Funding Study (ongoing)
- Public Education Governance and Appeals (new)



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**In the chat, what
do you think we
should focus on in
the interim and/or
next session?**



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