

Utah Taxpayers Association 2011 Legislative Watch List
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Number	Title	Bill Sponsor	Description	Question/Comments	Pos	House Comm	House Floor	Senate Comm	Senate Floor
PRIORITY BILLS									
HB 50	School Termination Procedures Modifications	Menlove	School districts do not have to provide a reason for not renewing a provisional employee's contract, but must give 60 days notice that they won't renew that contract.	FN: No impact	S	P	P	P	P
HB 98	Capital Outlay Funding Modifications	Watkins	Expands the uses for the Capital Outlay levy for small school districts to include "operation and maintenance of plant services."	FN: No impact	O	P	P	n/a	P
HB 174s1	Contracting for Medicaid Eligibility Determination Services	Harper	Requires study of these services by division.	FN: No impact	S	P	P	P	P
HB 183	School District Leave Policies	Grover	Prevents union reps from being paid by district for union work.	FN: Local government savings TBD. Cost of state educator for one day plus benefits is \$355	S	P	P	P	P
HB 226s1	Local Government Fee Authority	Harper	Eliminates authority to impose a police fee after December 31, 2012.	FN: Reduce local revenues by \$10.6 million annually	S	P	P	P	P
HB 264s1	State Board of Education Member Election Process Amendments	Moss	Direct non-partisan elections for members of the State Board of Education.	FN: No impact	O	P	F		
HB 301	School District Property Tax Revisions	Newbold	Repeals the authority of a school district to impose certain property taxes. Authorizes a school district to impose a board local levy and capital local levy. Provides that in setting a board local levy or capital levy a school is exempt from TnT if school district budgets a certain amount of ad valorem; reduces #of levies to 6.	FN: Max allowable increase to school districts is \$471.2 million in FY2013	S	P	P	n/a	P
HB 313	Charter School Funding Amendments	Newbold	Phases in over 13 years property taxes to charter schools from school districts.	FN: Increase the cost from Ed Fund to MSP by \$984,000 ongoing	S	P			
SB 17	State Tax Commission Levy Process Using Depository Institution Data Match System	Bramble	Amends the Financial Information Privacy part and the Revenue and Taxation title to enact a depository institution data match system and a State Tax Commission levy process to collect certain amounts owed by a delinquent taxpayer through the depository institution data match system.	FN: One time general increase of \$1.3 million FY 2012, annual increase of \$48,300; Tax Commission bill; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax	O			n/a	P
SB 51	Amendments to Local Sales and Use Taxes for Botanical, Cultural, Recreational, and Zoological Organizations or Facilities	Hillyard	Extends the levy period for the local sales and use tax from eight year to ten years. Other clerical changes.	FN: No impact	o	n/a	P	P	P
SB 59	School Grading System	Niederhauser	Gives all public schools an A-F grade.	FN: \$15,000 in ongoing Ed Funds. \$100,000 one time Ed Funds.	S	n/a	P	P	P
SB 65	Statewide Online Education Program	Stephenson	Creates the Statewide Online Education Program. Allows students to enroll in online courses. Creates requirements for service providers, student performance and legislative funding and review.	FN: Not available	s	n/a	P	P	P

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SB 82	Urban Farming Assessment Act	Niederhauser	Allows land in a county of the first class to be assessed and taxed for agriculture purposes.	FN: No impact	O			P	
SB 97	Higher Education Mission Based Funding	Urquhart	Requires the State Board of Regents to include the mission of each institution in the master plan for higher education; requires the president of each institution of higher education to establish institutional initiatives each year aligned with the board's strategic priorities and allocate mission based funding to each initiative.		s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 180s2	Medicaid Reform	Liljenquist	Requires the Department of Health to amend Medicaid by replacing the maximized fee for service model to a risk based model. Change payment to package services payment, instead of per service payment. Change cost growth to limit the enrollee per month growth to match growth of state funds.	FN: \$4400 cost to apply for waiver. Long term Medicaid reform savings not included in FN	S	n/a	P	P	P
SB 270	Modifications to Sales and Use Tax	Adams	Restores the sales tax on food with a reduction to the rate. Revenue neutral. No refundable income tax credit.	FN: Increase General Fund by \$15 million in FY2012 and \$10.4 million in 2013. Revenue neutral in FY2014	S			P	P
SJR 5s1	Joint Rules Resolution on Fiscal Note Process	Niederhauser	Requires performance notes on new programs and agencies. Authorizes the Executive Appropriations Committee to recommend the elimination of the new program/agency if performance standards aren't met.	FN: No impact	S	P	P	P	P
NUMBERED BILLS									
House Bills									
HB 17s1	Enterprise Zone Amendments	Powell	Clarifies provisions related to claiming Enterprise Zone Amendments about where qualifying employees may live, what kinds of businesses qualify for these credits (through NAICS codes), when a new full time employee qualifies for the credit.	FN: Decrease \$30,600 starting FY2013; Recommended by Interim committee	s	P	P	P	P
HB 35s3	Sales and Use Tax Revisions	Harper	Aligns definitions of electronic products with the definitions of Streamlined Sales Tax.	FN: No impact; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax; Tax Commission bill	s	n/a	P	P	P
HB 36	Assessment, Collections and Refunds Act	Kiser	That act doesn't apply to property tax, equivalent property act or the privilege tax part, so that this assessment and collections act only applies to taxes the Tax Commission administers and collects.	FN: No impact; Tax Commission bill; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax	s	n/a	P	P	P
HB 37	Determination of State Taxable Income	Vickers	Clarifies how to count state taxable income derived from Utah sources, when that income is added or subtracted as part of a revision to tax filing.	FN: No impact; Recommended TRC; Interim Committee bill	s	n/a	P	P	P
HB 38	Severance Tax Amendments	Vickers	Exempts from the oil and gas severance tax interests owned by the United States, the state, or an Indian or Indian tribe.	FN: No impact; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax; Tax Commission bill	s	n/a	P	P	P

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HB 65	Public School Funding	Harper	Repeals authority to impose recreation, transportation, board reeway, capital outlay levy, 10% of basic levy or judgment levies; eliminates requirement to levy K3 reading levy; modifies the charter school local replacement funding formula; allows the Legislature to contribute funds towards transportation, if they choose to; fixes the Basic Rate at .003; exempts the increase in the Basic rate from TnT; requires increased revenue from fixed basic rate to go into the WPU; authorizes districts to impose a discretionary local levy no larger than .0018, unless the sum value of the repealed levies was greater than .0018, in which case the ceiling is .0025; provides for a state match to the discretionary local levy, which matching funds are constant for 5 years; creates a discretionary local capital levy.	FN: Decrease \$24.8 million in FY2013	m				
HB 72	Taxes and Related School Funding Provisions	Noel	Increases the sales tax on food to the regular rate, and then uses that revenue to equalize education funding statewide, with an offset in property taxes.	FN: Increase "school equalization fund" by \$147 million and reduce property taxes by same amount	O				
HB 82s1	Sales and Use Taxes on Certain Lodging Related Purchases	Kiser	Sales and use tax exemption for lodging for US government and diplomats. Requires the Tax Commission to collect transient room taxes.	FN: No impact	S	P	P	P	P
HB 83	Charter School Revolving Account	Hughes	Per the recent audit of charter schools, this revolving account is necessary.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
HB 87	School Finance Amendments	Newbold	Annually raises the state guarantee of the voted and board leeways by .0005 times the value of the WPU in the previous year.	FN: Decrease education funds by \$14 million annually	s	P	P	n/a	P
HB 92s1	Public Education Regional Service Centers	Last	Creates regional service centers to distribute legislative appropriations, UEN services, and to coordinate public and higher ed services.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
HB 94	Income Tax Credit for Combat Related Death	Newbold	Provides a non-refundable tax credit for an individual who dies in combat while serving in the US Military equal to the tax liability of individual's tax liability in the year the person died; retrospective operation to Jan 1, 2010.	FN: Reduce Education Fund by \$7,800 annually	s	P	P	P	P
HB 96	Mandatory Emissions Inspections and Maintenance Programs	Biskupski	Requires counties adjacent to counties under federal emissions requirements to likewise create an emissions and inspection program.	FN: State Tax Commission one time cost of \$20,000	O				
HB 97	Consolidation of the Department of Environmental Quality with the Department of Natural Resources	Harper	Eliminates the DEQ effective July 1, 2012 and moves all duties and powers to the Department of Natural Resources.	FN: No impact	m				
HB 99s1	Motion Picture Incentive Modifications	Hughes	Leaves the ceiling for the motion picture incentive as is unless Utah is prominently featured. In that case, the ceiling is 25%.	FN: Decrease education funds by \$7.7 million annually	s	P	P	n/a	P
HB 105	Delinquent Property Tax Certificates	Froerer	Create a market for delinquent property tax liability and associated property taxes. Takes counties out of real estate business.	FN: No impact	s				
HB 110s1	Teacher Salary Supplement Program Amendments	Watkins	Expands the requirements to receive the teacher salary supplement to include degrees with substantially similar course work as the STEM fields currently eligible for the supplement, and creates an appeals process associated with those "substantially similar" requirements.	FN: Reduce \$8,500 from Education Fund to process appeals outlined in the bill	s	P	P	n/a	P
HB 112	Severance Tax Code Amendments	King	Increase oil and gas severance tax from 3% to 5%.	Fn: Increase General Fund by \$11.2 million in FY2012 and \$26.5 million in FY2013	O				

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HB 120	Income Tax Credits for Contribution to Community Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund	Litvack	Creates an income tax credit for donations to community foundations, if that donation is for the foundation's permanent endowment fund; credit is capped at \$20K.		O				
HB 123	K-12 Education Amendments	Sumsion	Reduces the term of local school board members from four years to two years. Modifies how money appropriated for the basic state-supported school program is distributed to school districts and charter schools.	FN: No impact- Bill includes three year mitigation formula to minimize impact on local government	m				
HB 126	State Tax Commission Report on Tax Provisions	Briscoe	Requires the Tax Commission to make a report to the Legislature on certain tax provisions and provide the report to the Utah Transparency Advisory Board to be put on the website.	FN: No impact	O				
HB 134s1	Focus on Primary Classroom Teachers Program	Nielson	Provides for the distribution of additional WPU's to a qualifying district or charter school, depending on how relatively high the district or charter school is in comparison to other districts or charter schools in the state in its allocation of resources for primary classroom teachers.	FN: Decrease \$5.2 million from the Ed Fund to MSP	S	P	P		
HB 138s1	Federal Receipts Reporting Requirements	Ivory	Requires the state to indicate what cuts would be necessary if they lost 5% or 25% of total receipts.	FN: No impact	s	P	P		
HB 152s1	School Community Councils Amendments	Wright	Modifies school community council elections, notifications and directs Leg Auditor General to sample schools for compliance.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
HB 153	County Correctional Facilities Funding Amendments	Noel	Expands what counties may be reimbursed for when incarcerating state inmates to include drug and alcohol rehab programs; increases the reimbursement rate to 73%.	FN: \$70,000 ongoing cost	m	P	P	n/a	P
HB 156s1	Property Tax Assessment	Pitcher	Specifies what assessors shall consider regarding conservation easements when assessing golf courses or hunting clubs; requires county to pay legal fees if county loses appeal and if assessors failed to consider these factors.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
HB 166	School District Property Tax Amendments	Briscoe	Increases the ceiling on the voted leeway from .002 to .003.	FN: School districts could generate up to \$180.5 million	O				
HB 176s2	Audit of State Budgets	Christensen	Requires audit of state budgets on a rolling 5-year cycle, with results presented to the Legislature.	FN: \$2.1 million ongoing, \$175k one time	m	P	P	P	P
HB 177	Canine Body Armor Restricted Account and Income Tax Contribution	Greenwood	Creates a voluntary income tax check off for purchase by law enforcement agencies of canine body armor.	FN: \$11,200 per year, assuming 1,400 individuals @ \$8 per person	m	P	P	n/a	P
HB 184	Motor and Special Fuel Tax Act Amendments	Herrod	Defines LNG as a clean fuel; imposes a floating tax of \$.085/gallon equivalent; floats with tax on gas, in the same proportion.	FN: Reduces General Fund by \$3.3 million in FY2012 and \$3.4 million in FY2013. Corresponding increase in Transportation Fund of \$5.0 million in FY2012 and \$5.2 million in FY2013	s	P	P	P	P
HB 185	Sales Information Disclosure for Commercial Real Property Transactions	Froerer	Requires disclosure of sales price for commercial real estate to the Multi-County Appraisal Trust, who can then share it with the State Tax Commission and the Realtors; those records are not subject to GRAMA.	FN: No impact	m	P			

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HB 190s1	Delinquent Property Tax Amendments	Froerer	Interest rate on delinquent personal property taxes must fall within the same 7 to 10% range as interest on deferred and delinquent real property taxes.	FN: decreased local government revenue of \$213,000 annually	s	P	P	P	P
HB 195	Debt Service Obligations of a Divided School District	Sumsion	When a school district divides, the tax rate imposed to repay bonds of the divided school district by the new and remaining school districts shall be uniform within the new and remaining school districts, and sufficient to repay the outstanding bonded indebtedness of divided school district.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
HB 199	Advertisements on School Buses	Bird	Authorizes school districts or charter schools to sell appropriate advertising on the outside of a school bus.	FN: School districts may increase revenue by up to \$3.3 million	s	P	P	n/a	P
HB 262	Divided School District Assets and Liabilities	Sumsion	Attempts to create a mechanism for dividing assets and liabilities in a non-divisive manner, when a school district split occurs; more or less, the allocation occurs based on where the asset is located, or where the employee, project, student, etc. is located.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
HB 275	School District Division Amendments	Sumsion	Requires a new district and remaining district to keep property tax levy at same level for five years if the split results in a property tax base per student of the new district that is greater than of remaining district.	FN: No Impact	s	P	P	P	P
HB 277	Sales and Use Tax Revisions	Harper	Introduced to test fiscal note for HB35.	FN: Decreases revenue \$180,000 annually. Decrease local revenue by \$76,000 annually.	m	P	P		
HB 282s1	Sales and Use Tax and Income Tax Amendments	Mcliff	Increases the sales tax on food. Reduces the general sales tax rate. Provides refundable low income tax credit.		S				
HB 286	Funding for Burying Utility Lines	Briscoe	Allows a city, county or town to impose a local sales and use tax of 0.1% to bury utility lines.	FN: Increase local revenue by \$40 million ongoing	O				
HB 290	Public School Transportation Amendments	Wimmer	State sponsored transportation must be provided for elementary students (1 mile), middle school students (2 miles) and funds must be used to fully fund elementary school transportation first.	FN: Shift of up to \$11.4 million from secondary to elementary schools to fund elementary transportation first	m	P			
HB 297	Sales and Use Tax Amendments	Harper	Boxcar						
HB 302s1	Reading Program Amendments	Newbold	Requires State Board of Education to use RFP to contract with an education technology provider to provide a diagnostic assessment system for reading in K-3. Must be implemented in all public elementary schools by 2012-13.	FN: Not available	s	P	P	n/a	P
HB 303	Prepaid Wireless 911 Service	Dee	Collection of a prepaid wireless 911 service charge from a prepaid wireless customer at sale.	FN: Increase about \$6200 in FY2012 and FY2013	o	P	P	n/a	P
HB 306	School Building Construction Impact Fees	Powell	Establishes a process for a local school board to impose a school impact fee on residential construction. Creates notification requirements.	FN: No impact	O				
HB 316	Taxation of Surplus Lines of Insurance	Kiser	Modifies the Insurance Code to address the taxation of surplus lines of insurance including prohibiting local taxation and authorizing the commissioner to enter into certain agreements.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	n/a	P
HB 323	Multicounty Appraisal Trust Amendments	Froerer	Requires the county assessors to use mass appraisal system selected by the Multicounty Appraisal Trust in conducting property tax assessments.	FN: No impact	s	P	P		

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HB 339	Charter School Enrollment Amendments	Hutchings	Authorizes the State Board of Education to annually approve an increase in charter enrollment capacity equal to 2% of total school district enrollment in the prior year. Gives preference to enrollment expansion to high performing schools.		s	P	P		
HB 371	Motorhome Property Taxes	Ipson	Technical change on the fee in lieu of property tax for motorhomes.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
HB 388	Operation and Management of Charter Schools	Herrod	Prohibits chartering entity from imposing performance standards that would limit a charter school from accomplishing its purpose. Charter must acknowledge that state and charter entity are not liable for charter financial obligation.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	n/a	P
HB 416	Financial Transfers Surcharges	Sandstrom	Modifies provisions related to revenue and taxation to enact the Money Transmitter Transaction Tax Act and to create a related income tax credit.		o				
HB 422	Tax Changes	Litvack	Amends Revenue and Taxation title to address penalties, the payment of taxes and estimated tax payments for individual income tax purposes.		m				
HB 426	Taxes for Education Funding Amendments	Pitcher	Imposes 1% soft drink tax to fund education.	FN: Increase General Fund by \$5.5 million	O				
HB 427	Higher Education Compensation Appropriation Reallocations	Newbold	Directs the commissioner of higher education to reallocate \$1.5 million appropriated to the eight Utah higher education institutions for compensation.	FN: No impact	m	n/a	P	n/a	P
HB 431	Sales and Use Tax Electronic Filing	Fisher, Ju.	Requires electronic filing for certain taxes, fees and charges administered by the State Tax Commission.	FN: Reduce Tax Commission cost by \$330,000 annually. \$300,000 result from HB5.	m				
HB 440	Beer Tax Amendments	Petersen	Changes the calculation for depositing into the Alcohol Beverage Enforcement and Treatment Restriction Account. Subtract \$30,000 from the 40% collected.	FN: \$30k increase in General Fund	m	P	P	P	P
HB 447	Kindergarten Literacy Improvement Program	Anderson	Requires the State Board of Education to contract through RFP with an education technology provider for a computer-based kindergarten literacy program.	FN: Appropriates \$3 million in Education Funds to State Board of Education for RFP. Appropriates \$4.5 million to MSP.	s	P			
HB 450	Hospital Provider Tax Amendments	D. Clark	Amends the Hospital Provider Assessment Act to amend provisions related to the repeal of the assessment.		m	n/a	P	n/a	P
HB 451	Tobacco Settlement Funds Amendment	Litvack	Changes the deposit of 40% of tobacco settlement funds from the permanent state trust fund to General Fund.		o	P	P	n/a	P
HB 488	Budgeting Procedures Amendments	Dougall	Provides that the Governor may (as opposed to "must") submit a proposed budget under the Budgetary Procedures Act.		m	n/a	P	n/a	P
HB 496s2	Technology and Life Science Economic Development Act and Related Tax Credits	Clark	Enacts the Technology and Life Science Economic Development Act and provides for tax credits related to certain technology and life science companies.		s	P	P	n/a	P
HJR 8	Joint Resolution Regarding School Supplies	Powell	Teachers should be able to ask students to voluntarily bring in their own school supplies.	FN: \$14,700 for FY2013 to put on ballot	s	P			
HJR 15	Joint Resolution Amending State Board of Education Provisions	Herrod	Proposed amendment to Utah Constitution that State Board of Education be appointed by Governor with advice and consent of the Senate; requires State Supt be appointed by Gov with advice and consent of the Senate.	FN: \$14,700 for FY2013 to put on ballot	m				
HJR 16	Joint Resolution Regarding Tax and Fee Changes	Powell	Requires a 2/3 vote at the state or local level when increasing or decreasing local or state taxes, or certain fee increases.	FN: \$14,700 for FY2013 to put on ballot	m				

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HJR 37	Joint Resolution of State Spending Limitations	Wimmer	Implements spending caps, preventing spending from exceeding previous year levels adjusted for inflation and population. Surplus used for rainy day funds, reserve accounts and returned to taxpayers.	FN: \$14,700 for FY2013 to put on ballot	m	P			
HCR 3s1	Concurrent Resolution Urging Congress to Pass Balanced Budget Amendment to U.S. Constitution	Wimmer	Title says it all.	FN: No impact	m	P	P	P	P
Senate Bills									
SB 16s1	State Tax Commission Tax, Fee or Change Administration and Collections	Niederhauser	Authorizes the Tax Commission to collect administration fees for revenue collection. Admin fees are deposited into State Tax Commission Administration Charge Account. Fees may not exceed 1.5% or the administration costs.	FN: Increase of \$680,900 one time revenue	s	P	P	P	P
SB 21s2	Tax Revisions	Niederhauser	Amends the Property Tax Act, the Individual Income Tax Act, and related provisions to address procedures related to the property tax residential exemption, the determination of domicile for individual income tax purposes, and the taxation of a pass-through entity.	TRC bill; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax	S	P	P	P	P
SB 22	Corporate Franchise and Income Tax Amendments	Adams	Amends the definition of "common ownership" for purposes of corporate franchise and income taxes; repeals provisions related to certain distributions by corporations from depletion reserves; addresses the circumstances under which certain receipts, rents, royalties, or sales are considered to be in this state; addresses intercompany transactions for purposes of apportionment of income to the state.	FN: No impact; Tax Commission bill; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax	s	P	P	n/a	P
SB 24	Motor Vehicle Division Fee Amendments	Van Tassell	Provides that funds available to the Tax Commission for the purchase and distribution of license plates and decals are nonlapsing; creates the Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account and provides that funds in the account are nonlapsing.	FN: No impact	m	P	P	n/a	P
SB 30s1	Extension of Recycling Market Development Zone Act and Related Tax Credits	Valentine	Extends the repeal date for the Recycling Market Development Zone Act from July 1, 2020, to January 1, 2021, and extends certain related tax credits.	FN: reduce ed fund by \$1.4 million in FY2011, \$2 million in FY2012 and \$2.2 million in FY2013	m	n/a	P	P	P
SB 38	K-3 Reading Amendments	Morgan	Schools will assess reading level of 1st-3rd graders at midpoint of year. Requires parent notification of below-level reading ability before Feb. 15.	FN: No impact	m	P	P	P	P
SB 43s1	Local District Fees	Thatcher	Eliminates the authority to impose a police fee.	FN: No impact	s				
SB 44	State Commission Amendments	Dayton	Eliminates the TRC and the CRC.	FN: No impact	s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 49	Oversight of Bonding Counties	Stevenson	County bond Board of Directors may act as an advisory board to executive and legislative bodies regarding the management of the bond project/property.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
SB 53	Eligibility for Interscholastic Activities in Secondary Schools	Madsen	Charter school students are eligible to participate in the public school extracurricular activities if charter school is on the public school campus. Students cannot be prohibited student from participating in interscholastic activities.	FN: No impact	s			P	
SB 69	Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Textbooks for Higher Education	Mayne	Sales and use tax exemption extended to all higher education textbooks.	FN: Decrease of \$106,000 from General Fund annually	S	n/a	P	P	P
SB 70s1	Community Development and Renewal Agencies Amendments	Bramble	Extends RDA if agreed to by members of TEC.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
SB 71	Requirements Applicable to Property Tax or Fee Increase	Thatcher	Eliminates notification in newspapers requirements.		o				

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SB 73s1	Public School Teacher Tenure Modifications	Stephenson	Requires teachers to meet performance standard for three consecutive years to earn career status. Allows teachers to lose career status if low performing.	FN: \$30,000 in one time Ed Fund	s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 76	Distribution of Revenues Collected Under the Local Sales and Use Tax Act	Hinkins	Mitigates the sales and use tax revenue impact on third through sixth class mining counties as a result of state tax changes	FN: Reallocates \$276,000 of local sales tax revenue	S	n/a	P	P	P
SB 86	Sunset Reauthorization	Jenkins	Reauthorizes many programs set to expire, including E-911 service fee until July 2021.	FN: No impact	O	n/a	P	P	P
SB 105	Legal Notice Publication Requirements	Valentine	Removes legal notice publication exemptions for counties of first and second class.	FN: No impact	m				
SB 115	School Performance Reporting	Stephenson	Board of Educations in collaboration with school districts will collect data and distribute performance reports on student achievement.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
SB 119s1	School District Superintendents Amendments	Stephenson	Removes requirement that superintendents have a administrative or supervisory license from the State Board of Education.	FN: No impact	s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 122	Tax Exemptions for Cedar Band of Paiute Tribe	Stowell	Extends current Navajo tribe motor and special fuel tax exemptions to the Cedar Band of the Paiute tribe.	FN: Reduces Transportation Fund \$1.3 million in FY2012 and ongoing \$1.8 million in FY2013	m				
SB 123	Restrictions on Lobbying Expenditures- Public Education	Jenkins	Prohibits schools, school districts or charter schools from using state money to pay for a lobbyist.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
SB 125s3	Property Tax Exemptions Amendments	Bramble	Clarifies the definition of "education purposes" for property tax exemptions for "religious, charitable or education purposes" and extends exemptions to property being held for future use for charter schools.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
SB 132	Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Energy Efficient Stove or Energy Efficient Stove Fuel	Davis	Provides sales and use tax exemption for energy efficient stoves and stove fuel.	FN: Decrease \$70,000 from General Fund in FY2012 and \$73,000 in FY2013	O			P	P
SB 140	State Charter School Board Amendments	Stephenson	Of the seven members of the State Charter School Board appointed by the Governor, three must be nominated by an organization that represents Utah charter schools and have experience administering a charter school.	FN: No impact	s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 142	Public Official Contact Information	Stephenson	Requires that public officials have a public phone number and email address where they can be reached.	FN: No impact	S	P	P	P	P
SB 146	Impact Fee Amendments	Stevenson	Clarifies language regarding impact fees. Simplifies language to make more understandable for taxpayer and more transparent.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
SB 157s1	Property Tax Revisions	Bramble	Allows Tax Commission to create equal payment agreements with commercial and industrial taxpayers to pay total tax amount over time.	FN: No impact	m	P	P	P	P
SB 158	Local Government Funding Amendments	Bramble	County can't fund municipal-type services in a recreation area from general fund or municipal services fund.	FN: No impact	s				
SB 172	Political Subdivision Administration Amendments	Stephenson	Prohibits interim councils from making appointments for an automatically renewing position.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
SB 179s1	Math Education Initiative	Stephenson	Appropriates money to State Board of Education for Math Education Initiative. Money goes toward multiple education grants.	FN: Increase \$1.8 million in ongoing Ed Fund	s	n/a	F	P	P
SB 184	Disposal of Electronic Waste	Urquhart	Requires private sector technology associations to create recycling programs for e-waste.		s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 187	County Services Amendments	Bramble	Counties may increase property taxes without TnT to pay for emergency services in unincorporated areas.	FN: No impact	O				
SB 188	Tax Commission Amendments	Valentine	Allows the Tax Commission to hold private meetings when dealing with confidential matters. Defines confidential subjects.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P

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SB 189	Tax Code Modifications	McAdams	Changes general sales tax rate to 4.75% and creates low income tax credit.	FN: Not available	o			P	
SB 206	Labor Organization Provisions in Teacher Contracts	Stephenson	Employees may immediately cease or commence union dues wage deductions with written request to employer despite prior consent for deduction. Employees may join or terminate union membership at anytime.	FN: No impact	s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 209	Telecommunications Amendments	Bramble	Expands the surcharge for telecommunication devices for the deaf from just residential and business lines to all telephone numbers, including wireless numbers. Reduces surcharge from \$0.25 to \$0.20.	FN: Inconclusive	o	n/a	P	P	P
SB 216	Oversight of Public Funds	Madsen	Modifies accounting requirements for non-profit corporations. Non-profit corporations that receive at least 50% of funds from federal/state/local government must comply with existing reporting requirements.	FN: No impact	m				
SB 222	Public Transit Amendments	Bramble	Authorizes a local district that provides transportation services to adopt a resolution approving the annexation of the area outside of the local district's boundaries.	FN: No impact	O	n/a	P	P	P
SB 224	Partisan School Board Elections	Stephenson	Requires partisan elections for State School Board.	FN: No impact	s			P	P
SB 226s1	Income Tax Credits for Cleaner Burning Fuel	Urquhart	Amends the eligibility requirements for cleaner burning fuels tax credits available under the Individual Income Tax Act and the Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes chapter.		m	n/a	P	P	P
SB 229	Transportation Funding Revisions	Adams	Increases the allocation for the Centennial Highway Fund from 8.3% of sales tax revenue to 17% over eight years.		s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 231	Film Enterprise Zones	Madsen	Establishes film enterprise zones.	FN: Cost \$108,000 for employee administration of program	m				
SB 232s1	Public Transit District Board of Trustees Amendments	Mayne	Provides that a board of trustees for a 200,000+ transit district must include a non-voting employee representative.		o			P	F
SB 233	Tax Modifications	Bramble	Modifies penalties related to certain taxes.		m				
SB 234	Economic Development Zone Tax Incentives Act	Bramble	Enacts nonrefundable capital investment tax credits. Requires the Governor's Office of Economic Development to enter into agreement with business to qualify for tax credit. Up to 30% of taxpayers tax liability.		m				
SB 235s1	Charter School Students' Participation in Extracurricular Activities	Mayne	Charter school students are eligible to participate in the public school extracurricular activities if charter school is on the public school campus.	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
SB 237	Pollution Control Facility Amendments	Hillyard	Clarifies who may take the pollution control exemption.		s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 239s1	Motor Fuel Tax Amendments	Van Tassell	Increase gas tax with scheduled increases.	FN: Increase revenue to Transportation Fund by \$74 million in FY2012 and \$82 million in FY2013	o			P	F
SB 253	State Hospital Amendments	Adams	Authorizes the PPB to issue a RFP for a private entity to operate the substance abuse and mental health division of the state hospital.	FN: \$123,800 one time (FY2011) and \$41,300 one time (FY2012)	S			P	
SB 256s2	Teacher Effectiveness Evaluation Process	Adams	Requires annual teacher evaluation regardless of career status. Evaluation considers student learning gains, instructional quality and parent/student/community satisfaction.	FN: No impact	S	n/a	P	P	P
SB 259s1	Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Certain Local Government Taxes and Fee	Stowell	Creates a sales and use tax exemption for a municipal tax or fee imposed on a business to provide an enhanced municipal service.		s	n/a	P	P	P

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SB 263	State Board of Education Powers Amendments	Buttars	Provides that the State Department of Education may investigate and reverse local school board decisions if they violate state law.	FN: No impact	m			P	
SB 273	Emergency Responder Fees	Adams	Prohibits political subdivisions from charging an individual a flat first responder fee for responding to a traffic accident.	FN: No impact	s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 278	Charter School Property Tax Amendments	Bramble	For the purpose of property tax exemption, a charter school is considered to be a school district.		s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 280s1	Government Operations Amendments	Okerlund	Modifies the Election Code to establish procedures for submitting nonbinding opinion question to the voters of Utah.	FN: No impact	m	n/a	P	P	P
SB 284	County Tax Amendments	Stevenson	Authorizes counties of first class to levy an energy sales and use tax and a telecommunications license tax.		O				
SB 296	Amendments to Tax Provisions	Bramble	Taxes for room rental through room remarketer must be on net room charge and any additional room charge.	FN: Increase General Fund by \$1.4 million in FY2012 and \$1.5 million in FY2013	m			P	
SB 305s2	Economic Development Through Education and Career Alignment	Stephenson	Requires the Utah Education Network to contract with a technology provider through an RFP for a web based, online education and career counseling program.		s	n/a	P	P	P
SB 312	Economic Development Coordination	Jenkins	Creates the Governor's Economic Development Coordination Council to plan, coordinate and recommend strategies, goals and activities related to economic growth.	FN: Reduce \$3100 annually	o	n/a	P	P	P
SB 320	Deposit of Severance Tax Revenues Into Permanent State Trust Fund	Hillyard	Spends \$5 million from oil and gas severance tax revenue.	FN: \$5 million from Permanent State Trust Fund	O	n/a	P	n/a	P
SCR 2	Financial Responsibility Concurrent Resolution	Jones	Encourages citizens to increase their personal savings and money management awareness. Makes Feb 20-27 "Utah Saves Week."	FN: No impact	s	P	P	P	P
SJR 1	Joint Resolution of State Board of Education Authority	Buttars	Amends constitution to specify that State Board of Education controls and supervises public education.	FN:\$14,700 for FY2013 to put on the ballot	s			P	
SJR 9	Joint Resolution on Governance of Public and Higher Education	Reid	Amends constitution to move control and supervision of public education and higher education to the Governor.	FN:\$14,700 for FY2013 to put on the ballot	s			P	P
SJR 13	Joint Resolution- Request for Proposal	Stephenson	Clarifies the process of requesting, overseeing, reviewing RFPs. Oversight my Leg Management and Leg Research and General Counsel.	FN: No impact	m	P	P	P	P
SJR 28	Balanced Budget Amendment to the US Constitution Joint Resolution		Boxcar						