



Vote NO on HB 81

HB 81 – City or Town Option Sales and Use Tax Amendments Chief Sponsor: Brad Dee

In 1983 the Legislature the Legislature changed the distribution of local option sales taxes, and created a hold harmless program for South Salt Lake and Riverdale. In 2005, they put a sunset on the hold harmless program that allowed South Salt Lake and Riverdale to impose an additional sales tax until 2016. HB 81 allows Riverdale and South Salt Lake to make that tax hike permanent.

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- **HB 81 is a tax increase:** HB 81 would allow the city councils of Riverdale or South Salt Lake to make a sales tax increase permanent that is scheduled to expire in 2016.
 - **How long is too long?:** Three decades is more than enough time to let those cities grow and restructure their budgets to accommodate tax changes made in 1983.
 - **Give taxpayers a break:** Taxpayers in Riverdale and South Salt Lake should not be asked to permanently pay more, just so these cities can be held harmless from changes made in 1983.
 - **Single statewide sales tax rate:** Utah has been moving towards a single statewide sales tax rate for several years. HB 81 moves away from that worthy goal.

