



# Vote YES on 1S HB 210

## 1S HB 210 – Severance Tax Amendments Chief Sponsor: Jim Nielson Senate Floor Sponsor: Lyle Hillyard

- **Limited Resources, Limited Revenue:** Severance taxes, which are taxes on the depletion of a non-renewable economic resource, should be placed in a trust fund instead of being spent on ongoing programs since severance tax revenues will disappear as resources are depleted.
- **Phased Approach:** When 1S HB 210 is fully implemented in FY 2017, virtually all severance taxes will go into the Permanent State Trust Fund.
- **Plan for the Future:** Spending the severance tax revenue depletes the principle, eliminating the ongoing interest that should be available for future generations.
- **Will of the People:** Sixty-five percent of Utahns voted in favor of putting severance taxes into the state's permanent trust fund, so our grandchildren and great grandchildren can benefit from our natural resources, long after those minerals are exhausted.
- **Measured Approach:** By phasing this in over five years, 1S HB 210 mitigates the fiscal impact to the current budget.

