



The Utah Taxpayer - June 2022

Even After Previous Failures, American Fork City Council Gambling \$30 million of Taxpayer Funds on Government Owned Fiber Network

The city council of American Fork will be considering a proposal to possibly issue \$30 million in debt to finance the buildout of a government owned fiber network. Apparently the proponents of the project did not get the memo that the Berlin Wall fell more than 30 years ago and the great experiment with government ownership of society was a failure. As we see far too often, government officials are quick to come up with great plans and dreams when they are using other people's money, particularly taxpayers money.

[Read the details here.](#)

Cannon's Corner: Worried About Californian's Bringing Crazy Ideas To Utah? You Should Be. CalTax Report Highlights the Insane Asylum Known As the California Legislature



This year, the California Legislature has considered more than \$194 billion in new taxes and fees, including a "wealth tax", a variety of tax increases to fund a government-run healthcare program, a carbon tax, and a new tax on gains from property sales. The report tallies 64 different proposals, 51 of which can't be quantified. The remaining 13 ideas total all \$194 billion.

[We Summarize the report here.](#)

Salt Lake City Taxpayers Will Need To Speak Up Or Get Used To It- Bloated Salt Lake City

Government Becomes Even More Bloated With What Has Become A Common Occurrence - A Property Tax Hike

The property tax hike that is proposed is forecasted to raise \$4.4 million in new revenue, costing the median priced homeowner in Salt Lake City \$130 more per year on their tax bill. We believe that an honest look into the budget and proposed new spending would reveal plenty of ways to reduce spending in many areas and negate the need for a tax increase. While taxpayers are figuring out how to do more with less revenue, government can do the same.

[See what the heart of the issue is.](#)

Latest Revenue Numbers Make It Abundantly Clear: The Right Decision For Utah Is Cutting Taxes for 2023 Now - Not More Spending

Continuing to blow past all expectations by a wide margin, tax revenue collections show that general fund/education funds stand at \$9.88 billion after 10 months of the fiscal year. With 2 months remaining, even with just average historical collections, Utah will likely end fiscal year 2022 (June 30th) with a surplus somewhere between \$700 million and \$1 billion.

[Utah's efforts so far pale in comparison to other states.](#)

Association Accomplishments in May

- Hosted the Annual Taxes Now Conference and 100 Year Anniversary Celebration
- Finalized details of the annual Teed Off On Taxes Golf Tournament on June 7th
- Attended May Legislative Interim Meetings
- Visited with city officials on proposed tax increases

In The News

- [Utahn's must not bear the brunt of a bad nuclear idea](#): SL Tribune
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