2024 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD





A report by the Utah Taxpayers Association





OBJECTIVES

The Utah Taxpayers Association releases the Legislative Scorecard annually following the General Session. It is intended to rank legislators based on their votes on bills considered most important to taxpayers by the Association.

Although legislators did not know which bills would be selected for the scorecard, the Association did actively testify in committees, distribute materials and engage with legislators one-on-one on each of the selected bills.

METHODOLOGY

The Association tracked 75 bills throughout the 2024 General Session.

9 bills were selected for the scorecard for the House.

7 bills were selected for the scorecard for the Senate.

The scoring is as follows:

A vote with the Association awards 1 point A vote against the Association deducts 1 point An absence neither awards nor deducts a point.

Again this year, the scorecard incorporates "double weighting" for high-priority bills, indicated with an asterisk. For these bills, points are doubled. Legislators are then ranked according to the number of points they scored versus their potential maximum. Awards are given to legislators with the top rank. Using this method, absences neither benefit nor penalize legislators.

Winners did not vote against the Association's position on any of the selected bills. This year's high standard is a result of a even larger number of House and Senate members voting in a very taxpayer-friendly way, essentially setting the bar higher, and speaks to the distinction of the award. Another factor was fewer tax-related bills making it to either the House or Senate floor for a vote.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUMMARY



BILLS SELECTED

The House voted on 51 bills on our watchlist. Nine were selected for the scorecard; six were double-weighted: HB 173, HB 284, SB 29, SB 69, SB 86 and SB 100.



POTENTIAL SCORES

The maximum potential score for a Representative was 15; the minimum was -15. The average was 7.49.



AWARD WINNERS

10 Representatives won the "Friend of the Taxpayer" award, with an average score of 14. They represent 13.3% of the House.



LOW SCORES

Five Republican Representatives tied for the lowest Republican score. Democrat Representatives Joel Briscoe and Sandra Hollins tied for the lowest score of -7.

FRIEND OF THE TAXPAYER WINNERS

The following Representatives won the 2024 Friend of the Taxpayer Award:

- Tyler Clancy
- Joseph Elison
- Norman Thurston
- Jon Hawkins
- Keven Stratton
- Candice Pierruci
- Nelson Abbott
- Ken Ivory
- Matt Gwynn
- Kera Birkeland



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SCORECARD 2024

			1 Sub HB 173* (Double-Weighted)	3 Sub HB 270 (House Reconsideration)	8 284* (Double- Weighted)	3 Sub HB 373 (House Concurrence	1 Sub SB 29* (Double-Weighted)	SB 69* (Double- Weighted)	3 Sub SB 86* (Double-Weighted)	2 Sub SB 100* (Double-Weighted)	3 Sub SB 268		2024		5-Year	5-Year
Representative	District	Party	ě		皇		ě	8	ě	ě		Score	Rank	Percentage	Average	Ranking
Association Position			Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N					
Tyler Clancy	60		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	15	1	100.00%	95.00%	1
Joseph Elison	72		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	N	15	1		95.00%	1
Norman Thurston	62		Y	N	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	15	1		91.46%	3
Jon Hawkins	55		Y	N	Y	Y	Α	Y	Α	Y	Α	10	1		89.17%	6
Keven Stratton	58		Y	N	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	15	1		88.54%	9
Candice Pierucci	49		Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	N	15	1		86.32%	14
Nelson Abbott	57		Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	N	15	- 1		85.30%	15
Ken Ivory	39		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	15	1		83.30%	22
Matt Gwynn		R	Υ	N	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	15	1		81.10%	28
Kera Birkeland		R	Y	N	Y	Α	Y	Υ	Α	Α	N	10	1	100.00%	79.38%	31
Walt Brooks	75		Υ	N	Υ	Α	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ		12	- 11	87.50%	89.68%	4
Trevor Lee	16		Y	N	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ		13	- 11	88.89%	89.44%	5
Colin Jack	73		Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ		13	11	88.89%	88.89%	7
Mark Strong	47		Y	N	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	Υ		11	11	87.50%	88.86%	8
Ariel Defay	15		Y	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ		12	11	87.50%	87.50%	10
Matt MacPherson	26		Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		12	11	87.50%	87.50%	10
Jeff Burton	64		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		13	- 11	88.89%	87.12%	12
Jordan Teuscher	44		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		13	11	88.89%	86.45%	13
Mike Petersen		R	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ		13	- 11	88.89%	84.78%	17
Neil Walter	74		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		13	- 11	88.89%	84.44%	18
Cory Maloy	52		A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Υ		9	- 11	85.71%	83.90%	19
Katy Hall	11		Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y		11	11	87.50%	83.75%	20
Anthony Loubet	27		A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		11	11	87.50%	83.75%	20
Tim Jimenez	28		Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		11	11	87.50%	82.64%	23
Cheryl Acton	38		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		13	11	88.89%	82.62%	24
Brady Brammer	54		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		13	11	88.89%	82.50%	25
Karianne Lisonbee	14		Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y		9	11	85.71%	81.75%	26
Calvin Musselman		R		N		Y			Y			13	- 11	88.89%	81.46%	27
Stephanie Gricius	50		Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y		10	11	85.71%	80.36%	29
Jason Kyle		R	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		13	11	88.89%	79.44%	30
Casey Snider		R	Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y		11	11	87.50%	79.35%	32
Tom Peterson		R	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		13	11	88.89%	78.60%	34
Mike Schultz	12		_	N	_	Y	Y					13	11	88.89%	77.18%	40
Kay Christofferson	53 51		Y	N N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		13 9	11 35	88.89% 85.71%	76.35%	44 61
Jeff Moss			A Y		1	Y	Y			A Y		10	36		52.10%	45
Judy Weeks Rohner Robert Spendlove	30 42		A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	7	37	87.50% 71.43%	76.30% 78.17%	35
Mike Kohler	59		_ ^	-	Y		Y	Y			, i		37	85.71%	77.95%	37
Val Peterson			A	N N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	N	8	37	85.71%	76.19%	46
	56 71			N	Y	- I	- I	Y		^ v		9	40		85.01%	16
Rex Shipp Bridger Bolinder	29		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N N	Y		9	40		78.89%	33
Steve Lund	66			N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	7	40		78.09%	36
Ryan Wilcox		R	Y	N	Y	A	Ŷ	Y	N.	Y	V	8	40		77.63%	38
Phil Lyman	69		Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N N	Y		9	40		77.06%	41
Melissa Garff Ballard	20		Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	N N	Y		7	40		76.92%	42
Susan Pulsipher	45		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		9	40		75.92%	47
Dan Johnson		R	Y	A	Y	· v	· v	Y	M	Y		8	40		75.44%	48
Steve Eliason	43		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ÿ		9	40		70.75%	52
Jeff Stenquist	46		N N	N	Y	·	A	Y	Y	Y		7	40		69.56%	55
Paul Cutler	18		Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Ÿ	Ý		9	40		68.89%	57
Jay Cobb	48		Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		9	40		63.89%	60
Marsha Judkins	61		N	N		A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6	52	75.00%	67.49%	59
Karen Peterson	13		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	5	53		77.32%	39
Carl Albrecht	70		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		5	53		75.13%	49
Stephen Whyte	63		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		5	53		75.09%	50
Doug Welton	65		N	N	Y	Y	Y	A	N	Y		3	53		73.18%	51
Scott Chew	68		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		5	53		70.27%	53
Stewart Barlow	17		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		5	53		70.23%	54
Christine Watkins	67		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		5	53		69.25%	56
Raymond Ward	19		N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y		5	53		68.39%	58
Jim Dunnigan	36		N	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ		5	53		52.08%	62
Ashlee Matthews		D	N	Υ		Y	Y	Υ	Α	Υ	N	3	53		47.92%	64
Andrew Stoddard		D	N			Α	Y	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	-2	63		47.42%	65
Brian King		D	N			Α	Α	N	Α	Υ		-6	63		30.19%	71
Carol Spackman Moss		D	N			N	Υ	N	A	Y		-5	65		76.74%	43
Mark Wheatley		D	N			Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	-3	65		49.47%	63
Jen Dailey-Provost		D	N			N	Υ	N	Α	Y	Y	-5	65		42.92%	66
Rosemary Lesser		D	N			N	Y	Υ	N	Y		-3	65		42.86%	67
Angela Romero		D	N			N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ		-3	65		41.97%	68
Doug Owens		D	N			N	Y	N	N	Y	N	-5	70		37.03%	69
Gay Lynn Bennion		D	N			N	Y		N	Υ	N	-5	70		25.41%	73
Brett Garner		D	N			N	Υ		N	Υ	N	-5	70		22.22%	74
Sahara Hayes		D	N			N	Y		N	Y	N	-5	70		21.67%	75
Sandra Hollins		D	N				Y			Υ	Y	-7	74	22.22%	36.67%	70
Joel Briscoe		D	N				Y			Y		-7	74		30.16%	72
With Association			42	56	54	57	66	63	41	70	18					
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SENATE SUMMARY



BILLS SELECTED

The Senate voted on 43 bills on our watchlist. Seven were selected for the scorecard; four were double-weighted: SB 29, SB 69, SB 86, and SB 100.



POTENTIAL SCORES

The maximum potential score for a Representative was 11; the minimum was -11. The average was 6.93.



AWARD WINNERS

8 Senators won the "Friend of the Taxpayer" award, with an average score of 10. They represent 27.5% of the Senate.



LOW SCORES

5 out of the 6 Democrats in the Senate finished with a negative score with an average score of -1.2.

FRIEND OF THE TAXPAYER WINNERS

The following Senators won the 2024 Friend of the Taxpayer Award:

- Heidi Balderree
- Lincoln Fillmore
- Dan McCay
- John Johnson
- Mike Kennedy
- Derrin Owens
- Kirk Cullimore
- David Hinkins



SENATE SCORECARD 2024

Senator	District	Party	3 Sub HB 373	1 Sub SB 29* (Double- Weighted)	SB 69* (Double- Weighted)	3 Sub SB 86* (Double- Weighted)	3 Sub SB 91	2 Sub SB 100* (Double- Weighted)	2 Sub SB 268	Score	2024 Rank	Percentage	5-Year Average	5-Year Ranking
Association Position			Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	N					
Heidi Balderree	22		Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	N	11	1	100.00%	100.00%	1
Lincoln Fillmore	17		Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	11	1	100.00%	91.88%	2
Dan McCay	18	R	Y	Y	Υ	Α	Α	Y	N	8	1	100.00%	91.54%	3
John D Johnson		R	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	N	11	1	100.00%	87.63%	4
Michael Kennedy	21	R	Y	Y	Υ	Α	Υ	Y	N	9	1	100.00%	87.11%	5
Derrin R Owens	27	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	N	11	- 1	100.00%	81.25%	13
Kirk Cullimore	19	R	Α	Υ	Υ	Υ	Α	Υ	Α	8	1	100.00%	80.83%	14
David Hinkins	26	R	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	N	11	1	100.00%	80.47%	15
Jerry Stevenson	6	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	9	9	85.71%	83.70%	6
Keith Grover	23	R	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	9	9	85.71%	83.31%	7
David Buxton	4	R	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	9	9	85.71%	82.61%	8
Stuart Adams	7	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	9	9	85.71%	81.91%	9
Curtis Bramble	24	R	Υ	Α	Υ	Y	Α	Y	Υ	6	9	80.00%	81.90%	10
Wayne Harper	16	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	9	9	85.71%	81.90%	11
Don Ipson	29	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	9	9	85.71%	81.28%	12
Ronald Winterton	20	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	9	9	85.71%	80.11%	16
Todd Weiler	8	R	Α	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	8	9	83.33%	79.63%	17
Evan Vickers	28	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	9	9	85.71%	78.81%	18
Ann Millner	5	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Α	Y	Υ	8	9	83.33%	78.52%	19
Mike McKell	25	R	Α	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	8	9	83.33%	78.21%	20
Scott Sandall	1	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	9	9	85.71%	78.17%	21
Chris H Wilson	2	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	9	9	85.71%	76.80%	22
Daniel Thatcher	11	R	Υ	Y	Υ	Α	Υ	Y	Υ	7	9	83.33%	65.07%	23
Luz Escamilla	10	D	N	Y	N	N	Υ	Y	Α	0	24	0010010	59.86%	24
Kathleen A Riebe	15	D	N	Y	N	N	Υ	Y	Υ	-1	25	42.86%	51.74%	25
Stephanie Pitcher	14	D	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Y	Υ	-1	25	12.0070	47.45%	26
Karen Kwan	12	D	N	Y	N	N	Α	Y	Υ	-2	25	33.33%	46.13%	27
Nate Blouin	13	D	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	-1	25		27.68%	28
Jen Plumb	9	D	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	-1	25	42.86%	21.43%	29
With Association			20	28	23	20	24	29	8					
Against Association			6	0	6	6	0	0	20	1				
Absent			3	1	0	3	5	0	2	1				
% With Association			69%	97%	79%	69%	83%	100%	28%	l				

SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS

HB 173, 1 SUB (PIERRUCI)*



Enables school board tax hikes to be referred to the ballot by voters. Your Utah Taxpayers supports transparency in taxation and taxpayers' right to object to tax hikes through referendum.

Passed House 42-28-5
Not heard in Senate

HB 270, 3 SUB (DAILEY-PROVOST)



Increases the tax rate of the multicounty assessing and collecting levy imposed by counties and requires counties to adopt the statewide property tax system to create government efficiencies. Your Utah Taxpayers Association opposes raising property taxes to pay for basic administrative functions.

Failed House 16-56-3
Passed Senate 27-0-2

HB 373, 3 SUB (SNIDER)



Clarifies a sales and use tax exemption for upgrades of equipment related to pollution control. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports legislation which removes taxes on business inputs.

Passed House 57-10-8
Passed Senate 20-6-3

HB 284, HJR 14 (KYLE)*



Contingent on the passage of a constitutional amendment, establishes a 60% threshold for the passage of any statewide initiative that would raise taxes. Your Taxpayers Association supports legislation which protects taxpayers from outside interests and insures any measures that raise taxes have broad support.

Passed House 52-19-4
Not heard in Senate

SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS

SB 29, 1 SUB (WILSON)



Enacts greater transparency and detail on Truth in Taxation notices that property owners receive, including requiring entities to note the dollar amount of the proposed increase. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports transparency and accountability when raising taxes.

Passed House 66-0-9
Passed Senate 25-0-4

SB 69* (WILSON)



Reduces the state individual and corporate income taxes from 4.65% to 4.55%, beginning January 1, 2024. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports a lower and competitive rate of tax for the entire base

Passed House 68-0-7
Passed Senate 24-3-2

SB 86, 3 SUB (FILLMORE)



Places restrictions on the issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds, including a 3-year \$200 million limit, and the requirement to notice and hold public hearings. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports transparency in the issuance of debt and accountability for taxing entities.

Passed House 43-23-9 Passed Senate 20-6-3

SB 91, 3 SUB (WILSON)



Requires the notice of a public hearing on the proposed adoption of compensation for county or municipal officers to include the amount of any proposed compensation increase. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports transparency by taxing entities.

Passed House 46-21-8
Passed Senate 24-0-5

SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS

SB 100, 2 SUB (BALDERREE)



Aligns the process and criteria to referendum a local bond election with other referendum processes and criteria. Increases the time allowed to gather signatures from 30 days to 45 for sales tax-backed bonds by cities. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports taxing entities being accountable to voters.

Passed House 70-0-5 Passed Senate 29-0-0 SB 268, 3 SUB (HARPER)



Creates First Home Investment Zones, providing a tax increment to finance. Your Utah Taxpayers Association opposes the use of tax increment financing except in cases where the development would not occur "but for" the incentive.

Passed House 55-18-2 Passed Senate 20-7-2