# 2025 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 64 bills throughout the 2025 General Session.

10 bills were selected for the scorecard for both the House and 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 47 bills on our watchlist. Ten were selected for the scorecard; seven were double-weighted: HB106 HB110, HB216, SB52, SB73, SB95, SB165, SB213, SB295, SJR2.



#### POTENTIAL SCORES

The maximum potential score for a Representative was 17; the minimum was –17. The average was 11.63.



#### AWARD WINNERS

41 Representatives won the "Friend of the Taxpayer" award, with an average score of 15.78. They represent 54.6% of the House.



### **2025 FRIEND OF THE TAXPAYER WINNERS**

- Nicholeen Peck
- Troy Shelley
- Doug Fiefia
- Tyler Clancy
- Joseph Elison
- Jon Hawkins
- Matt MacPherson
- Ariel Defay
- Trevor Lee
- Mark Strong

- Walt Brooks
- Candice Pierucci
- Jeff Burton
- Mike Petersen
- Katy Hall
- Jordan Teuscher
- Ken Ivory
- Nelson Abbott
- Karianne Lisonbee
- Calvin Roberts

- Cory Maloy
- Stephanie Gricius
- Rex Shipp
- Jason Kyle
- Cheryl Acton
- Matt Gwynn
- Val Peterson
- Tom Peterson
- Casey Snider
- Ryan Wilcox

- Karen Peterson
- Mike Schultz
- Melissa Garff Ballard
- Stephen Whyte
- Kay Christofferson
- Doug Welton
- Stewart Barlow
- Christine Watkins
- Jeff Moss
- Neil Walter
- Carl Albrecht

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	Joseph Elison	72		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	17	1	3 96.679	
	Jon Hawkins	55		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	11	1	3 95.839	
	Matt MacPherson Ariel Defay	26 15		Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	1	2 93.759	
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	Walt Brooks	75		Y	Υ	Y	A	Y	Α	Υ	Y	Y	Y	13	1	5 91.229	
	Candice Pierucci	49		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	17	1	5 90.949	
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ž	Ken Ivory	39		Y	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	16	1	5 88.309	
B	Nelson Abbott	57		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	17	1	5 88.249	
Award	Karianne Lisonbee Calvin Roberts	14		Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	13	1	3 87.839 2 87.509	
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	Kay Christofferson	53		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	17	1	5 80.979	
	Doug Welton	65		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	17	1	5 78.549	
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	Carl Albrecht	70		Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	12	1	5 78.219	
	David Shallenberger	58		Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	15	38	1 90.009	
	Lisa Shepherd	61		Y	N	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	15	38	1 90.009	
	Bridger Bolinder Steve Eliason	29 43		A	Y N	N	, v	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y.	13	38	3 82.229 5 74.419	
	Norman Thurston	62		Ŷ	Y	Ý	N	Y	Ý	Ý	· v	A	Ý	11	42	5 94.249	
	Tiara Auxier	4		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	13	42	1 90.009	
	Jake Sawyer	9		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	13	42	1 90.009	
	Logan Monson	69		Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	13	42	1 90.009	
	Colin Jack Kristen Chevrier	73 54		- Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y N	Y	A	Y	11	42 42	3 88.899	
	Jason Thompson	3		y	Y	Ÿ	Y	A	Y	100	A	Y	Y	10	42	1 87.509	
	Clinton Okerlund	42	R	Y	N	Y	Ÿ	N	A	Υ	Y	Y	Y	9	49	1 77.789	51
	Jill Koford	10	R	Y	Y	Υ	N	N	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	9	50	1 80.009	47
	Mike Kohler	59		Y	A	A	N	Y	Y	N.	Y	Y	Y	7	50	5 77.369	
	Paul Cuffer Raymond Ward	18		, Y	Y	Y	Y.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N N	9	50	3 72.599 5 70.559	
	Scott Chew	68		Ý	Y	y I	N.	Y	y E	N. S.	y	Y	Y	9	50	5 69.919	
	Jim Dunnigan	36		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Ý	Υ	Y	Y	N	9	50	3 61.399	
	Ashlee Matthews	37	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	N N	Y	Y	Y	Υ	N	9	50	3 58.619	64
	Anthony Loubet	27		N	N	Y	Y	N N	A	Υ	Y	Y	Y	5	57	3 78.069	
	Tracy Miller Andrew Stoddard	45		Y	N N	Y	Y	N N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N N	5	57 57	2 73.899 5 48.459	
	Verona Mauga	31		A	Y	Y	Y	- 2 -	Y	Y	Y	Y	- 1	5	60	1 70.009	
	Doug Owens	33	D	N	N	Y	Ÿ	Α	Y	N.	Y	Y	A	3	60	5 42.139	70
	Carol Spackman Moss	34	D	N	N	Y	Y	N N	Y	Υ	Y	Y	N	3	62	5 70.569	58
	Jake Fitisemanu	30		N	N	Y	Y	N .	Y	N	Y	Y	N	-1	63	1 50.009	
	Hoang Nguyen Rosalba Dominguez	23		N	N I	Y	Y	N.	Y	, N	Y	Y	N N	-1	63	1 50.009	
	Grant Amjad Miller	24		N	N	Y	Y	N N	Y	- 1	Y	Y	N N	-1	63	1 50.009	
	Angela Romero	25		N N	N I	Y	Y	- N	Ÿ	- 1	Y	Υ	N	-1	63	5 40.859	
	Jen Dailey-Provost	22	D	N	N	Y	Y	N N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	-1	63	5 40.629	72
	Sandra Hollins	21		N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Υ	N	-1	63	5 35.919	
	Sahara Hayes Gay Lynn Bennion	32 41		N.	N N	Y	Y,	N N	Y	N .	Y	Y	N N	-1 -1	63	3 31.119 5 30.339	
	With Association	71		56	48	69	64	48	67	52	70	65	53	-1	00	5 30.337	/3
	Against Association			13	18	1	6	19	0	17	0	0	17				
	Absent			4	7	3	3	6	6	2	3	8	3				
	% With Association			75%	64%	92%	85%	64%	89%	69%	93%	87%	71%				

## SENATE SUMMARY



#### **BILLS SELECTED**

The Senate voted on 43 bills on our watchlist. Ten were selected for the scorecard; seven were double-weighted: HB106 HB110, HB216, SB52, SB73, SB95, SB165, SB213, SB295, SJR2.



#### AWARD WINNERS

20 Senators won the "Friend of the Taxpayer" award, with an average score of 15.7. They represent 68.9% of the Senate.



#### POTENTIAL SCORES

The maximum potential score for a Representative was 17; the minimum was -17. The average was 12.48.



## **2025 FRIEND OF THE TAXPAYER WINNERS**

- Dan McCay
- Lincoln Fillmore
- Keven Stratton
- Heidi Balderree
- Jerry Stevenson
- Brady Brammer
- Keith Grover
- Stuart Adams
- Calvin Musselman
- David Hinkins

- Wayne Harper
- Derrin Owens
- Mike McKell
- Scott Sandall
- Ronald Winterton
- Kirk Cullimore
- Don Ipson
- Todd Weiler
- Evan Vickers
- Chris Wilson

## **SENATE SCORECARD 2025**

Senator	District	Party	4th Sub HB 106*	2 Sub HB 110	1 Sub HB 216	2 Sub SB 52*	3 Sub SB 73*	SB 95*	2 Sub SB 165*	SB 213	2 Sub SB 295*	SJR 2*	Percentag	5-Year Average	5-Year Ranking
Association Position			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Dan McCay	18	8 R	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	100.00%	93.54%	
Lincoln Fillmore		7 R	Y	Y	Α	Υ	Y	Y	γ	Y	Υ	Υ	100.00%		
Keven Stratton		4 R	Y	Y	Υ	Α	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	100.00%		
Heidi Balderree	27	2 R	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	100.00%	100.00%	6
Jerry Stevenson		6 R	- Y	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Υ	100.00%		
Brady Brammer		1 R	- Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	100.00%		_
Keith Grover	2?	3 R	7 Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	100.00%	86.64%	
Stuart Adams		7 R	Y	Y	Υ	Α	Y	Υ	Υ	Α	Y	Υ	100.00%	85.54%	
Calvin Musselman	1	4 R	7 Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	100.00%	86.08%	
David Hinkins	26	6 R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Α	Υ	100.00%		_
Wayne Harper		6 R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	100.00%	85.23%	
Derrin R Owens	27	7 R	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	100.00%	85.00%	
Mike McKell	25	5 <b>R</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Α	Α	Y	Υ	100.00%	82.57%	
Scott Sandall	1	1 R	Y	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	А	Α	Y	Υ	100.00%	83.17%	
Ronald Winterton	20	0 R	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	100.00%	83.44%	0
Kirk Cullimore	19	9 R	Y	Y	Α	Y	Α	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	100.00%	84.83%	
Don Ipson		9 R	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	100.00%	83.28%	
Todd Weiler	8	8 <b>R</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	100.00%	82.97%	
Evan Vickers		8 <b>R</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	100.00%		
Chris H Wilson	2	2 R	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	100.00%	81.44%	
John D Johnson		3 R	Y	Y	Υ	N	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	90.00%	88.10%	6
Ann Millner	5	5 <b>R</b>	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	90.00%	80.97%	
Daniel Thatcher	11	1 R	Y	Α	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Α	N	75.00%	63.87%	
Stephanie Pitcher	14	4 D	N	N	Υ	Υ	Α	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	66.67%	46.24%	
Kathleen A Riebe		5 <b>D</b>	N	Α	Υ	Α	N	Y	Υ	Α	Υ	N	57.14%	51.50%	
Luz Escamilla	10	0 <b>D</b>	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Y	Υ	Υ	А	N	55.56%	56.97%	5
Karen Kwan	12	2 D	N	N	Υ	Y	N	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	N	60.00%	44.79%	
Nate Blouin		3 D	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	60.00%	38.45%	
Jen Plumb	9	9 D	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	60.00%	34.29%	
With Association	A	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY	22	20	25	22	20	28	25	23	25	21			
Against Association			6	5	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	8			
Absent			0	3	3	5	2	0	3	5	3	0			
% With Association			76%	69%	86%	76%	69%	97%	86%	79%	86%	72%	1		

## SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS

# HB 106, 4 SUB (CHRISTOFFERSON)\*



Lowers the individual and corporate income tax rate from 4.55% to 4.50%. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports a lower and competitive rate of tax for the entire base.

Passed House 58-13-4
Passed Senate 25-6-0

# HB 110, 2 SUB (AUXIER)



Reduces revenue target for revenue that the minimum basic tax rate generates; repeals the weighted pupil unit value rate. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports transparency in tax collections and clarity in tax rates.

Passed House 50-18-7
Passed Senate 21-5-8

# HB 216, 1 SUB (THURSTON)



Authorizes the Revenue and Taxation interim committee to recommend legislative action to negate increase in tax revenues caused by federal legislation. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports legislation which lowers the overall tax burden of all Utahns.

Passed House 71-1-3
Passed Senate 26-0-3

# SB 52, 2 SUB (BRAMMER)\*



Allows Tax Commission to contract with external agency to determine whether a vehicle ought to be registered in the state or not. . Your Taxpayers Association supports legislation which protects taxpayers from tax fraud and facilitates enforcing tax law.

Passed House 66-6-3
Passed Senate 23-1-5

### SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS

# SB 73, 3 SUB (FIILMORE)\*



Requires that a statewide initiative that would require a new tax or a tax increase include a description of how that would be funded, including the anticipated tax rate and a description of the new revenue source. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports transparency and accountability when raising taxes.

Passed House 50-19-6
Passed Senate 21-7-1

#### SB 95 (BALDERREE)\*



Requires that a quorum be present for a Truth in Taxation hearing. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports ransparency and accountability when raising taxes.

Passed House 69-0-6 Passed Senate 29-0-0

#### SB 165, 2 SUB (FILLMORE)\*



Establishes limitations on municipalities providing a broadband service. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports accountability for taxing entities and limitations on the business-like activities of municipalities.

Passed House 56-17-2 Passed Senate 28-0-1

#### SB 213 (HARPER)



Enacts a sales and use tax exemption for operators of facilities that manufacture energy storage devices or equipment.

Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports reducing taxes on business inputs.

Passed House 72-0-3
Passed Senate 23-0-6

## **SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS**

SB 295, 2 SUB (MCCAY)\*



Allows a taxing entity to avoid truth-in-taxation if it adopts a budget less than the certified rate and they do not exceed the previous year's budget revenue for 5 years. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports taxing entities being accountable to voters but having flexibility in budgeting.

Passed House 67-0-8
Passed Senate 26-0-3

SJR 2 (FILLMORE)\*



Requires that a statewide initiative that would impose a new tax, increase the rate of an existing tax or the amount of tax collected be required to pass by a 60% threshold of voters. Your Utah Taxpayers Association supports legislation which makes it more difficult to increase taxes.

Passed House 55-17-3 Passed Senate 21-8-0