



The Utah Taxpayer

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President's Message - Thank you Rep. Jill Koford for protecting Taxpayers

The 45-day legislative session here in Utah can be a pressure cooker for everyone involved. Because of the short, seven-week period, legislation moves quickly. Making changes and analyzing the impact of those changes has to happen fast. Understanding complex and in-depth issues in a matter of hours is often required. The days can be long, but the weeks fly by, and you can be caught off guard if you aren't careful.

Because of the fast pace, there is obvious increased pressure on lawmakers to pass bills. They were elected to get things done, and it's much easier to tell voters you voted to create something or fund a program than it is to say you voted no and opposed a new government program or spending idea.

[Read more here.](#)

Register Now! 2026 Taxes Now Conference!

Our 2026 Taxes Now Conference will take place on **Monday, May 15th, 2026** at the **Grand America Hotel**.

Hear from experts on a variety of issues, and join us for lunch with our keynote speaker to be announced.

4 hours of CLE/CPE credit will be offered.

\$100 for members and \$135 for non-members to attend. A light breakfast, beverages and a plated lunch will be included.

[Register Here!](#)



"Sin Tax" increases and creations making their way at the Capitol



A pair of bills being considered at the state capitol would increase Utah's dependence on "sin taxes" for revenue.

House Bill 337, sponsored by Rep. Tyler Clancy, R-Provo, and Senate Bill 287, sponsored by Sen. Mike McKell, R-Spanish Fork, would increase taxes in the state by a combined total of \$55 million.

HB 337 increases taxes on nicotine products, including cigarettes. SB 287 attempts to increase taxes on certain companies engaged in what is known as targeted advertising — which, upon closer review of the bill, largely refers to social media companies.

[Read more here.](#)

Tax Cuts on the Way for Utahns

For the sixth straight year, Utahns will likely see a cut in the state's income tax rate, along with a small decrease in the state's motor fuel tax.

On the income tax side, the Legislature is moving forward Senate Bill 60, sponsored by Riverton Senator Dan McCay, which would lower the state income tax rate from 4.50 percent to 4.45 percent. This legislation represents approximately a \$115 million tax cut for Utahns and continues the progress the Legislature has made in reducing the state income tax rate from the 5 percent level where it stood from 2008 to 2018.



[Read more here.](#)



How Much Will Utahns Benefit from the Trump Tax Cuts?

As tax filing season is heating up Utahns are starting to see the impacts of the One Big Beautiful Bill (also known as HR1) on their taxes.

According to the Tax Foundation, Utahns are seeing significant cuts in their taxes from as little as \$1,800 to as much as \$15,000. To help taxpayers better understand the impact they will see from the bill the foundation has created and updated their One Big Beautiful Bill impact tool. The tool can be found [here](#).

The average tax break overall for Utahns is estimated to be around \$3,800. It is estimated that those who live in Summit and Wasatch Counties will see the largest cuts from the bill.

[Read more here.](#)

Your Association Accomplishments in February:

Started Planning the Taxes Now Conference

Monitored and lobbied state legislators daily on tax related legislation

In the News:

Representative seeks interim study on rising property taxes after lawmakers hear testimony

-Citizen Portal AI

Committee sends reduce income tax cut to next stage after divided public comment

-Citizen Portal AI

Idaho threatens Great Salt Lake after Utah proposes new gas tax

-Deseret News

Utah House committee approves nicotine tax increase after impassioned hearing

-KSL

Bill creating a tax on target advertising advances out of committee

-ABC4 Utah

Utah lawmakers eye tax increase for nicotine products

-KOAI

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