2014 United Way Legislative Priorities February 17, 2014

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Education						
Bill # and Sponsor	***Title***	***Description***	***Status***	***Fiscal Note***	**Position**	***Tier***
HB96 (Rep. Hughes)	Utah School Readiness Initiative	This bill creates the School Readiness Board, which provides grants to certain early childhood education programs, and may enter into certain contracts with private entities to provide funding for early childhood education programs for at-risk students.	Sent to Senate Education Committee	$5 million ongoing	Support	1
HB307 (Rep. Bird)	Public Education Funding Task Force	Appropriates $28,000 to create the Education Funding Task Force, which will review and make recommendations on financial impacts on school districts of enrollment growth, equity for taxpayers in paying for public education, and linking funding to outcomes in public education.	House Committee Motion to Recommend Failed	$28,000	Monitor	
SB42 (Sen. Osmond)	Early Childhood Education	Appropriates $6 million ongoing to a grants program to fund preschool for children who are classified as being affected by intergenerational poverty or low income English language learners. Sets high-quality standards, requires the State Board of Education to develop a school readiness assessment, and requires ongoing evaluation of the program and student achievement.	Passed out of Senate Education Committee	$6 million ongoing	Monitor	
SB43 (Sen. Reid)	Intergenerational Poverty Interventions in Public Schools	Appropriates $5 million from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education to create the Intergenerational Poverty Interventions Grant Program to fund additional education opportunities outside of the regular school day for students affected by intergenerational poverty. Requires the State Board of Education to solicit proposals from and award grants to school districts and charter schools to receive money under the program.	Ammended - Placed on Senate 2nd Reading Calendar	$5 million	Monitor	
SB49 (Sen. Valentine)	Parental Permission to Release Student Information	The bill prohibits an education entity from releasing a student's personally identifiable information under certain circumstances and allows an education entity to release a student's personally identifiable information if the student or student's parent gives written permission to release the information.	Sent to Senate Education Committee	$0	Monitor	
SB98 (Sen. Mayne)	Paraeducator Funding	Appropriates $100,000 to provide para-educators in schools that have been identified as Priority Schools	Passed Senate/ Passed House Ed Committee	$100,000	Monitor	

SB104 (Sen. Osmond)	Improvement of Reading Instruction	Appropriates $975,000 from Education Fund to expand the University of Utah-based reading clinic to satellite sites in Weber and Iron counties, and provide instruction to teachers in the use of technology and individual reading instruction. Students who are unable to access one of the sites will have access to reading remediation and instruction services through distance learning technology.	Senate Committee Mostion to Recommend Failed	$975,000	Monitor	
SB107 (Sen. Urquhart)	Math Literacy - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative	Appropriates $5 million ongoing funds from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education to provide an interactive web-based program for math literacy and assessment for students in kindergarten through 6th grade. The bill requires the State Board of Education to select one or more technology providers through an RFP process.	Sent to Senate Education Committee	$5 million ongoing	Monitor	
SB111 (Sen. Osmond)	Education Funding Equalization	The bill increases revenue to the Minimum Basic Growth Account by $44 in FY 2015 by making changes related to school property taxes. Creates the Minimum Basic Growth Account within Uniform School Fund to fund the School Learning and Nurturing Development (LAND) Trust Program, which is aimed at enhancing or improving student academic achievement and implementing a component of the school improvement plan.	Passed out of Committee on Senate 2nd Reading Calendar		Monitor	
SB118 (Sen. Jones)	School Funding Through Income Tax Revisions	School Funding Through Income Tax Revisions (Jones): The bill increases revenue to the Education Fund by $159,466,000 in FY 2015 by phasing out the personal exemptions from the taxpayer tax credit calculation over a five-year period and creates the School-level Funding Program. New revenue will be allocated to public schools for the implementation of school improvement plans as developed by schools community councils.	Passed out of Committee on Senate 2nd Reading Calendar		Monitor	
SB140 (Sen. Mayne)	Advanced Placement Test Funding	Appropriates $100,000 to pay for low-income students to take advanced placement tests	Sent to House Education Committee	$100,000	Monitor	
SB148 (Sen. Adams)	Upstart Program Amendments	This bill establishes the Upstart program as a permanent program. Upstart is a home-based educational technology program aimed at preparing children for school through interactive individualized instruction delivered by computers and the Internet. Families will be solicited through a public information campaign and referrals from participating school districts. At least 30 percent of preschool children who participate will be from families below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.	Passed Senate, Sent to House Education Committee	$0	Monitor	
SB150 (Sen. Reid)	Education Task Force Reauthorization	Appropriates a one-time $64,000 to renew the Education Task Force. The Task Force will be charged with reviewing and making recommendations on public education and higher education issues, including roles and responsibilities of the Legislature, long-term planning, and education funding.	Passed Committee Placed on Senate 2nd Reading Calendar	$64,000	Monitor	

Income						
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HB218 (Rep. Hutchings)	Tax Credit for Working Individuals and Families	This bill enacts a state earned income tax credit (equal to 5% of the federal EITC) that can be claimed yearly. An amount equal to the amount of tax credit claimed shall be annually transferred from the General Fund into the Education Fund.	Sent to House Rev and Tax	$24.7 million ongoing	Monitor	
SB40 (Sen. Jones)	Financial and Economic Literacy Amendments	Appropriates $300,000 ongoing funds and $200,000 one-time funds to develop standards for the economic literacy class, as well as an online, end-of-course assessment, and to provide opportunities for professional development for teachers who teach economic literacy.	Passed out of Committee Placed on Senate 2nd Reading Calendar	$300,000 ongoing and $200,000 one-time	Monitor	
Health						
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SCR3 (Sen. Jones)	Concurrent Resolution on the School of Dentistry Serving Underprivileged Children	Urges that oral health of for the underserved population of Utah be addressed by cooperative efforts of government, health care training programs, practicing health care professionals, business and community leaders, insurance companies, and the University of Utah's School of Dentistry.	Passed out of Committee	$0	Monitor	
Basic Needs						
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United Way 2-1-1 Funding (Sen. Weiler)	United Way 2-1-1 Appropriations Request	The funding request would supplement the more than $1 million annual investment to the program by United Way. State funding would be used to support a statewide phone system, after-hours coverage, resource database, disaster planning and outreach, and increased assessment of needs and referral to resources. Support in these areas will allow 2-1-1 to function at a higher level.	Retirement and Independent Entities Approp Committee	$550,000 ongoing	Support	1
Other						

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HB283 (Rep. Menlove)	Nonprofit Entity Receipt of Government Money	This bill addresses state auditor oversight of nonprofit entities, requires written agreements for grants to nonprofit entities, and enacts the Nonprofit Entity Receipt of State Money Act, imposing requirements on a nonprofit entity's receipt of state money, including that the nonprofit has bylaws providing for financial oversight of state money, and authorizes a state entity to seek return of state money if the nonprofit entity fails to comply with requirements.	Ammended and Passed the House	$0	Monitor	
HJR15 (Rep. Hemingway)	Joint Resolution Expressing Support for the Utah Compact	The resolution expresses support for the Utah Compact and its guiding principles as the basis for positively impacting the tone of immigration discussions within the state.	Sent to Rules Committee	$0	Monitor	