

2012 United Way Legislative Priorities March 9, 2012

**Education**

<b>Bill # and Sponsor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Fiscal Note</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Tier</b>
<a href="#">HB15 (Rep. Hughes)</a>	Statewide Adaptive Testing	HB15 requires school districts and charter schools to administer computer adaptive tests aligned with statewide curriculum beginning in the 2014-15 school year.	<a href="#">WIN</a>	<a href="#">\$6.7 million</a>	Support	2
<a href="#">HB65 (Rep. Arent)</a>	College and Career Counseling for High School Students	This bill aims to increase the number of students pursuing post secondary education and better prepare those that enroll by awarding grants to schools to hire master level students to be counselors in high schools.	<a href="#">LOSS</a>	<a href="#">\$800,000 in new funding</a>	Support in Concept	2
<a href="#">HB94 (Rep. Anderson)</a>	Government Competition with Private Enterprise	This bill would require government entities to conduct a study, contact all private enterprise within the geographic area, evaluate the impact on private enterprise and assess the feasibility of cooperating with private enterprise if they want to engage in commercial activity. The report would then be presented to the Privatization Policy Board who would provide an opinion recommending whether the government entity engage in the commercial activity.	<a href="#">WIN</a>	<a href="#">Estimated \$10,000 in ongoing funding</a>	Oppose	1
<a href="#">HB513 Substitute 1 (Rep. Newbold)</a>	Early Intervention Program	This bill is intent language for the \$10 million Early Intervention/Optional Extended-Day Kindergarten (OEK) funds. The bill allocates \$2.5 for technology in kindergarten classrooms and specifies that the \$7.5 million must be used for: an academic program focused on building age-appropriate literacy and numeracy skills that is evidence-based that targets at-risk students. The State Board of Education must also select a computer-based assesment program for testing the participants in the program.	<a href="#">WIN</a>	\$7.5 M for OEK, \$2.5 M for technology	Support	1
<a href="#">SB31 (Sen. Morgan)</a>	Classroom Size Amendments	SB31 limits class size for kindergarten through third grade, unless a paraprofessional is assigned to the teacher's class for the duration of the core curriculum course. The bill phases the reduction in class sizes in over the next 4 years.	<a href="#">LOSS</a>	<a href="#">\$0 to \$628,000 FY2013 state budget, \$3.6 to \$14 million ongoing for local organizations</a>	Support in Concept	2

<a href="#">SB54 Substitute 1 (Sen. McAdams)</a>	Amendments related to Education Funding	The Prioritizing Public Education Funding Program generates new revenue to fund public education without raising taxes by capping certain income tax exemptions at current values, freezing the basic levy at the present rate and prioritizing schools to receive a percentage of future sales tax revenue growth, and enacts statutory protections against eroding current education funding.	<a href="#">LOSS</a>	<a href="#">\$4,804,400 FY2013 and \$19,152,600 FY2014. Earmarks \$71 million ongoing from General Fund.</a>	Support in Concept with Concerns with Earmarking Sales Tax	2
<a href="#">SB97 (Sen. Osmond)</a>	Grants for Online Testing	SB95 is a companion bill to HB15, Representative Hughes's Statewide Adaptive Testing. The bill will provide grants to school districts and charter schools for technical needs in order to implement online testing.	<a href="#">WIN</a>	<a href="#">\$7.6 one-time funding FY2013</a>	Support	2
<a href="#">SCR5 (Sen. Jones)</a>	Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Parental Engagement in the Education of Children	SCR5 recognizes and supports parental engagement in the education of their children and efforts to increase parent engagement.	<a href="#">WIN</a>	No Fiscal Impact	Support	3
<a href="#">SB226 (Sen. Osmond)</a>	High Quality Preschool Project	Senator Osmond is drafting a bill to create a high quality preschool pilot program. Grants will be administered by the State Office of Education, who will allocate state funds to qualifying LEA's who meet specific requirements. Participating LEA's will have to collect and report specific data. Funds will be targeted to students who qualify for free and reduced school lunch. Public private partnerships are encouraged if private entities meet quality standards.	<a href="#">We consider this a WIN because we garnered support and have momentum for next year</a>	<a href="#">\$5 million ongoing for 5 years</a>	Support	1
<b>Budget Items Related to Education that Do Not Have a Bill Number</b>						
	Optional Extended Day Kindergarten (OEK)	Last year \$7.5 M one-time funding was appropriated for OEK. This year UW supports \$10 M ongoing funds for the program.	WIN	\$10 million ongoing	Support	1
<b>Income</b>						
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<a href="#">HB156 (Rep. Newbold)</a>	Public Education Program Amendments	The bill deletes a number of items from current statute related to Public Education. Of interest to United Way is the deletion of the requirement to complete a financial literacy class in order to graduate from high school.	<a href="#">WIN</a>	No Fiscal Impact	Oppose the elimination of the financial literacy class requirement	1

<a href="#">SB211 Substitute 1 (Sen. McAdams)</a>	Earned Income Tax Credit and Related Funding	The bill creates a state earned income tax credit (EITC) and transfers money from the General Fund to the Education Fund in the amount of claimed tax credits.	<a href="#">WIN because it gained more support this year &amp; we will be ready for next year</a>	<a href="#">\$19,746,700 FY2013, \$20,897,000 FY2014</a>	Support	2
<b>Budget Items Related to Income that Do Not Have a Bill Number</b>						
	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program/Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	VITA is a public-private partnership program providing free tax preparation to low income Utahns. Volunteers ensure eligible families receive the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and any necessary financial education. An additional \$50,000 would be used to help coordinate volunteers in rural counties and provide support to 2-1-1 who answers questions and schedules appointments for the program.	WIN	\$50,000 ongoing	Support	1
<b>Health</b>						
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<a href="#">HB98 (Rep. Sanpei)</a>	Continuous Eligibility for Medicaid	This bill authorizes the state Medicaid plan to permit 12-month continuous eligibility for an individual if it would increase quality of care and if it's cost effective. It also includes Medicaid managed care contract incentives for seeking appropriate care in appropriate settings; authorizes the Medicaid program to select certain populations or geographic areas to include in the amendments to the state Medicaid plan; and authorizes the Medicaid program to apply for a waiver or demonstration project (if necessary) to implement 12 month continuous enrollment or incentives for seeking appropriate care.	<a href="#">WIN</a>	No Fiscal Impact	Support	1
<a href="#">HB144 Substitute 3 (Rep. Dunnigan)</a>	Health System Reform Amendments	<p>HB144 makes several changes to Utah's Health Code and Insurance Code related to health system reform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes an actuarial analysis of the Basic Health Plan, a component in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that allows innovation in providing coverage options for individuals from 133% to 200% of the federal poverty level beginning in 2014.</li> <li>• Requires the Department of Health to amend the state's Utah Premium Partnership (UPP) program to increase eligibility for adults up to 200% of federal poverty level. UPP provides premium subsidies to enrollees for private coverage received through their employer.</li> <li>• Allows insurers to provide premium discounts of up to 20% of the premium value to employer groups or employees who participate in a wellness program in the large or small group market.</li> <li>• Requires the state to study four bench mark plans and designate an essential health benefits (EHB) as required by the ACA.</li> <li>• Renews the Health System Reform Task Force to study and make recommendations on a variety of topics.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">WIN</a>	<a href="#">\$40,000 one-time from the General Fund FY2012, \$13,200 one-time from Insurance Dept FY2013</a>	Support	2

**Budget Items that Do Not have a Bill Number**

	CHIP Funding	UW supports full funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).	WIN	\$6.3 million	Support	2
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**Basic Needs**

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<a href="#">SB37 (Sen. Reid)</a>	Intergenerational Poverty Provisions	This bill requires the Department of Workforce Services to establish and maintain a system to track intergenerational poverty related data to identify at-risk children and other groups, identify trends, and to assist case workers, social scientists, and government officials to study and develop plans and programs to assist individuals and families to break the cycle of poverty.	<a href="#">WIN</a>	No Fiscal Impact	Support	2

**Budget Items that Do Not have a Bill Number**

	Safety Net Program Funding	UWSL support maintaining investments in the state's health and human services funding (i.e. General Assistance, health, mental health and substance abuse services, services for children, seniors, and people with disabilities).			Support Continued Investment	1
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**Immigrant and Refugee Integration**

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<a href="#">SB111 (Sen. Robles)</a>	Health Amendments for Legal Immigrant Children	This bill removes the five-year residency requirement for legal immigrant children to be eligible for Medicaid or CHIP. If passed the bill goes into effect July 1, 2013.	<a href="#">LOSS</a>	<a href="#">\$371,700 ongoing state spending matched by \$1,343,600 in federal funds in FY2014</a>	Support	2

<a href="#">SB144 (Sen. Robles)</a>	Immigration Consultants	This bill would enact the Immigration Consultants Registration Act. Under this act, people must apply to become registered Immigration Consultants with the State Department of Consumer Protection. These Consultants provide non-legal assistance on immigration matters including providing legal references, translation services, and helping to gather documents and submit them on a person's behalf.	<a href="#">WIN</a>	<a href="#">\$200 ongoing funding</a>	Support	1
<a href="#">SB170 (Sen. Urquhart)</a>	Driver License Qualification Amendments	This bill repeals the use of the temporary identification number (ITIN) for the purpose of obtaining a driving privilege card from the Driver's License Division. The bill also expires all existing driver privilege cards on December 31, 2012.	<a href="#">WIN</a>	Fiscal Note sent to sponsor	Oppose	2
	Repeal of Instate Tuition	UW opposes any bill that aims to repeal instate tuition.	WIN		Oppose	2

**Budget**

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<a href="#">SJR22 Substitute 1 (Sen. Reid)</a>	Joint Resolution on State Spending Limitations	<p>This bill amends the Utah Constitution to limit legislative appropriations and expenditures (from tax revenue) to the amount the state spent in any 1 of the 5 previous years, adjusted for inflation/deflation and population changes, unless 3/5ths of both houses approve the spending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surplus revenue would be used for debt services, budget reserves, and reserves for emergency preparedness and disaster relief. Remaining surplus would be refunded to taxpayers.</li> <li>• If a program funded by the state becomes the responsibility of a political subdivision, the amount of allowed-yearly state appropriations is reduced by the amount of funding the program received.</li> <li>• If a program funded by a political subdivision becomes the responsibility of the state, the amount of allowed-yearly state appropriations is increased by the amount of funding the program received.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">WIN</a>	No Fiscal Impact	Oppose	2