

2024

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

RESULTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

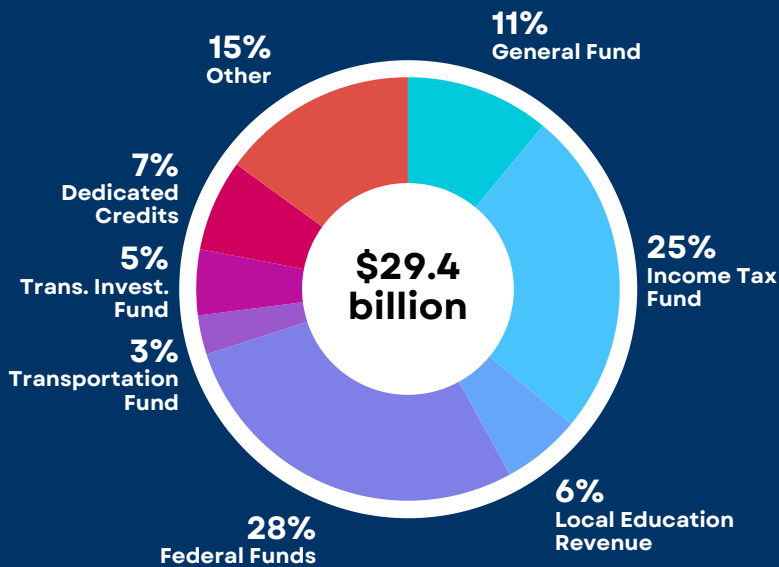


REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN TEUSCHER

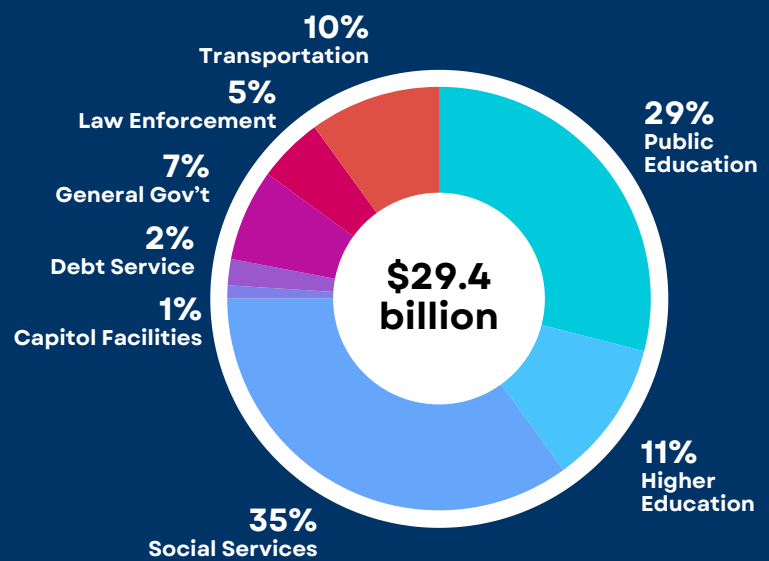
UTAH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 44

2024 Budget at a Glance

Where It Comes From



Where It Goes



Bills Sponsored & Passed in 2024

House Bills

- H.B. 35:** Metro Township Modifications
- H.B. 160:** Campaign Funding Amendments
- H.B. 172:** Student Athlete Participation Amendments
- H.B. 184:** Vehicle Owner Registration & Insurance Req't
- H.B. 202:** Student Athlete Amendments
- H.B. 220:** Divorce Amendments
- H.B. 318:** Decentralized Autonomous Org. Act Amend.
- H.B. 330:** Unincorporated Areas Amendments
- H.B. 414:** Due Process Amendments
- H.B. 459:** Blended Plea Amendments
- H.B. 464:** Social Media Amendments

Senate Bills

- S.B. 84:** Governor's Office of Economic Opport. Amend.
- S.B. 89:** Social Media Modifications
- S.B. 92:** Student Communication Methods
- S.B. 107:** Election Process Amendments
- S.B. 150:** Exercise of Religion Amendments
- S.B. 194:** Social Media Regulation Amendments
- S.B. 198:** Point of the Mountain St. Land Auth. Amend.
- S.B. 245:** County Sales and Use Tax Amendments





Dear Friends and Constituents,

The 2024 legislative session has come to an end. In just 45 days, we scrutinized hundreds of bills, crafted a \$29B balanced budget, and invested in Utah's future. We enacted policies to protect Utah's water, energy, and natural resources while protecting the environment. We put students and teachers first by making teaching more rewarding, revamping school safety, and removing school fees. We invested in our state's transportation and housing needs, and ensured Utah can lead in innovation while protecting our data. We made government more efficient by reducing the number of government boards and commissions, overhauling higher education, and strengthening our criminal justice system. We also cut taxes for the 4th consecutive year. I am profoundly grateful to represent you and thank you for your unwavering support.

Prior to the start of the session, we identified four key areas that warranted our attention:

- **People:** Elevating opportunities for Utahns including families, taxpayers, students, teachers, etc.;
- **Resources:** Protecting and maximizing resources for Utahns--water, energy, and lands;
- **Accountable Government:** Improving systems, processes, and institutions for Utahns; and
- **Future:** Ensuring a bright and bold future for Utahns--housing, transportation, & technology.

The next few pages will highlight some of the legislation we passed to further these priorities. Complementing these priorities, I was proud to sponsor a diverse range of legislation from protecting minors from the harms of social media, increasing religious freedom protections for all Utahns, providing more efficiency and local control in Salt Lake County, and more.

Thank you for opportunity to serve you in this capacity. It is a true honor to represent the constituents of District 44. Please continue to reach out with any questions

Warmest Regards,

Representative Jordan Teuscher

Utah House of Representatives, District 44

PEOPLE

FAMILIES

Increased childcare supply and expanded the child tax credit to include children up to

5 years old 

- ✓ H.B. 153 Child Care Revisions

Supported the success sequence to help current and future Utah families thrive

- ✓ S.J.R. 3 Joint Resolution Concerning the Success Sequence

TAXPAYERS

Broadened licensing requirements and reduced regulatory barriers to keep Utah a business-friendly state

- ✓ H.B. 58 Licensing Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 91 Utah Office of Regulatory Relief Revisions
- ✓ H.B. 282 Utah Office of Regulatory Relief Amendments

Increased Utah's supply of law enforcement and educators by eliminating post-retirement restrictions

- ✓ H.B. 251 Post-retirement Reemployment Restrictions Amendments

Reduced the income tax rate from **4.65% to 4.55%**

\$170 MILLION in total reductions

- ✓ S.B. 69 Income Tax Amendments

HEALTH & WELL BEING

Addressed gaps in Utah's behavioral health system to make mental health care more accessible

- ✓ S.B. 26 Behavioral Health Licensing Amendments
- ✓ S.B. 27 Behavioral Health System Amendments

Expanded capacity in mental health receiving centers

- ✓ H.B. 203 Involuntary Commitment Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 299 Court-ordered Treatment Modifications

Worked to end unsanctioned camping, improve housing affordability, and mitigate the impacts of homelessness on local communities

- ✓ H.B. 298 Homelessness Services Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 421 Homelessness and Vulnerable Populations Amendments

EXPANDED CAPACITY FOR QUALITY HEALTHCARE, SPURRED INNOVATION, AND SAFEGUARDED HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS FOR UTAHNS

STUDENTS & TEACHERS

Took action to keep parents involved and informed in their children's education

- ✓ H.B. 546 Public Education Modifications

Put an end to mandatory curricular fees in Utah schools

- ✓ H.B. 415 School Fees Amendments

Enhanced physical security and safety at schools for students and teachers

- ✓ H.B. 14 School Threat Penalty Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 84 School Safety Amendments

Improved teacher retention and recruitment by increasing funding for classroom supplies and providing teachers with alternative evaluation processes, optional paid training opportunities, paid maternity leave, increased salary options, and stipends for student teachers

- ✓ H.B. 105 Educator Expense Modifications
- ✓ H.B. 221 Stipends for Future Educators
- ✓ H.B. 431 Teacher Retention
- ✓ S.B. 137 Teacher Empowerment
- ✓ S.B. 173 Market Informed Compensation for Teachers



\$830 MILLION
INVESTED IN PUBLIC EDUCATION



RESOURCES

WATER

CONSERVATION

Enhanced statewide conservation efforts through incentives and increased awareness

- ✓ H.B. 275 Water Amendments
- ✓ S.B. 18 Water Modifications

GREAT SALT LAKE

Safeguarded investments and conservation efforts to protect and preserve the Great Salt Lake

- ✓ H.B. 453 Great Salt Lake Revisions



LONG-TERM PLANNING

Planned for the long-term stability of Utah's water infrastructure

- ✓ H.B. 280 Water Related Changes
- ✓ S.B. 211 Generational Water Infrastructure Amendments

INVESTED NEARLY

\$30 MILLION

IN UTAH'S WATER RESOURCES

FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

- \$10 million – Great Salt Lake Investments
- \$2 million – Great Salt Lake Watershed Measurements Infrastructure
- \$9 million – Cove-East Fork Virgin River Watershed Project
- \$4 million – Generational Water Infrastructure

ENERGY

Protected Utah's ability to produce reliable, dispatchable, and affordable energy

- ✓ H.B. 48 Utah Energy Act Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 124 Energy Infrastructure Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 191 Electrical Energy Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 241 Clean Energy Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 374 State Energy Policy Amendments



**UTAH'S
APPROACH TO
KEEPING THE
LIGHTS ON IS
REASONABLE,
RESPONSIBLE,
AND REALISTIC**

Ensured Utah has reliable energy now, and into the future

- ✓ H.B. 317 Energy Storage Amendments
- ✓ S.B. 224 Energy Independence Amendments

Created a state energy lab to promote energy independence

- ✓ H.B. 410 Utah San Rafael State Energy Lab

LANDS

Pushed back against federal overreach and put Utah at the forefront of land management decisions

- ✓ H.B. 262 School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments
- ✓ H.J.R. 26 Joint Resolution Rejecting Exchange of School and Institutional Trust Lands

\$2.5 MILLION

to the Shared Stewardship Program
for wildfire prevention and protection

STEWARDSHIP

Enacted policies that protect Utah's natural resources and promote responsible development

- ✓ Established the Environmental Stewardship Caucus

Ensured critical infrastructure materials operations will be able to meet future demand

- ✓ H.B. 502 Critical Infrastructure and Mining

Streamlined the permitting process for mining to provide faster response times to operators and greater regulatory clarity

- ✓ H.B. 353 Mining Operations Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 373 Environmental Quality Amendments

ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

FIGHTING FOR UTAH



Safeguarded critical state run programs from reckless federal fiscal policies

- ✓ H.B. 51 Health and Human Services Funding
- ✓ Amendments H.B. 59 Federal Funds Contingency Planning

Pushed back against federal overreach and gave power back to the state

- ✓ S.B. 57 Utah Constitutional Sovereignty Act

Prepared Utah for a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the Chevron Doctrine

- ✓ H.B. 470 Federal Agency Regulatory Review Amendments

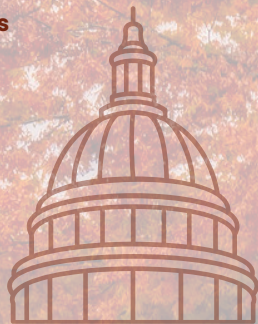
GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Reduced and eliminated unnecessary government boards and commissions

- ✓ H.B. 72 State Boards and Commissions Amendments
- ✓ H.B. 532 State Boards and Commissions Modifications
- ✓ H.B. 534 Boards and Commissions Modifications

Held government agencies accountable for implementing legislative audit recommendations

- ✓ H.B. 244 Office of Legislative Auditor General Requirements



PUBLIC SAFETY



Improved safety and security at state correctional facilities

- ✓ H.B. 271 Law Enforcement Employee Overtime Amendments
- ✓ S.B. 109 Corrections Modifications

Targeted drug distributors and repeat criminal offenders to deter crime

- ✓ H.B. 68 Drug Sentencing Modifications
- ✓ H.B. 69 DUI Testing Amendments

Strengthened accountability in the criminal justice system to promote public safety

- ✓ H.B. 352 Amendments to Expungement
- ✓ H.B. 356 Bail Amendments
- ✓ S.B. 200 State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice Amendments
- ✓ S.B. 213 Criminal Justice Modifications

HIGHER EDUCATION

Ensured institutions of higher education cultivate a free marketplace of ideas while preparing all students to be workforce-ready and civic-minded

- ✓ H.B. 261 Equal Opportunity Initiatives
- ✓ H.B. 286 State Aid for Scholarships
- ✓ H.B. 438 Higher Education Revisions

INVESTED OVER
**\$100
MILLION**
IN PUBLIC SAFETY

FUTURE

HOUSING

Aligned state resources, policies, and tools to make home ownership more affordable

- ✓ H.B. 13 Infrastructure Financing Districts
- ✓ H.B. 465 Housing Affordability Revisions
- ✓ H.B. 572 State Treasurer Investment Amendments
- ✓ S.B. 268 First Home Investment Zone Act



Streamlined processes to help increase the supply of affordable homes

- ✓ H.B. 476 Municipal Land Use Regulation Modifications

Adopted statewide building code to make it easier to build affordable homes and help first time home buyers achieve ownership

- ✓ S.B. 168 Affordable Building Amendments

INVESTED OVER
**\$20
MILLION**
TOWARD
HOUSING
AFFORDABILITY

TRANSPORTATION

OVER **\$55 MILLION**
INVESTED IN MULTIMODAL
TRANSPORTATION

With significant
investment in transit at
the Point of the Mountain



TECHNOLOGY

Outlined data privacy goals for the state and created the Utah Privacy Governing Board to recommend changes in the state data privacy policy

- ✓ H.B. 491 Data Privacy Amendments



Established an innovative regulatory space for AI companies to develop new technologies

- ✓ S.B. 149 Artificial Intelligence Amendments





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