

2026

LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN TEUSCHER
UTAH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 44



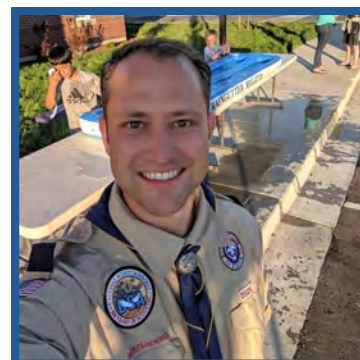
GET TO KNOW REPRESENTATIVE TEUSCHER

Representative Jordan Teuscher has proudly served in the Utah House of Representatives since 2021. He is a member of the **House Leadership Team** and currently chairs the **House Rules Committee**, one of the most influential positions in the Legislature.

Jordan is assigned to the **House Business, Labor, and Commerce** and **House Political Subdivisions** Standing Committees, as well as the **Economic and Community Development Appropriations Subcommittee** and **House Ethics Committee**. He also serves as **Co-Chair of The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority**, on the **World Trade Center Utah Advisory Board**, the **Utah License Plate Design Review Board**, and is a commissioner on both the **Judicial Conduct Commission** and the **Uniform Law Commission**.

Throughout his time in office, Jordan has led on key issues such as **free speech in higher education**, **election integrity**, **criminal justice reform**, **religious freedom**, **digital innovation**, and **protecting children online**. His work has earned him several statewide and national recognitions, including the:

- **Defender of Liberty Award** (Libertas Institute)
- **Business Champion Award** (Salt Lake Chamber)
- **Champions of Liberty Award** (Americans for Prosperity)
- **Friend of the Taxpayer** (Utah Taxpayers Association)
- **20 Under 40 Award** (Council of State Governments)
- **Henry Toll Fellowship** (The nation's premier leadership program for state officials)
- Honorary title of **Kentucky Colonel** (Awarded by Governor Andy Beshear)



Rep Teuscher earned his bachelor's and law degrees cum laude from **Brigham Young University**, where he was actively involved in student leadership and national legal competitions. After graduating, he worked in Eastern Europe doing **international legal reform**. He currently works for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as a director for global strategy and support over the Church's worldwide manufacturing, procurement and supply chain.

A lifelong Utahn, Jordan grew up in **South Jordan** as the oldest of eight children. He and his wife, **Aliona**, a native of Ukraine, live in South Jordan with their three children, who are active in **soccer**, **basketball**, and **gymnastics**. As a family, they enjoy **traveling**, **yard work**, and **attending sporting events**. Jordan also coaches youth soccer and volunteers in the community whenever he can.



Dear Friends and Constituents,

The 2026 legislative session has come to an end, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share some of the work we accomplished. Over the course of 45 days, the Legislature carefully considered hundreds of bills, crafted a balanced budget, and passed legislation focused on **strengthening Utah families, lowering the cost of living, protecting our kids, and preparing our state for the future**. I am proud of the work we did this session to build an even stronger future for Utah.

Utah continues to grow rapidly, which brings both opportunity and challenges. **Improving the cost of living for Utah families** was a central focus of our work this session. This session we took meaningful steps to help families keep more of what they earn by **reducing the state income tax to 4.45 percent, expanding the child tax credit, and cutting the gas tax by 15%**. We also worked to address rising costs for families by improving childcare access, **increasing housing supply** through better coordination of infrastructure and development, and **strengthening price transparency** for consumers.

We also made important **investments in education**. Since I was elected in 2021, the Legislature has increased public education funding by **\$2.3 billion, including \$145.2 million (5.9%) this year alone**. This year we again increased classroom funding while supporting teachers through additional professional time, classroom supply reimbursements, and new support for student teachers. We also took steps to help students focus and succeed in school by establishing a statewide baseline policy limiting cell phone use during school hours and **setting responsible guardrails around educational technology**.

Protecting children and strengthening families remained a central focus of our work. This is an effort I have personally helped lead in the House. We advanced

policies aimed at **keeping kids safe online**, invested in **youth mental health programs** and early intervention services, and directed resources toward **literacy programs, youth recreation, and community spaces** that support healthy development.

This session also included important efforts to ensure **transparency and accountability in government**. We strengthened **financial disclosure requirements for judges**, improved **public access to court records**, and adopted measures to **increase election security** and improve government transparency.

At the same time, we continued to **invest in infrastructure** that supports Utah's long-term prosperity, including **roads, energy development, and water systems**. These investments will help ensure that our growing communities have the transportation, energy, and water resources necessary to thrive in the years ahead.

The following pages provide additional highlights from this year's session, a breakdown of the bills I personally sponsored, and a closer look at some of the other key policies we passed during the session.

It is truly an honor to represent the residents of District 44. I am grateful for your trust and for the many conversations I have with constituents throughout the year that help guide my work at the Capitol. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions, concerns, or ideas. Hearing from you is always important to me.

Warmest regards,

Representative Jordan Teuscher

BILLS SPONSORED AND PASSED IN 2026

----- HOUSE BILLS -----

HB33 POLITICAL SIGNS AMENDMENTS

Protects the integrity of political campaign signs by prohibiting the obstruction or alteration of a sign's message. The bill increases transparency by requiring financial disclosures on certain signs and helps keep communities clean and orderly by requiring campaign signs to be removed within 14 days after an election.

HB147 GOVERNMENT FORM SUBMISSION AMEND

Expands access to government services by requiring state and local agencies to provide an electronic option for submitting forms and records, saving Utahns time, reducing unnecessary travel, and modernizing how public services are delivered.

HB186 JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION AMEND

Strengthens judicial accountability by ensuring allegations of misconduct against judges are properly reported to the Judicial Conduct Commission and improving oversight through clearer investigative procedures and annual reporting to the Legislature.

HB214 FIREARMS LIABILITY AMENDMENTS

Protects lawful firearm manufacturers and sellers from frivolous lawsuits over the criminal misuse of firearms while preserving the ability to hold companies accountable for negligence, defective products, or violations of state and federal law.

HB216 CHILD SUPPORT CALCULATIONS AMEND*

Improves fairness in child support calculations by allowing Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) to be considered as income, helping ensure children receive the financial support they deserve while preserving judicial discretion.

HB217 STOLEN VEHICLE AMENDMENTS

Strengthens public safety by ensuring stolen vehicles can be reported to police agencies immediately, preventing unnecessary waiting periods that can delay investigations and allowing police to act quickly to recover stolen vehicles.

HB218 DIGITAL SKILLS AMENDMENTS

Strengthens digital literacy education by updating a middle school course to teach healthy and safe use of social media, AI, and other emerging technologies so students can safely navigate the online world.

HB228 VEHICLE SALES AMENDMENTS

Protects used car buyers by closing loopholes that allow title washing and requiring vehicles damaged or totaled in another state to carry the same title brand in Utah (such as flood, fire, or hail damage).

HB366 JUDICIAL MODIFICATIONS

Improves efficiency in Utah's courts by allowing city-prosecuted criminal cases to be consolidated in nearby courtrooms before consistent judges, reducing travel for prosecutors, defendants, and victims. The bill also improves fairness in constitutional challenges by allowing either party to request review by a three-judge panel.

HB382 UNIFORM ASSIGNMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF CREDITORS AMENDMENTS

Modernizes Utah's law by adopting the new Uniform Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors Act, preserving a faster, less expensive, and less disruptive alternative to bankruptcy for struggling businesses that cannot afford to pay their creditors.

HB416 FIREFIGHTER CANCER AMENDMENTS

Supports Utah firefighters by creating and funding a Firefighter Cancer Trust Fund that provides immediate assistance after a cancer diagnosis while workers' compensation claims are processed. The bill also establishes funding to help small first responder agencies provide critical mental health resources.

HB519 UNCLAIMED PROPERTY MODIFICATIONS

Modernizes Utah's unclaimed property law by allowing digital assets to be included in the State Treasurer's unclaimed property program, ensuring abandoned assets are protected and can be returned to their rightful owners.

----- SENATE BILLS -----

SB145 LOBBYING AMENDMENTS

Strengthens transparency and ethical standards in Utah's lobbying laws by clarifying definitions, updating reporting requirements, and prohibiting lobbyists from receiving compensation contingent on the outcome of government action.

SB183 SURVEILLANCE CAMERA AMENDMENTS

Protects homeowners' property and privacy by prohibiting law enforcement from tampering with, disabling, or redirecting surveillance cameras on private property, including doorbell cameras, while preserving exceptions for exigent circumstances and officer safety.

SB208 VEHICLE EMISSION INSPECTION PROGRAM REVISIONS

Strengthens enforcement of vehicle registration laws by preventing the Motor Vehicle Division from registering a vehicle when the owner has unpaid civil penalties for providing a false or improper address, helping ensure fairness for taxpayers and compliance with emissions requirements.

SB218 CONSTABLE MODIFICATIONS

Improves accountability and professionalism in constable services by creating a statewide licensing system, establishing a Constables Licensing Board, and ensuring individuals performing constable duties meet clear training and oversight standards.

SB235 GOVERNOR COMPENSATION AMENDMENT

Aligns the governor's salary with the Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court, creating a consistent benchmark for executive compensation and adjusting the salaries of other constitutional officers accordingly.

SB256 IDENTITY PROTECTION MODIFICATIONS

Strengthens protections against AI generated deepfakes by clarifying that defamation laws apply to digitally manipulated content and protecting individuals from the unauthorized use of their identity, including non commercial deepfake content.

SB270 STATE COURT AMENDMENTS

Improves the efficiency and timeliness of Utah's courts by allowing the Judicial Council to establish specialized divisions within the district court to manage high volume housing and debt collection matters.

SB278 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MODIFICATIONS

Strengthens transparency and oversight for the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority by clarifying prior legislation, enabling new for sale housing development, improving coordination with Draper City, and returning a greater share of tax revenue to local taxing entities. The bill also increases oversight of Public Infrastructure Districts created by land authorities to ensure responsible governance and fiscal accountability.

SB287 TARGETED ADVERTISING TAX

Creates a tax on targeted digital advertising to address the harmful impacts of social media on children, directing the revenue to programs that support youth mental health, literacy, youth sports and recreation, foster care and adoption services, and other initiatives that strengthen families and communities.

SB292 AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS AMENDMENTS

Establishes a clear liability framework for fully autonomous vehicles (levels four and five), allowing individuals injured in minor crashes involving driverless vehicles to receive quicker compensation while providing legal certainty that encourages autonomous vehicle innovation and investment in Utah.

SB310 UNIFORM INTIMATE IMAGES AMENDMENTS

Strengthens protections against the nonconsensual distribution of intimate images by adopting the Uniform Intimate Images Act, giving victims stronger legal tools to hold offenders accountable and seek relief.

SJR5 JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE UTAH RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Updates the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure to improve the administration of complex cases by clarifying procedures for three-judge district court panels, judicial disqualification, and the transfer and consolidation of cases.

*- HB216 was incorporated into SB257



THE UTAH LEGISLATURE IS

INCREASING EDUCATION FUNDING

RECENT EDUCATION FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

- Increased the WPU by **4.2%**
- Funded **32 hours** of additional educator professional time
- **Provided stipends** for student teachers
- **Reimbursed teachers** for classroom supplies
- **Expanded** the “Grow Your Own” program for special educators
- **Funded strategic initiatives** focused on literacy support, career-connected learning, and innovation

From 2021 to 2026, the Legislature has increased public education funding by

\$2.3 BILLION, OR 35.5%

KEY EDUCATION LEGISLATION

**HB
273**

Classroom Technology Amendments

Sets statewide standards for responsible classroom technology and AI use

**HB
502**

School Attendance Modifications

Standardizes citizenship grades, allowing attendance to count toward course credit, and creates a scholarship pathway that rewards responsibility.

**SB
69**

School Device Revisions

Helps students stay engaged by allowing local school boards to make phones and smart devices off-limits for the entire school day while still allowing exceptions for safety, medical needs, and emergencies.

**HB1
&
SB2**

Public Education Base Budget Amendments

Increased public education funding by \$145.2 million, or 5.9%, while funding key initiatives like professional education experience centers, literacy programs, and student credential accounts.

**SB
241**

Early Literacy

Strengthens early reading outcomes by requiring targeted literacy interventions with a statewide goal of increasing third-grade reading proficiency by 2030.



THE UTAH LEGISLATURE IS

REDUCING THE COST OF LIVING

PUTTING MORE MONEY BACK IN YOUR POCKET

- Reduced the gas tax by **15%**
- Expanded the child tax credit, so **more Utah families qualify**
- Ensured a **more transparent** property tax process
- **Strengthened price transparency**, ensuring that the price on the shelf is the price charged at the register
- **Reduced housing costs** by speeding up housing construction
- Helped Utah workers **build their retirement savings**
- Made childcare more **affordable and accessible**

The Legislature reduced the state income tax to

4.45%

an **11% total reduction** over the last 6 years

KEY LEGISLATION

**HB
236**

Truth in Taxation Amendments

Makes property tax increases transparent and accountable, ensuring taxpayers can weigh in on local plans for property taxes.

**HB
250**

Utah Retirement Plan Exchange

Helps more Utah workers save for retirement by giving employers a simple, transparent online exchange to compare and offer high-quality retirement plans.

**HB
493**

Pricing Protection Amendments

Strengthens consumer protection to ensure accurate pricing and fair commerce statewide.

**HB
575**

Fuel Tax and Supply Amendments

Brings down prices at the pump for Utah families by cutting the gas tax and streamlining permitting for key energy infrastructure.

**HB
492**

Transportation, Infrastructure, & Housing Amendments

Creates a new state partnership fund that to develop roads and water infrastructure that accelerate housing construction—especially starter and affordable homes.

THE UTAH LEGISLATURE IS

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Reducing costs and barriers to raising a family so Utah families can thrive.



REDUCED THE COST OF LIVING

**HB
290**

Child Tax Credit Amendments

Raises the income threshold so more families can qualify for the child tax credit.

**HB
190**

Child Care Business Tax Credit

Makes child care more affordable and accessible by offering tax credits to businesses that provide child care for employees.

**HB
493**

Pricing Protection Amendments

Protects Utah families on a budget by ensuring that the price on the shelf is the price you pay at the register.

THIS YEAR, THE LEGISLATURE

PUT MORE MONEY BACK IN YOUR POCKETS.

\$101 MILLION INCOME TAX CUT, REDUCING THE STATE INCOME TAX FROM 4.5 TO 4.45% (AN 11% TAX CUT OVER THE LAST 6 YEARS) AND LOWERED THE STATE GAS TAX BY 15%

FAMILY FOCUSED LEGISLATION

**HB
243**

Gambling Revisions

Closes a loophole that allowed prop bets on various online platforms, making clear that prop bets are not allowed under Utah's constitutional ban on gambling.

**HB
190**

Child Care Business Tax Credit

Strengthens child and spousal support enforcement, improves fairness and transparency, and ensures families receive timely, reliable support.

**HB
259**

Parental Access to Children's Medical Records Amendments

Requires health care facilities and electronic medical record vendors to give parents full access to their minor child's medical records.

**HB
329**

State Employee Maternity and Leave Amendments

Extended maternity leave for state employees.

A BALANCED BUDGET, A STRONGER UTAH

Utah's continued success is built on a simple principle: living within our means while planning responsibly for the future. Each year, the Legislature carefully reviews how taxpayer dollars are spent, ensuring that every investment strengthens our communities while protecting Utah's long-term financial stability.

This year, the Legislature adopted a balanced **\$31.6 billion budget for FY2027**, slightly lower than the current year. Of that amount, \$12.4 billion comes from state sales and income taxes, reflecting continued economic growth and responsible fiscal management. As part of this process, we also asked state agencies to identify efficiencies and redirect resources away from programs that are ineffective or duplicative. **~3% of existing funding was reallocated**, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are focused on programs that deliver the greatest value for Utah families.

The budget also continues our commitment to keeping taxes low while making targeted investments that strengthen our state. Over the past six years, the Legislature has consistently returned money to taxpayers while maintaining the services Utahns rely on.

Key highlights from this year's budget include:

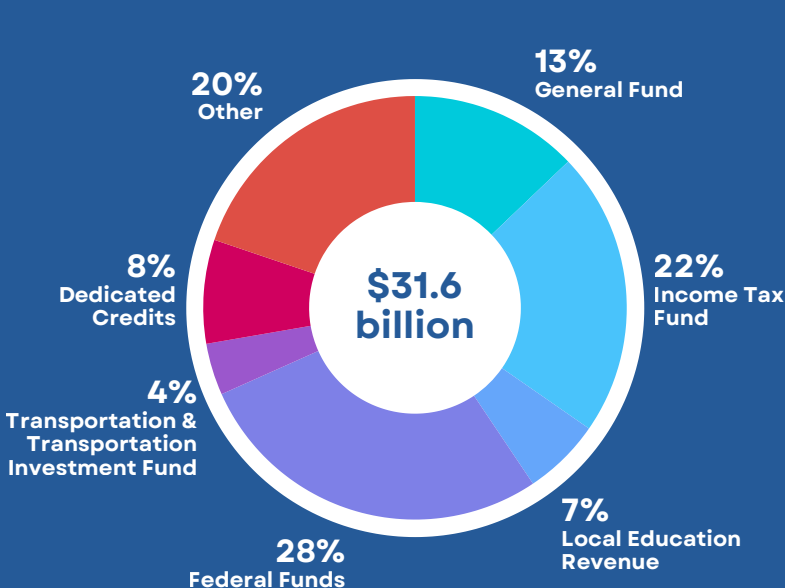
- **\$101M income tax cut, lowering the rate to 4.45%**, a 6-year trend of tax cuts
- **>\$600M in tax relief** over the past 2 years, helping families keep what they earn
- Nearly **\$300M in new funding for public education**, including a 4.2% WPU increase
- \$65M to expand **CTE programs** that prepare students for high-demand careers
- \$25M to support **at-risk students** and strengthen educational outcomes
- \$25.6M for **early literacy**, helping students read proficiently at an early age
- \$12.4M in stipends for **future educators** and \$8.8M for **teacher classroom supplies**
- \$76M for **higher education**, supporting research, innovation, & workforce needs
- \$60M for **social services** and \$48M for **criminal justice** initiatives
- \$30M to support efforts to **protect and restore the Great Salt Lake**

This disciplined approach to budgeting continues to place Utah in a strong financial position. Our state has maintained the **nation's No. 1 economic outlook for 18 straight years** and has been ranked the **best state in America for three years running**. By focusing on responsible budgeting today, we are building the foundation that will allow Utah families, businesses, and communities to thrive for generations to come.

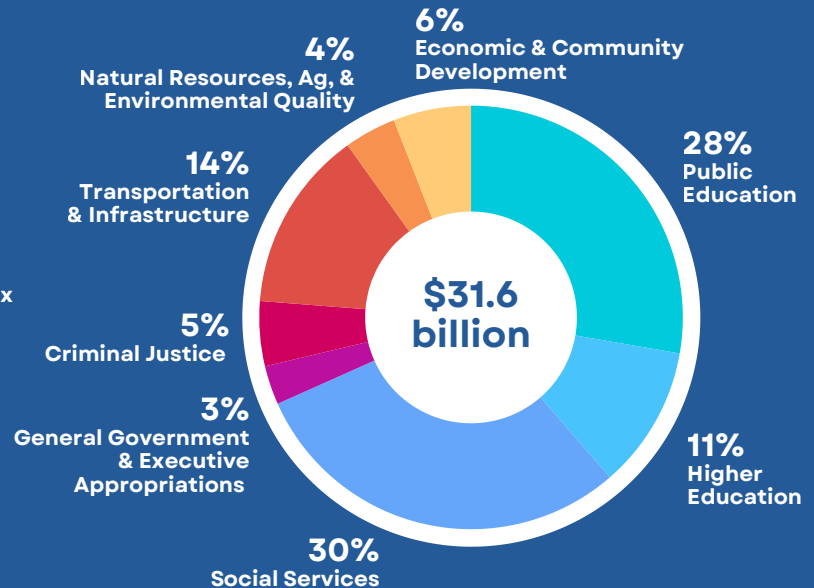


2026 Budget at a Glance

WHERE IT COMES FROM



WHERE IT GOES






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