



LEGISLATION PASSED:

[HB 54, Campus Free Speech Amendments](#), by Rep. Kim Coleman, creates requirements for USHE Institutions related to free speech activity. The legislation replicates policies related to regarding free-speech already in place at USHE institutions.

[HB55 \(2nd Sub.\), Governmental Nonprofit Entity Compliance](#), by Rep. Kim Coleman, establishes Requirements for governmental nonprofit entities, subjecting them to regulations such as the Open Public Meetings Act, the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) and Fiscal Procedures for Interlaced Entities. This impacts certain nonprofit entities affiliated with USHE institution in which the institutions have controlling interest.

[HB 100, Institutions of Higher Education Disclosure Requirements](#), by Rep. Coleman, requires Institutions of higher education to disclose information including job placement, wage earnings, average student debt and the amount of tax subsidy for programs at USHE institutions.

[HB 156 \(1st Sub.\), State Job Application Process](#), by Rep. Sandra Hollins, prohibits a public employer from requiring job applicants to disclose past criminal convictions before an initial interview for employment. Certain exemptions are allowed, including employers whose primary purpose is performing financial or fiduciary functions.

[HB 160 Campaign Contribution Solicitation Amendments](#), by Rep. Patrice Arent prohibits a government officer or employee from using government email to solicit for political purposes, including for or against a ballot proposition, for a gift, donation or contribution.

[HB 198, Concealed Carry Amendments](#), by Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, establishes a provisional permit to carry a concealed firearm for individuals under 21 years of age.

[HB 249 \(1st Sub.\), Higher Education Financial Literacy Amendments](#), by Rep. Robert Spendlove, requires higher education to annually notify students who have taken out a loan for college directing them to their loan balance as well as a repayment calculator.

[HB 251, Campus Advocate Confidentiality Amendments](#), by Rep. Angela Romero, prohibits the disclosure of confidential communications related to advocacy services at a Utah institution of higher education.

[HB 431 \(3rd Sub., Government Employees Reimbursement Amendments](#), by Rep. Tim Quinn prohibits government officers or employees from making personal purchases with public funds, including debt on behalf of or payable by a governmental entity. The bill was amended to allow recourse for unintended purchases. The bill established an administrative penalty for officers or employees who are found to be making a personal expenditure.

[HCR 16, Concurrent Resolution Declaring Mental Health Issues To Be A Public Health Crisis At Utah Higher Education Institutions](#), by Rep. Ed Redd declares mental health issues to be a public health crisis at Utah higher education institutions. It strongly urges state agencies, local health authorities, non-profit groups, and higher education entities to seek productive, long-term solutions to address this crisis.

[SB14 \(2nd Sub.\), Emergency Telephone Service Amendments](#), by Sen. Wayne Harper, requires multi-line telephone systems to provide geo-location information for a public safety answering point and requires multi-line phone systems to be capable of accessing 911 services directly.



[SB 35, Veterans Tuition Gap Program Act Amendments](#), by Sen. Escamilla, amends the federal programs to which the Veterans Tuition Gap Program (the program) relates and removes the requirement that a qualifying veteran using the program qualify for a federal program.

[SB 117 \(4th Sub.\), Performance Funding Revisions](#), by Sen. Ann Millner, provides ongoing funding dedicated to the performance outcomes proposed by the Board of Regents and adopted by the Legislature in 2015.

[SB 149 \(1st Sub.\), Financial Education and Savings Plan to Benefit At-risk Children](#), by Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, creates the *Parental Coaching to Encourage Student Savings Program*, which provides financial training to parents of economically disadvantaged children attending kindergarten. The program encourages parents to start saving money for their child's eventual higher education expenses. The program provides a \$50 contribution to the 529 savings accounts of economically disadvantaged children if their parents successfully meet the requirements of the program.

[SB 194 \(5th Sub.\), Utah Data Research Center Act](#)), by Sen. Jacob Anderegg, establishes the Utah Data Research Center to coordinate data-centric initiatives between the Utah System of Higher Education, K-12, the Utah Department of Workforce Services and the Department of Health. USHE already provides substantial data coordination and services regarding student performance and workforce.

[SB 238, Higher Education Governance Revisions](#), by Sen. Ann Millner, changes the name of UCAT (to Utah System of Technical Colleges and of individual campuses to technical colleges) and makes several significant changes to the governance of public higher education in Utah. The legislation clarifies the roles and mission of the Board of Regents and Boards of Trustees and changes how Regents are appointed by the Governor. The legislation also changes how new academic programs are approved, codifies how presidential searches are to be conducted, and defines the primary missions of USHE institutions. The Commissioner and the Board's Executive committee have worked closely with the bill sponsor on clarifying amendments.

[SB 243, Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act](#), by Sen. Lyle Hillyard, updates existing state statute related to the recruitment and contracting of collegiate athletes. The legislation clarifies definitions, expands notification requirements and provides for reciprocal registration of athletes between states.

[SB 256, Regents Scholarship Amendments](#), by Sen. Lyle Hillyard, makes major administrative changes to the scholarship program to improve the student application experience as well as enhance coordination with institutions the award recipients attend. This will ensure better use of state aid resources as well as create an overall better experience for students. This legislation does not alter or weaken the existing academic requirements for the scholarship. It also removes extensive outdated language in the statute.

[SB 263 \(2nd Sub.\), Work Based Learning Amendments](#), by Sen. Howard Stephenson, charges the Career and Technical Education Board to study work-based learning and the associated benefits and challenges.

[SJR 1, Joint Rules Resolution on Funding Mix Determinations](#), Sen. Jerry Stevenson, adjusts the funding ratio of state funds vs. tuition funds that have funded compensation costs to higher education. For over twenty years, the Legislature and public higher education have held constant the ratio funding compensation costs at 75% from state funds and 25% of tuition funds. This resolution defaults this ratio for compensation to follow the present overall mix of state dollars and tuition dollars currently funding higher education – which has been about 50% state funds and 50% tuition for the past few years. Intent language was adopted in this year's budget bills to hold the historical 75/25 ratio for the next two fiscal years.