

## **Passed Legislation of Interest**

Record setting number of bills passed, 575 out of 933 filed.

**[HB 54 – Tax Revisions](#)** by Rep. Eliason – Removes the state sales tax on food, lowers the tax on social security, lowers the individual income tax rate and other tax changes. The companion legislation to HB 54 is SJR 10.

**[SRJ 10 – Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Income Tax](#)** by Sen. McCay — Removes the following: All revenue from taxes on intangible property or from a tax on income shall be used to support the systems of public education and higher education as defined in 49 Article X, Section 2. The state sales food tax removal is contingent on the voter's approval of the amendment to the Utah Constitution.

**[HB 102 – Education Residency Amendments](#)** by Rep. Teuscher — Amends higher education residency provisions by requiring an institution to grant residency status to an individual who is not a citizen of the U.S. but has been granted or has applied for a special immigrant visa, refugee status, humanitarian parole, temporary protected status, asylum or permanent residency.

**[HB 234 – University Recognition for International Baccalaureate Achievement](#)** by Rep. Spackman Moss — Amends the Board's requirement for acceptance of credit for prior learning; requires institutions to award credit for International subject scores of four or more.

**[HB 238 – Political Party Public Meetings Facilities](#)** by Rep. Brammer — Amends the use of public meeting buildings by political parties to include public institutions of higher education.

**[HB 281 – Social Credit Score Amendments](#)** by Rep. Acton — Prohibits a governmental entity from using, enforcing, providing data for use in, or otherwise participating in the creation or use of a system that, based on a social credit score, discriminates against, advocates for, or causes adverse or preferential treatment of a person.

**[HB 335 – Alternative Concurrent Enrollment Options for Capacity Flexibility](#)** by Rep. Wilcox — Provides that a local education agency (LEA) may contract with a non-designated institution of higher education to provide concurrent enrollment courses under certain circumstances.

**[SB 97 – Public Contract Requirements](#)** by Sen. Wilson — Subject to exceptions, prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract with a company that engages in certain environmental boycott actions.

**[SB 128 – Public Safety Officer Scholarship Program](#)** by Sen. Ipson — Creates a public safety officer scholarship program for high school graduates.

**[SB 146 – Higher Education Amendments](#)** by Sen. Millner —amends the membership and duties of the Board of Higher Education; amends the duties of the Commissioner and various aspects of the Board, including membership and duties, nominating and appointment process; amends provisions regarding the employment, support, and evaluation of institution of higher education presidents; amends provisions regarding the approval of programs every seven years; amends provisions regarding the set aside and reallocation of new performance funding.

**[SB 194 – Higher Education Funding Amendments](#)** by Sen. Vickers — Authorizes certain public and private entities to provide money to the Higher Education Student Success Endowment; creates the Utah Higher Education Savings Board of Trustees to act as fiduciary for the Utah Education Savings Plan; allows the board to hold a closed meeting to discuss certain fiduciary or commercial information.