

# 2007 House Voting Record

Symbol Key: ✓ = Supported UEA's Position

✗ = Opposed UEA's Position

◇ = Absent or Not Voting

House of Representatives	HB 148	HB 148	HB* 169	HB 193	HB 291	HB 377	HB 382	HB* 387	HB* 430	SB 49	SB 56	SB 57	SB 81	SB 159	SB* 159	✓-✗-◇	%
Aagard, Doug (R)	✓	✓		✗	✓	✗	✓			✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		5-6-0	45%
Allen, Sheryl (R)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10-1-0	91%
Andersen, Sylvia (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓			✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		3-9-0	25%
Barrus, Roger (R)	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓			✗	✗	◇	✗	✓		3-7-1	30%
Becker, Ralph (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	◇	✓	✓	✓		10-0-1	100%
Bigelow, Ron (R)	✓	✓		✓	◇	◇	✓			✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		8-1-2	89%
Bird, Jim (R)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		11-0-0	100%
Biskupski, Jackie (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	13-0-0	100%
Bowman, Bud (R)	✓	✓		✓	◇	◇	◇			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		8-0-3	100%
Brown, Melvin (R)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		10-1-0	91%
Buxton, Gregg D.(R)	✗	✗		✓	✓	◇	✓			✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		7-3-1	70%
Clark, David (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	◇	✗	✗	✗	◇	2-10-2	17%
Clark, Steve (R)	✗	✗		✓	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	◇	6-6-0	50%
Cosgrove, Tim (D)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10-1-0	91%
Curtis, Greg (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓			✓	✗	◇	✗	✗		2-8-1	20%
Daw, Brad M (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		1-10-0	9%
Dee, Brad (R)	✗	✗	◇	✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	◇	◇	✓	◇		5-3-4	62%
Donnelson, Glenn (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		1-10-0	9%
Dougall, John (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗		✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		3-9-0	25%
Draxler, Jack (R)	✗	✗		✓	✗	✗	✓			✓	✗	✓	✓	✗		5-6-0	45%
Duckworth, Carl (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	◇	◇	✓	✓	✗	10-1-2	91%
Dunnigan, Jim (R)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	◇	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	8-4-1	67%
Ferry, Ben (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	6-7-0	46%
Fisher, Janice (D)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		9-2-0	82%
Fisher, Julie (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		9-2-0	82%
Fowlke, Lorie D (R)	✗	✗		✓	✓	✓	✓			◇	✗	✗	✗	✓		5-5-1	50%
Frank, Craig (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓			✗	✗	✗	✗	◇		1-10-1	9%
Froerer, Gage (R)	✗	✗		✓	✗	✗	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	4-9-0	31%
Garn, Kevin (R)	✗	✗		✓	✗	◇	✓			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	◇	3-7-2	30%

\*Committee Vote

1) HB 148 (Education Vouchers) Given the significance of HB 148, the vote on this bill is double-weighted.

House of Representatives	HB 148	HB 148	HB* 169	HB 193	HB 291	HB 377	HB 382	HB* 387	HB* 430	SB 49	SB 56	SB 57	SB 81	SB 159	SB* 159	✓-✗-◇	%
Gibson, Kerry W. (R)	✗	✗		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		8-3-0	73%
Gowans, Jim (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓			◇	✓	✓	✓	✓		10-1-1	91%
Grover, Keith (R)	✗	✗		✓	✗	✗	✓			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		3-8-0	27%
Hansen, Neil (D)	✓	✓		✓	◇	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	13-0-1	100%
Harper, Wayne (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✓	✓	◇		✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		4-7-1	36%
Hemingway Lynn (D)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10-1-0	91%
Hendrickson, Neal (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10-1-0	91%
Herrod, Chris (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		1-10-0	9%
Holdaway, Kory (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		11-1-0	92%
Hughes, Greg (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓			✓	✗	◇	✗	✗		2-9-1	18%
Hunsaker, Fred R. (R)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10-1-0	91%
Hutchings, Eric (R)	✗	✗		✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	◇	✗	✗	◇		4-5-2	44%
Johnson, Christine (D)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10-1-0	91%
King, Brad (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		11-0-0	100%
Kiser, Todd (R)	✗	✗		✓	✗	✓	✓			✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	4-8-0	33%
Last, Brad (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗		✓	✗	✓	✓	✗		5-8-0	38%
Litvack, David (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		11-0-0	100%
Lockhart, Becky (R)	✗	✗	◇	✗	◇	✗	◇			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		1-8-3	11%
Mascaro, Steve (R)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✗	✓	✗	✓		9-2-0	82%
Mathis John G. (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✓			✓	✗	✗	✓	✗		6-5-0	55%
McGee, Roz (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		11-0-0	100%
McIff, Kay (R)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		10-1-1	91%
Menlove, Ronda Rudd (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10-1-0	91%
Morgan, Karen (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		11-1-0	92%
Morley, Mike (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	◇	1-11-1	8%
Moss, Carol (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		12-0-0	100%
Neuenschwander, Paul (R)	✗	✗		✓	✗	✗	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	5-8-0	38%
Newbold, Merlynn (R)	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗		✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		4-9-0	31%
Noel, Mike (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓			✓	✗	✗	✗	◇		2-8-1	20%
Oda, Curtis (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		1-10-0	9%
Painter, Patrick (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		2-10-0	17%
Ray, Paul (R)	✓	✓		◇	✗	✓	✓			✓	✓	✗	◇	✓		7-2-2	78%

\*Committee Vote

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Riesen, Phil (D)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10-1-0	91%
Sandstrom, Stephen (R)	✗	✗		✓	✗	✗	✓			✓	✗	✓	✗	✓		5-6-0	45%
Seelig, Jennifer (D)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10-1-0	91%
Shurtliff, Lou (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		13-0-0	100%
Snow, Gordon (R)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	✓			✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		9-2-0	82%
Sumsion, Kenneth (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		1-11-0	8%
Tilton, Aaron (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗		✗	✗	✗	◇	✗		1-10-0	9%
Urquhart, Steve (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	◇	✗	✓			◇	✗	✗	✗	✗		1-9-2	10%
Walker, Mark W (R)	✗	✗		✗	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	✗	◇	◇	✗	◇	4-6-3	40%
Wheatley, Mark (D)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓			◇	✓	✓	✓	✓		9-1-1	90%
Wheeler, Richard (R)	✗	✗		◇	✓	✗	✓			✓	✗	✓	✗	✓		5-5-1	50%
Wiley, Larry B (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		11-0-0	100%
Wimmer, Carl (R)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		1-10-0	9%
Wyatt, Scott L (R)	✗	✗		✓	◇	✗	✓			✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		6-4-1	60%

\*Committee Vote

1) HB 148 (Education Vouchers) Given the significance of HB 148, the vote on this bill is double-weighted.

## 2007 Senate Voting Record

Senate	HB 148	HB 148	HB 382	SB 49	SB 56*	SB 56	SB 57	SB 81	SB 159	SB 194*	SB 194	✓-X-◇	%
Bell, Greg (R)	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	3-8-0	27%
Bramble, Curtis (R)	X	X	✓	✓	◇	X	◇	X	X	X	X	2-7-2	22%
Buttars, Chris (R)	X	X	✓	X		X	X	X	X		◇	1-7-1	12%
Christensen, Allen (R)	X	X	✓	✓		X	X	X	X		◇	2-6-1	25%
Davis, Gene (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		X	✓	X	X		X	5-4-0	56%
Dayton, Margaret (R)	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1-10-0	9%
Dmitrich, Mike (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		X	✓	X	X		◇	5-3-1	62%
Eastman, Dan (R)	X	X	✓	✓		X	X	X	X		X	2-7-1	22%
Fife, Fred (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		X	X	X	X		✓	5-4-0	56%
Goodfellow, Brent (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		X	X	X	X		✓	5-4-0	56%
Greiner, Jon ( R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		X	X	X	X		✓	5-4-0	56%
Hickman, Bill (R)	X	X	◇	✓		X	X	X	X		X	1-7-1	12%
Hillyard, Lyle (R)	X	X	✓	✓	◇	X	X	X	X	◇	◇	2-6-3	25%
Jenkins, Scott (R)	X	X	✓	X		X	X	X	X		X	1-8-0	11%
Jones, Patricia (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	9-2-0	82%
Killpack, Sheldon (R)	X	X	✓	✓		X	X	◇	X		X	2-6-1	25%
Knudson, Peter (R)	X	X	✓	✓		X	X	X	X		X	2-7-0	22%
Madsen, Mark B (R)	X	X	✓	X		X	X	X	X		X	1-8-0	11%
Mayne, Ed (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		X	✓	X	X		✓	6-3-0	67%
McCoy, Scott D (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		X	✓	✓	X		✓	7-2-0	78%
Niederhauser, Wayne (R)	X	X	✓	X		X	X	X	X		X	1-8-0	11%
Peterson, Darin (R)	X	X	◇	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1-9-1	10%
Romero, Ross (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	X	✓	✓	✓	9-1-0	90%
Stephenson, Howard (R)	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	◇	X	1-9-1	10%
Stowell, Dennis ( R)	X	X	✓	✓		X	X	X	X		X	2-7-0	22%
Valentine, John (R)	X	X	✓	✓		X	X	X	◇		X	2-6-1	25%
Van Tassell, Kevin ( R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		X	X	✓	X		X	5-4-0	56%
Waddoups, Michael (R)	X	X	✓	X		X	X	X	X		X	1-8-0	11%
Walker, Carlene (R)	X	X	✓	✓		X	X	X	X		X	2-7-0	22%

\*Committee Vote

1) HB 148 (Education Vouchers) Given the significance of HB 148, the vote on this bill is double-weighted.

## 57TH UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE 2007 VOTING RECORD

*The Utah Education Association tracked numerous bills during the 2007 Legislative Session. This summary highlights several bills that were voted on in the House and/or Senate that could adversely impact public education, or indicate support for public education and/or the UEA. It is important to note that a voting record is but one of several indicators used to evaluate legislators. It does not explain the reasons a legislator voted a certain way on a bill, and in some cases the final percentage might not accurately reflect a legislator's overall support for public education.*

*From bills authorizing extended-day kindergarten to legislation implementing a private school voucher program, lawmakers considered a wide variety of education-related measures during their 45-day session. The UEA encourages you to contact your legislators directly to ask them to explain their votes. (Visit [www.utea.org](http://www.utea.org) for contact information for your legislators).*

### **House of Representatives**

#### **HB 148 (Stephen Urquhart) EDUCATION VOUCHERS –**

*UEA's Position: **Oppose***

***Passed following a 38-37 vote in the House and a 19-10 vote in the Senate***

This bill creates a statewide, universal voucher program to award scholarships to students to attend a private school. Due to the extraordinary significance and potential impact of this bill, it was given “double weighting” in this year’s voting record.

#### **HB 169 (Stephen Urquhart) VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS –**

*UEA's Position: **Oppose***

***Failed***

This bill would have modified charter school provisions relating to virtual charter schools, including waiving of the normal timelines required for charter schools by the USOE such that this school would have been operations by the 2007-2008 school year, thus jumping ahead of other charter school applicants.

#### **HB 193 (Gregory Hughes) INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSES REQUIREMENTS -**

*UEA's Position: **Oppose***

***Failed***

This bill required each school district to spend at least 65% of its General Fund expenditures on instructional expenditures, with certain exceptions; provide for waivers of the expenditure standards from the State Board of Education; and define terms. This bill was viewed unfavorably by the entire Utah Public Education Coalition as divisive in the way in which it would pit employee group against employee group, while implying that the only problem with current education funding is the distribution formula, rather than the level of funding across the board.

#### **HB 291 (Kenneth Sumsion) STUDENTS QUALIFYING FOR SERVICE FOR DEAF –**

*UEA's Position: **Oppose***

***Failed***

This bill was a great concern to employees at the Utah schools for the Deaf and the Blind. If approved, the bill would have required the USDB to enroll mute students (whom the schools have not served in the past), but with no funding to cover the additional costs.

#### **HB 377 (John Dougall) RETIREMENT BENEFIT AMENDMENTS (DEFINED CONTRIBUTION OPTION) –**

*UEA's Position: **Oppose***

***Failed***

This bill would have modified the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by adding certain positions that may be excluded from membership in the Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement System. This bill was viewed by many as an attack on the current “defined benefit” retirement program because it would have limited the fiscal soundness of the URS by offering a defined contribution option to certain state employees.

\*Committee Vote

1) HB 148 (Education Vouchers) Given the significance of HB 148, the vote on this bill is double-weighted.

**HB 382 (Brad Dee)** AMENDMENTS TO EDUCATION FUNDING –

*UEA's Position: Support*

*Passed*

This bill provides salary increases and bonuses for educators and bonuses for classified personnel employed by school districts, charter schools, and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

**HB 387 (John Dougall)** POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS RESTRICTIONS –

*UEA's Position: Oppose*

*Failed*

This bill would have modified the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by amending reemployment restrictions for certain retirees such that, upon re-employment, additional benefits would come in the form of a “defined contribution”. This bill would have capped the employer contribution rate at 1.5% for retirees that returned to work.

**HB 430 (Gregory Hughes)** PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT –

*UEA's Position: Oppose*

*Failed*

This bill would have modified Title 34, Labor in General, by enacting the Public Employees Union Financial Responsibility Act to require certain reporting by unions of public employees. This bill was viewed by labor organizations in Utah as both an uncalled for and mean-spirited attack on both statewide and district-level organizations, requiring onerous and expensive public reporting and audits to be performed and submitted even though members currently have access to this information.

\*Committee Vote

1) HB 148 (Education Vouchers) Given the significance of HB 148, the vote on this bill is double-weighted.

## Senate

### **SB 49 (Lyle Hillyard) OPTIONAL EXTENDED-DAY KINDERGARTEN –**

*UEA's Position: Support*

***Passed***

This bill establishes a voluntary extended-day kindergarten program, with certain funding priorities and limitations.

### **SB 56 (Mark Madsen) TEACHER ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS –**

*UEA's Position: Oppose*

***Passed***

This bill enacts provisions in Chapter 53A, State System of Public Education, related to policies and procedures governing education employee associations. This bill was pushed by AFT and other competing organizations in an attempt to “level the playing field” with respect to UEA and membership recruitment. Unfortunately, by requiring districts to treat all organizations equally, no matter the number of members, this bill threatened to deny ANY organization the right to collective bargaining as the exclusive bargaining agent.

### **SB 57 (Mark Madsen) HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AMENDMENTS –**

*UEA's Position: Oppose*

***Failed***

This bill would have allowed a student enrolled in a high school in the state or attending a home school in the state to receive a high school diploma if the student passes the basic skills competency test and receives certain scores on the ACT.

### **SB 81 (Mark Madsen) HOME SCHOOL AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES –**

*UEA's Position: Oppose*

***Failed***

This bill would have modified procedures for exempting minors who are home schooled from attendance at a public or private school and while at the same time allowing home school students eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities at public schools.

### **SB 159 (Howard Stephenson) LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AMENDMENTS –**

*UEA's Position: Oppose*

***Failed***

This bill would have modified Title 34, Labor in General, by amending provisions related to employee payroll deductions for labor organizations and provisions related to collective bargaining on behalf of public employees and by enacting the Public Employees Union Financial Responsibility Act to provide certain reporting by unions of public employees. UEA viewed this bill as yet another unnecessary and uncalled for intrusion into the private, contractual rights that exist between an organization and its voluntary membership.

### **SB 194 (Curtis Bramble) BOARDS OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENTS (PARTISAN ELECTIONS) –**

*UEA's Position: Oppose*

***Failed***

This bill would have modified provisions governing the qualification, nomination, and election of members of the State Board of Education, so as to increase the number of state school board members and making these elected positions partisan positions rather than non-partisan.

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