

58TH UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

2010 VOTING RECORD

The Utah Education Association tracked numerous bills during the 2010 Legislative Session. This summary highlights several bills that were voted on in the House and/or Senate that could have significant impact on 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 affecting general funding, retirement and Association leave, lawmakers considered a wide variety of education-related measures during their 45-day session. In addition to using "final floor votes" on most bills, we have included a few committee votes and votes on important amendments. Often times these votes provide a more critical, or accurate, indication of a legislator's support or lack thereof. The UEA encourages you to contact your legislators directly to ask them to explain their votes. Visit www.utea.org for contact information for your legislators.

House of Representatives

HB 90 (Brian King)

INCOME TAX AMENDMENTS

UEA's Position: Support

Defeated in House Committee

This bill creates income tax brackets; increases individual income tax rates on taxpayers with state taxable income above certain levels; and makes technical and confirming changes by amending the Individual Income Tax Act.

HB 295 S2 (Kenneth Sumsion)

EXPANDED USES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

UEA's Position: Support

Passed House and Senate

This bill amends provisions in the Minimum School Program Act related to certain uses of school district property tax revenue. It allows a local school board to use revenue collected from certain property tax levies for educators' salaries for fiscal year 2010-11 only; and makes technical changes.

Senate

SB 43 S3 (Dan Liljenquist)

POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT AMENDMENTS

UEA's Position: Oppose

Passed House and Senate, Passed in House and Senate Committees

This bill modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by amending provisions related to a retiree who returns to work for a participating employer, and the restrictions on the maximum retirement allowance certain employees can accrue.

SB 63 S3 (Dan Liljenquist)

NEW PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' TIER II CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT ACT

UEA's Position: Oppose

Passed House and Senate, Passed in House and Senate Committees

This bill modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act to provide for modified retirement benefits for new public employees and new public safety and firefighter employees.

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Senate - Continued

SB 77 S1 (Margaret Dayton)

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEAVE POLICIES

UEA's Position: Oppose

Passed Senate, Defeated in House

This bill would have modified a program that provides grants to minimize teachers' out-of-pocket expenses related to taking tests to meet highly qualified teacher standards and to obtain advanced-level certification. If passed, this bill would have given the ABCTE's "Distinguished Teacher" program equal status with the National Board Certification program, (NBC), even though the ABCTE program is "on hold" according to its own website, and has not been adopted by any state. Conversely, the NBC program is researched-based and recognized by all 50 states as "an effective way to identify highly skilled teachers". While this bill passed the Senate 15-12-2, it died quietly in the House without being considered.

SB 147 (Margaret Dayton)

EDUCATION RELATED PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

UEA's Position: Oppose

Passed Senate

This bill amends references to parent organizations; requires the state superintendent of public instruction to appoint one person representing a parent organization as a member of an investment advisory committee for investment of Land Grant Trust Fund monies; and makes technical changes.

SB 175 S5 (Ben McAdams)

SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL OUTLAY EQUALIZATION AMENDMENTS

UEA's Position: Support

Passed House and Senate

This bill allows local school boards to use revenue collected from certain capital property tax levies for certain general fund purposes for fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12; requires a local school board to notify taxpayers of certain uses of property tax revenue; requires a school district in a county of the first class that receives property tax revenue from a capital outlay levy equalization program to report to the Education Interim Committee each year; requires the Education Interim Committee to consider reports of receiving school districts when determining whether to reauthorize certain capital outlay levy equalization programs during a sunset review; sunsets certain capital outlay levy equalization programs at the end of 2016; and makes technical changes.

SB 275 S2 (Howard Stephenson)

REMOVING SIGNATURE FROM INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITION

UEA's Position: Oppose

Passed House and Senate

This bill repeals the requirement that a voter must submit a notarized statement to the county clerk to have the voter's signature removed from a statewide initiative or referendum petition; provides that to remove a voter's name from a statewide initiative or referendum petition, a voter shall sign a statement requesting removal, which includes the voter's address and identification information; requires a county clerk to deliver to the lieutenant governor a voter statement requesting removal of a voter's name from a statewide initiative or referendum petition; provides that the lieutenant governor, instead of the county clerk, remove the name of a voter who requests removal from a statewide initiative or referendum petition; provides that the lieutenant governor does not count a name removed from the petition; and makes technical changes.

2010 House Voting Record

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House of Representatives	HB 90	HB 295 S2	SB 43 S3	SB 43 S3	SB 63 S3	SB 63 S3	SB 77 S1	SB 175 S5	SB 275 S2	✓ - ✗ - ✧	%
Aagard, Doug (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Allen, Sheryl (R)	✗	✓		✗		✧	✓	✓	✓	4-2-1	67%
Anderson, Johnny (R)		✓		✗		✓	✓	✗	✗	3-3-0	50%
Barrus, Roger (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Beck, Trisha (D)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	6-0-0	100%
Bigelow, Ron (R)		✓		✗		✓	✧	✓	✗	3-2-1	60%
Bird, Jim (R)		✓		✗		✓	✓	✓	✗	4-2-0	67%
Biskupski, Jackie (D)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	6-0-0	100%
Black, Laura (D)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✧	✓	5-0-1	100%
** Brown, Melvin (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Chavez-Houck, Rebecca (D)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	6-0-0	100%
Clark, David (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Clark, Steve (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Cosgrove, Tim (D)	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	7-0-0	100%
Daw, Brad (R)		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-6-0	25%
Dee, Brad (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Dougall, John (R)	✗	✓		✗		✗	✧	✓	✗	2-4-1	33%
Draxler, Jack (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Duckworth, Susan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9-0-0	100%
** Dunnigan, Jim (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✓	4-2-0	67%
Edwards, Becky (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✓	4-2-0	67%
Ferry, Ben (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Fisher, Janice (D)		✓		✓		✓	✗	✓	✓	5-1-0	83%
Fisher, Julie (R)	✧	✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-1	33%
Fowlke, Lorie (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Frank, Craig (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Froerer, Gage (R)	✗	✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-4-0	43%
Garn, Kevin (R)		✓		✗		✗	✧	✓	✗	2-3-1	40%
Gibson, Francis (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Gibson, Kerry (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Gowans, Jim (D)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Greenwood, Richard (R)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✗	5-1-0	83%
Grover, Keith (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Hansen, Neil (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8-0-0	100%
** Harper, Wayne (R)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✧	✧	✗	1-6-2	14%
Hemingway Lynn (D)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	6-0-0	100%
Hendrickson, Neal (D)		✓		✓		✓	✧	✓	✗	4-1-1	80%
Herrod, Chris (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%

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Hughes, Greg (R)	✗	✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-5-0	29%
Hunsaker, Fred (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Hutchings, Eric (R)	✗	✓		✗		✗	✧	✧	✗	1-4-2	20%
Ipson, Don (R)		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-6-0	25%
Johnson, Christine (D)	✧	✓		✗		✓	✓	✓	✓	5-1-1	83%
King, Brian (D)		✓		✗		✓	✓	✓	✓	5-1-0	83%
Kiser, Todd (R)	✗	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✗	5-2-0	71%
Last, Brad (R)		✧	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	1-6-1	14%
Litvack, David (D)		✓		✗		✓	✓	✓	✓	5-1-0	83%
Lockhart, Becky (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Mascaro, Steve (R)		✓		✗		✧	✓	✓	✧	3-1-2	75%
Mathis John G. (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
McIff, Kay (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Menlove, Ronda Rudd (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✓	4-2-0	67%
Morley, Mike (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Moss, Carol (D)	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	7-0-0	100%
Newbold, Merlynn (R)	✧	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	1-7-1	13%
Noel, Mike (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Oda, Curtis (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Painter, Patrick (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Poulson, Marie (D)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	6-0-0	100%
Powell Kraig (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Ray, Paul (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✧	✗	2-3-1	40%
Riesen, Phil (D)		✓		✓		✓	✧	✓	✓	5-0-1	100%
Sandstrom, Stephen (R)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-7-0	22%
Seegmiller, Jay (D)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	6-0-0	100%
Seelig, Jennifer (D)	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	7-0-0	100%
Sumsion, Kenneth (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Vickers, Evan (R)	✗	✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-4-0	43%
Wallis, Brent (R)		✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	3-3-0	50%
Watkins, Christine (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8-0-0	100%
Webb, Curt (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Wheatley, Mark (D)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	6-0-0	100%
Wilcox, Ryan (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Wiley, Larry (D)		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	6-0-0	100%
Wimmer, Carl (R)		✓		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	2-4-0	33%
Wright, Bill (R)		✓		✗		✧	✗	✓	✗	2-3-1	40%

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Senate	HB 295 S2	SB 43 S3	SB 43 S3	SB 63 S3	SB 63 S3	SB 77 S1	SB 147	SB 175 S5	SB 275 S2	✓ - ✗ - ✧	%
Adams, Stuart (R)	✧		✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	1-5-1	17%
Bramble, Curtis (R)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✧	✗	✗	✧	✗	1-6-2	14%
Buttars, Chris (R)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✧	✗	✧	✓	✗	2-5-2	29%
Christensen, Allen (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-5-0	29%
Davis, Gene (D)	✓		✓		✓	✓	✗	✧	✓	5-1-1	83%
Dayton, Margaret (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	1-6-0	14%
Goodfellow, Brent (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	8-1-0	89%
Greiner, Jon (R)	✧	✧	✓	✧	✧	✓	✗	✓	✗	3-2-4	60%
Hillyard, Lyle (R)	✧		✗		✗	✗	✗	✧	✗	0-5-2	0%
Hinkins, David (R)	✓		✗		✗	✓	✗	✧	✗	2-4-1	33%
Jenkins, Scott (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-5-0	29%
Jones, Pat (D)	✓		✗		✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	5-2-0	71%
Knudson, Peter (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-5-0	29%
Liljenquist, Daniel (R)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✧	✓	✗	2-6-1	25%
Madsen, Mark (R)	✓		✧		✗	✧	✗	✗	✗	1-4-2	20%
Mayne, Karen (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	8-1-0	89%
McAdams, Ben (D)	✓		✓		✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	6-1-0	86%
Morgan, Karen (D)	✓		✓		✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	6-1-0	86%
Niederhauser, Wayne (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-5-0	29%
Okerlund, Ralph (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-5-0	29%
Robles, Luz (D)	✓		✓		✓	✓	✗	✓	✧	5-1-1	83%
Romero, Ross (D)	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✧	✓	6-0-1	100%
Stephenson, Howard (R)	✧		✗		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0-6-1	0%
Stevenson, Jerry (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-5-0	29%
Stowell, Dennis (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✧	✗	1-5-1	17%
Urquhart, Stephen (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-5-0	29%
Valentine, John (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✧	✗	1-5-1	17%
Van Tassell, Kevin (R)	✓		✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	3-4-0	43%
Waddoups, Michael (R)	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	2-5-0	29%

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