

# 2024 Legislative Report

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### It's All Taxpayer Dollars

591.

The Utah Legislature passed 591 bills during the 2024 legislative session. That's over 13 bills per day during the 45-day session.

A legislature dedicated to limited government would not pass so many bills. Even Governor Spencer Cox chided the legislature for passing so many bills this session.

Yet in its rush to pass so many bills, the State Senate continued to be the body where "Good bills go to die." Included in this was H.B. 112 which removed sexuality from the definition of sex education instruction and H.B. 173 which would have put a check on the power of school boards to raise taxes. Both bills should not have been controversial.

The legislature did find time to put mechanisms in place to raise taxes by almost \$2 billion to fund the building of stadiums for NHL and MLB teams. In passing the bills the legislature used a familiar line that mostly out-of-state guests would pay via car rental taxes. Ignoring the fact that Utahns do indeed rent cars and because this has become a favored method of tax collection in other states, Utah citizens will pay the tax in other cities when they travel.

The legislature did pass bills that improved choice in education and gave a slight overall tax reduction.

Yet the rush to pass legislation (many of the bills that pass in the final days) gives concern.

### Petersen Receives Top Overall Scores. Balderree Tops Senate.

**House Summary:** Mike Petersen (R-CA) received the top score in the House. Also scoring in the top 10% were Phil Lyman (R-SJ), Trevor Lee (DA), Ken Ivory (SL), Jason Kyle (R-WB), Mark Strong (R-SL), and Kay Christofferson (R-UT).

**Senate Summary:** Heidi Balderree (R-UT) received the top score in the Senate. Also finishing in the top 10% in the Senate were Mike Kennedy (R-UT), and John Johnson (R-WB).

**Governor:** Governor Cox received a 47%.

**Averages:** The House received an average score of 56% down from 60% last year. This is compared to the lifetime score of 45%. The Senate averaged 42% down from 48% last year. This is below the lifetime average of which is below the lifetime average of 47%.

### What is GrassRoots?

GrassRoots has been issuing an annual legislative report card since 1992. The Constitutions of the nation and state are the guides that GrassRoots uses in picking issues for its legislative report card. Bills are picked without regard to any individual. GrassRoots has no paid staff.

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**The tally of bills from each House is listed by Yeas, Nays, and those Absent or Not Voting. Bills are listed by number, with house bills listed first. The sponsor(s) of the bill are in parentheses, with the primary sponsor listed first. Text of all bills can be found at <http://le.utah.gov>.**

**A) H.B. 13 (J. Dunnigan, K. Cullimore)** Provides for the creation of infrastructure financing districts (IFDs) empowered to impose taxes. The intent appears to be to make new housing more available and more affordable by making available municipal-bond-interest-rate financing for the construction of infrastructure. However, in our judgment, the process for establishing the IFD Board seems to make it substantively a private association with taxing powers (contrary to the Utah State Constitution, Article VI, Section 28). **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (64-6-5), Senate (24-3-2), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**B) H.B. 29 (K. Ivory, T. Weiler)** Protects children by prioritizing protecting children from illicit pornography over other considerations in evaluating instructional material. If we are going to have a government school system, then we should exercise due diligence to ensure that it does not harm our children. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (52-18-5), Senate (19-8-2), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**C) H.B. 68 (A. Stoddard, K. Grover)** Raises second-amendment concerns by enhancing the penalty if an individual is convicted of distributing drugs and also has a weapon accessible or distributes a firearm. We should be careful not to criminalize the bearing of arms. It is enough to criminalize and punish actual, underlying, criminal behavior. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (39-31-5), Senate (28-0-1), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**D) H.B. 78 (J. Stenquist, R. Winterton)** Repeals the sunset date of a bill that incentivizes motion pictures for filming in rural Utah. Bill's fiscal note estimates that the tax incentives will amount to \$12 million per year. Creates an uneven playing field by favoring one business over another. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (47-22-6), Senate (19-8-2), and became law without the Governor's Signature.**

**E) H.B. 112 (T. Jimenez, K. Grover)** Removes human sexuality from the definition of sex education instruction. If we have a government school system that teaches students about various elements of human reproduction, it does not follow that we need the system to get involved in discussion (or even advocacy) of various doctrines about human sexuality. We can and should leave that to loving parents. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (47-14-14) but did not come up for a vote in the Senate.**

**F) H.B. 165 (T. Lee, M. Kennedy)** Requires a federal officer to follow certain procedures, including providing three business days prior notice to Utah's Attorney General and the county sheriff, before releasing an illegal alien within the state. One of the proper roles of government is to protect our borders. Bill also protects the 10th Amendment rights of the state when the federal government fails in one of its proper roles. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (63-11-1), Senate (22-7-0), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**G) H.B. 173 (C. Pierucci, M. Kennedy)** Provides that a law passed by a local school board that increases a tax or imposes a new tax may be referred to the voters of the school district for the voters' approval or rejection. "The power to tax is the power to destroy". This bill is an appropriate check on this power to destroy. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (42-28-5) but did not come up for a vote in the Senate.**

**H) H.B. 182 (K. Lisonbee, K. Grover)** Protects parental rights by requiring parental consent for certain surveys to be given to a student. Many surveys given to our students are unnecessary and intrude on privacy rights. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (57-11-7), Senate (25-0-4), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**I) H.B. 193 (R. Ward, M. McKell)** Continues the expansion of government by extending the inpatient hospital assessment repeal date and the Medicaid expansion hospital assessment repeal date by 10 years. Providing health care is not the proper role of government, and this bill excessively extends the time the state is involved in something it should not be involved in. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (73-2-0), Senate (24-2-3) and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**J) H.B. 261 (K. Hall, K. Grover)** This bill prohibits government employers (including institutions of higher education and the public education system) from engaging in certain discriminatory practices and from establishing or maintaining offices that promote discrimination. The Declaration of Independence declares that "all men are created equal". One of the fundamental principles of sound government is that all should be treated equally under the law. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (60-14-1), Senate (23-6-0) and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**K) H.B. 269 (M. Petersen, D. McCay)** Adds the Ten Commandments and Magna Carta to the list of historical documents and principles that school curricula and activities may include for a thorough study. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (49-16-10), Senate (20-4-5) and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

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**L) H.B. 478 (N. Thurston, J. Plumb)** Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to impose civil penalties relating to animal cruelty. While GrassRoots does not approve of animal cruelty, we should not empower executive entities (like the Department of Agriculture) to exercise judicial powers (imposing punishment). (See Utah State Constitution, Article V, Section 1.) Allowing unelected bureaucrats to impose fines of up to \$500 when the US Constitution allows a trial by jury appears to violate fundamental rights and would appear to circumvent due process in general and jury trial. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (59-10-6), Senate (18-5-6), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**M) H.B. 505 (J. Briscoe)** Estimated to increase government spending by over \$900,000 to create the Property Loss Related to Homelessness Compensation Fund. This bill grows the government by creating a committee and hiring staff. This is not an appropriate use of government force. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Failed in the House (28-44-3).**

**N) H.B. 562 (R. Wilcox, L. Fillmore)** Creates the Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District. As part of the district it provides for a resort community sales and use tax and a rental car tax, and other taxes. The bill is estimated to increase government spending by almost \$4 million in FY2025 and by more than \$2 million in FY2026. The money will be directed toward building a stadium should the state be awarded a Major League Baseball team. This is an example of corporatism with the government supporting private business with taxpayer dollars. This is not the proper role of government. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (51-21-3), Senate (25-4-0), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**O) S.B. 13 (L. Fillmore, S. Gricius)** Increases competition in education as it requires counties and municipalities to consider a home-based micro school and micro-education entity as a permitted use in all zoning districts. All too many elected officials are opposed to creating competition in education and this bill prevents them from using zoning ordinances to prevent parents from having a choice in their children's education. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (63-6-6), Senate (23-5-1), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**P) S.B. 56 (K. Grover, J. Hawkins)** Improves educational choice by removing a notary requirement on a home school affidavit. While this may seem like a small step, we applaud the legislature for removing red tape from parents who choose to home-school their children. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (66-1-8), Senate (29-0-0), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**Q) S.B. 69 (C. Wilson, K. Christofferson)** Reduces the individual income tax rate and corporate franchise tax rates each by .10%. As noted previously, the power to tax is the power to destroy. GrassRoots encourages further tax reductions in the future, as this is a great way to limit the size of government. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (63-11-1), Senate (23-6-0), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**R) S.B. 144 (A. Millner, J. Hawkins)** Authorizes the Division of Arts and Museums to offer a qualifying county of the first class, or a municipality in a county of the first class, a dollar-for-dollar state match on local funding for the purchase or commission of a public art installation. Funding public art is not a proper role of government. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (50-23-2), Senate (27-0-2), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**S) S.B. 176 (L. Escamilla, R. Spendlove)** Projected to increase government spending by \$2.1 million. Creates the Child Care Capacity Expansion Act. One of the purposes of the bill is to identify obsolete state-owned buildings and turn them into childcare facilities. Providing childcare is not a proper role of government. Obsolete state buildings should be sold and the revenue returned to the taxpayers in this state. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the Senate (25-0-4) but failed in the House (27-43-5).**

**T) S.B. 181 (L. Escamilla, C. Watkins)** Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a Medicaid waiver related to traditional healing services. Increases government spending by \$2.6 million in FY 2026. Healthcare is not a proper role of government. Programs like this extend the federal deficit which is almost \$35 trillion, and keep taxes high. **GrassRoots approves of a No vote. Passed the House (43-23-9), Senate (22-0-7), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**U) S.B. 195 (D. McCay, J. Hawkins)** Makes water data regarding golf courses a protected record under the Government Records Access and Management Act. The government has increasingly monitored the water usage of private citizens, why should the government be able to hide its water usage? **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the Senate (26-0-3) but failed in the House (17-49-9)**

**V) S.B. 206 (A. Millner, V. Peterson)** Increases government spending by \$3.3 million in 2025 and \$1.3 million in 2026 by creating the One Utah Service Fellowship Program. Charities should be directing service efforts and volunteering should not involve government money. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (43-27-5), Senate (26-0-3), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**W) S.B. 214 (D. Hinkins, T. Lee)** Removes the provision that requires a municipality or county to adopt a resolution to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030. The removed provision is an unfunded mandate for local government. Repealing the requirement was the right thing to do. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (70-2-3), Senate (26-0-3), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

**X) S.B. 272 (D. McCay, J. Hawkins)** Authorizes local governments to levy sales and use tax within the Capital City Revitalization Zone to build a new stadium for an NHL hockey team. As with the taxes to build a Major League Baseball team, this is an example of corporatism and an example of the government playing favorites. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (50-20-5), Senate (22-4-3), and was Signed into law by the Governor.**

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Utah State House 2024 Voting Summary			Y or y="yes", N or n="no", a=absent or not voting; Y or N=good vote; y or n=bad vote																											
Rep-Party	Dist	County(ies)	2024 Score	Lifetime Score	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB		
					13	29	68	78	112	165	173	182	193	261	269	478	505	562	13	56	69	144	176	181	195	206	214	272		
<b>GrassRoots Recommended Votes:</b>					N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N			
Nelson Abbott-R	57	Utah	74%	69%	N	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	y	y	a	N	N	Y	y		
Cheryl Acton-R	38	Salt Lake	63%	61%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	N	N	N	Y	y		
Carl Abrecht-R	70	*	71%	57%	y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	n	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y	N	N	Y	N		
Melissa Ballard-R	20	Davis	58%	47%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	N	N	Y	y		
Stewart Barlow-R	17	Davis	67%	58%	y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	n	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	N	N	N	N	Y	y		
Gay Lynn Bennion-D	41	Salt Lake	13%	13%	y	n	y	y	n	n	n	n	y	n	n	y	y	n	Y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	N	Y	n	y		
Kera Birkeland-R	4	*	78%	79%	a	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	a	y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	a	n	y	a	a	N	a	Y	a		
Bridger Bolinder-R	29	Juab, Millard, Tooele	77%	73%	y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	a	N	Y	a	N	Y	Y	N	N	a	N	N	Y	y		
Brady Brammer-R	54	Utah	73%	73%	y	Y	y	N	a	Y	Y	a	N	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	y		
Joel Briscoe-D	24	Salt Lake	17%	15%	y	n	y	y	n	n	n	n	y	n	n	y	y	n	Y	Y	Y	n	y	n	Y	Y	Y	y		
Walt Brooks-R	75	Washington	61%	64%	y	Y	a	a	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	y		
Jeff Burton-R	64	Utah	58%	63%	a	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	y		
Scott Chew-R	68	UT/Duch	74%	53%	y	Y	y	N	Y	Y	n	Y	y	Y	a	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N		
Gay Christofferson-R	53	Utah	83%	65%	y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N		
Tyler Clancy-R	60	Utah	50%	57%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y	y	
James Cobb-R	48	Salt Lake	77%	74%	y	Y	N	y	a	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	N	Y	a	Y	y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N		
Paul Cutler-R	18	Davis	55%	57%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	a	N	a	Y	Y	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y	y		
Jen Dailey-Provost-D	22	Salt Lake	13%	16%	y	n	y	y	n	n	n	n	y	n	n	y	y	a	Y	n	y	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y	y		
Ariel Defay-R	15	Davis	48%	48%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	a	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y	y		
James Dunnigan-R	36	Salt Lake	54%	49%	y	n	N	y	Y	Y	n	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	Y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	y		
Steve Eliason-R	43	Salt Lake	55%	42%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	n	Y	y	Y	a	y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	a	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	y	
Joseph Elison-R	72	Washington	71%	76%	y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	y		
Brett Garner-D	31	Salt Lake	17%	14%	y	n	y	y	n	n	n	n	y	n	n	y	y	N	n	Y	n	y	y	y	Y	N	Y	n		
Stephanie Gricius-R	50	Utah	75%	77%	y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	N	N	N	N	Y	y		
Matthew Gwynn-R	6	Weber, Box Elder	58%	58%	a	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y	N	Y	Y	Y	y		
Katy Hall-R	11	Davis, Weber	77%	74%	y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	a	y	a	Y	N		
Jon Hawkins-R	55	Utah	50%	56%	a	a	y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	N	y	y	Y	Y	y		
Sahara Hayes-D	32	Salt Lake	22%	13%	y	n	y	y	n	Y	n	n	y	n	n	y	y	Y	a	n	y	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y	N		
Sandra Hollins-D	21	Salt Lake	9%	18%	y	n	y	y	n	n	n	n	y	n	n	y	y	n	Y	n	y	y	y	Y	N	Y	a	y		
Ken Ivory-R	39	Salt Lake	83%	73%	N	Y	y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	N	N	a	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y	Y	N	Y	N		
Colin Jack-R	73	Washington	67%	69%	y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	y		
Tim Jimenez-R	28	Tooele	74%	77%	y	a	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	a	y	N	Y	y		
Dan Johnson-R	3	Cache	67%	48%	y	Y	y	a	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	a	a	a	Y	Y	Y	a	N	a	y	Y	Y	y		
Marsha Judkins-R	61	Utah	46%	47%	y	n	y	y	Y	Y	n	Y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	N	N	Y	Y	y		
Brian King-D	23	SL/Summit	9%	17%	y	n	y	y	n	n	n	n	y	n	n	y	y	n	Y	n	y	y	y	a	y	Y	Y	y		
Mike Kohler-R	59	Summit, Wasatch	74%	71%	y	Y	a	a	a	a	Y	Y	y	Y	a	y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y	a	N	Y	N		
Jason Kyle-R	8	Morgan, Weber	83%	81%	y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	N	a	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	y		
Trevor Lee-R	16	Davis	86%	85%	N	Y	N	y	a	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	N	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	a	N	Y	N		

\*House District 4 includes Dagget Duchesne, Morgan, Rich, Summit  
 \*House District 67 includes Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand  
 \*House District 69 includes Emery, Garfield, Grand, San Juan, Wayne  
 \*House District 70 Sevier, Piute, Beaver, Iron

	Good Vote
	Top 10%
	Bottom 10%

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			HB 13	HB 29	HB 68	HB 78	HB 112	HB 165	HB 173	HB 182	HB 193	HB 261	HB 269	HB 478	HB 505	HB 562	SB 13	SB 56	SB 69	SB 144	SB 176	SB 181	SB 195	SB 206	SB 214	SB 272			
GrassRoots Recommended Votes:			2024 Score	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N		
Rosemary Lesser-D	10	Weber	30%	26%	y	n	y	y	n	y	n	n	a	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N		
Karianne Lisonbee-R	14	Davis	64%	64%	y	Y	a	N	a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	a	y	y	Y	Y			
Anthony Loubet-R	27	Salt Lake	38%	38%	y	n	y	y	Y	n	a	Y	Y	a	y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	N	y	Y	a		
Steven Lund-R	66	Juab, Sanpete	76%	76%	y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	a	a	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y	a	N	Y	N			
Phil Lyman-R	69		87%	87%	N	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	y	y	Y	N	a			
Matt MacPherson-R	26	Salt Lake	75%	75%	y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	y	N	N	N	Y	Y			
Cory Maloy-R	52	Utah	71%	71%	y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	a	Y	Y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	a	y	N	a	Y	N			
Ashlee Matthews-D	37	Salt Lake	18%	18%	y	n	y	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	a	y	Y	a			
Carol Moss-D	34	Salt Lake	21%	21%	y	n	y	y	n	Y	n	n	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	n	y	y	y	N	y	Y	Y			
Jefferson Moss-R	51	Utah	52%	52%	y	Y	y	y	a	Y	a	Y	Y	Y	N	y	Y	a	Y	y	N	N	y	y	Y	Y			
Calvin Musselman-R	9	Weber	61%	61%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	n	a	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	n	Y	Y	Y			
Doug Owens-D	33	Salt Lake	10%	10%	y	n	y	a	n	n	n	a	y	n	n	y	y	n	Y	n	y	y	y	N	y	a	Y		
Mike Peterson-R	2	Cache	92%	92%	y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N			
Karen Peterson-R	13	Davis	55%	55%	y	Y	y	N	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	a	y	y	N	Y	a	Y	y	N	y	a	Y	a			
Thomas Peterson-R	1	Box Elder, Cache	58%	58%	y	a	y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y	N	Y	Y	Y			
Val Peterson-R	56	Utah	53%	53%	y	Y	N	y	a	Y	a	a	Y	Y	Y	n	y	a	a	Y	y	N	N	y	Y	Y			
Candice Pierucci-R	49	Salt Lake	73%	73%	y	Y	y	N	a	Y	Y	Y	Y	a	y	N	Y	Y	Y	y	N	N	N	N	Y	N			
Susan Pulsipher-R	45	Salt Lake	50%	50%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	n	y	N	N	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	N			
Judy Rohner-R	30	Salt Lake	70%	70%	y	a	N	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	N	N	N	N	a	N			
Angela Romero-D	25	Salt Lake	17%	17%	y	n	a	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	y	y	Y	Y	n	y	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y			
Mike Schultz-R	12	Weber/Davis	64%	64%	y	Y	N	y	a	Y	Y	Y	Y	a	N	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y	Y	Y	Y			
Rex Shipp-R	71	Iron	82%	82%	N	Y	N	y	a	Y	Y	Y	Y	a	N	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y	N	N	Y	N		
Casey Snider-R	5	Cache	55%	55%	y	Y	N	N	a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	a	a	Y	y	N	y	a	Y	Y			
Robert Spendlove-R	42	Salt Lake	22%	22%	y	a	y	y	a	Y	a	a	a	y	a	y	y	a	a	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	Y			
Jeffrey Stenquist-R	46	Salt Lake	61%	61%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	a	y	N	Y	Y	Y	y	y	N	N	Y	Y	N		
Andrew Stouard-D	40	Salt Lake	14%	14%	y	n	y	a	n	Y	n	a	y	n	n	y	y	a	n	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	Y			
Kevin Stratton-R	58	Utah	75%	75%	N	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y	Y	Y	Y			
Mark Strong-R	47	Salt Lake	83%	83%	y	Y	N	a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N			
Jordan Teuscher-R	44	Salt Lake	67%	67%	y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	N	N	y	Y	Y			
Norman Thurston-R	62	Utah	76%	76%	y	n	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	a	y	a	a	Y	N			
Neil Walter-R	74	Washington	67%	67%	y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	N	y	N	Y	Y	Y			
Raymond Ward-R	19	Davis	63%	63%	y	Y	y	N	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y			
Christine Watkins-R	67		43%	43%	y	Y	y	y	a	Y	n	Y	Y	n	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	N	N	Y	Y			
Douglas Welton-R	65	Utah	55%	55%	y	Y	a	N	a	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	a	y	N	y	N	Y	Y	Y			
Mark Wheatley-D	35	Salt Lake	20%	20%	y	n	y	y	n	n	n	n	n	a	y	y	Y	Y	n	y	a	a	N	a	Y	Y			
Stephen Whyte-R	63	Utah	61%	61%	y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	a	N	Y	Y	Y			
Ryan Wilcox-R	7	Weber	71%	71%	a	Y	y	N	Y	Y	Y	a	y	Y	Y	N	N	y	Y	Y	Y	N	a	N	a	Y	Y		
GrassRoots Recommended Votes:			2024 Score	Lifetime Score	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N			
					HB 13	HB 29	HB 68	HB 78	HB 112	HB 165	HB 173	HB 182	HB 193	HB 261	HB 269	HB 478	HB 505	HB 562	SB 13	SB 56	SB 69	SB 144	SB 176	SB 181	SB 195	SB 206	SB 214	SB 272	

\*House District 4 includes Dagget Dushesne, Morgan, Rich, Summit  
 \*House District 67 includes Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand  
 \*House District 69 includes Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Sevier, Wayne  
 \*House District 70 Sevier, Piute, Beaver, Iron

Good Vote
Top 10%
Bottom 10%

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# GrassRoots

**Utah State Senate**  
 2024 Voting Summary  
 Y or y="yes", N or n="no", a=absent or not voting; Y or N=good vote; y or n=bad vote

Bills			2024 Score	Lifetime Score	HB 13	HB 29	HB 68	HB 78	HB 165	HB 182	HB 193	HB 261	HB 269	HB 478	HB 562	SB 13	SB 56	SB 69	SB 144	SB 176	SB 181	SB 195	SB 206	SB 214	SB 272
<b>GrassRoots Recommended Votes</b>																									
<b>Rep-Party</b>	<b>Dist</b>	<b>County(ies)</b>			N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N
Stuart Adams-R	7	Davis	42%	48%	y	Y	y	y	Y	a	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	a	y	y	Y	y
Heidi Baldersee-R	22	Salt Lake, Utah	71%	71%	N	Y	y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	Y	N
Nate Blouin-D	13	Salt Lake	14%	12%	y	n	y	y	n	Y	y	n	n	y	y	n	Y	n	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Curtis Bramble-R	24	Utah/Wasatch	45%	52%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	a	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Gregg Buxton-R	4	Davis/Weber	43%	38%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Kirk Cullimore-R	19	Salt Lake	50%	48%	y	Y	a	a	Y	Y	y	Y	a	a	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	a	Y	y
Luz Escamilla-D	10	Salt Lake	14%	18%	y	n	y	y	n	Y	y	n	n	y	y	n	Y	n	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Lincoln Fillmore-R	17	Salt Lake	52%	56%	y	Y	y	N	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Keith Grover-R	23	Utah	50%	63%	y	a	y	N	Y	Y	y	Y	a	a	y	Y	Y	Y	y	a	a	y	y	Y	y
Wayne Harper-R	16	Salt Lake	58%	60%	a	Y	y	N	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	Y	a
David Hinkins-R	26	*	40%	52%	y	n	y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	a	
Don Ipson-R	29	Washington	44%	44%	y	Y	y	y	Y	a	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	a	a	a	y	a	y
John Johnson-R	3	*	67%	71%	N	Y	y	N	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	N	
Mike Kennedy-R	21	Utah	68%	70%	N	Y	y	N	Y	Y	y	Y	a	N	N	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	a	Y	N
Karen Kwan-D	12	Salt Lake	14%	10%	y	n	y	y	n	Y	y	n	n	y	y	n	Y	n	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Dan McCay-R	18	Salt Lake, Utah	60%	74%	y	Y	y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	a	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Mike McKell-R	25	Utah	47%	56%	y	Y	y	a	Y	Y	y	Y	a	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	a	y	Y	y
Ann Millner-R	5	*	56%	38%	a	Y	y	y	Y	Y	a	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	a	a	y	Y	a
Derrin Owens-R	27	*	45%	47%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	a	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Stephanie Pitcher-D	14	Salt Lake	11%	10%	y	n	y	y	n	Y	y	n	a	y	y	a	Y	n	y	y	y	y	y	a	y
Jen Plumb-D	9	Salt Lake	15%	8%	y	n	y	y	n	Y	y	n	a	y	y	n	Y	n	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Kathleen Riebe-D	15	Salt Lake	14%	17%	y	n	y	y	n	Y	y	n	n	y	y	n	Y	n	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Scott Sandall-R	1	*	45%	46%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	a	y	y	Y	y
Jerry Stevenson-R	6	Davis	50%	44%	y	Y	y	y	Y	a	y	Y	Y	a	y	Y	Y	Y	a	a	a	a	a	y	a
Daniel Thatcher-R	11	SL/Tooele	44%	42%	y	a	y	y	n	a	a	Y	Y	a	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	a	Y	N
Evan Vickers-R	28	*	43%	47%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Todd Weiler-R	8	Davis/Salt Lake	50%	39%	y	Y	y	N	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	a	y	y	Y	y
Chris Wilson-R	2	Cache/Rich	43%	51%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	Y	y
Ronald Winterton-R	20	*	40%	45%	y	n	y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	a	y	y	y	Y	y
<b>GrassRoots Recommended Votes</b>																									
<b>Bills</b>			<b>2024 Score</b>	<b>Lifetime Score</b>	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N

\*Senate District 1 includes Box Elder, Cache, Tooele  
 \*Senate District 3 includes Morgan, Summit, Weber  
 \*Senate District 5 includes Davis, Morgan, Weber  
 \*Senate District 20 includes Daggett, Duchesne, Summit, Uintah, Wasatch  
 \*Senate District 26 includes Carbon, Emery, San Juan, Utah, Wasatch, Grand  
 \*Senate District 27 includes Beaver, Garfield, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Utah, Wayne  
 \*Senate District 28 includes Beaver, Iron, Washington Counties

Governor			2024 Score	Lifetime Score	HB 13	HB 29	HB 68	HB 78	HB 165	HB 182	HB 193	HB 261	HB 269	HB 478	HB 562	SB 13	SB 56	SB 69	SB 144	SB 176	SB 181	SB 206	SB 214	SB 272
<b>GrassRoots Recommended Votes</b>																								
Spencer Cox-R			47%	46%	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y	Y	y	Y

	Good Vote
	Top 10%
	Bottom 10%

## GrassRoots

Top 25 Reps 2024		Top 25 Reps Lifetime		Senate Rank 2024		Senate Rank-Lifetime	
1 - Mike Petersen-R	1 - Mike Petersen-R	1 - Heidi Balderree-R	1 - Dan McCay-R				
2 - Phil Lyman-R	2 - Phil Lyman-R	2 - Mike Kennedy-R	2 - Heidi Balderree-R				
3 - Trevor Lee-R	3 - Trevor Lee-R	3 - John Johnson-R	2 - John Johnson-R				
4 - Ken Ivory-R	4 - Mark Strong-R	4 - Dan McCay-R	4 - Mike Kennedy-R				
4 - Jason Kyle-R	5 - Jason Kyle-R	5 - Wayne Harper-R	5 - Keith Grover-R				
4 - Mark Strong-R	6 - Ryan Wilcox-R	6 - Ann Millner-R	6 - Wayne Harper-R				
4 - Kay Christofferson-R	6 - Kera Birkeland-R	7 - Lincoln Filmore-R	7 - Lincoln Filmore-R				
8 - Rex Shipp-R	8 - Stephanie Gricius-R	8 - Kirk Cullimore	7 - Mike McKell-R				
9 - Kera Birkeland-R	8 - Tim Jimenez-R	8 - Keith Grover-R	9 - David Hinkins-R				
10 - Bridger Bolinder-R	10 - Kevin Stratton-R	10 - Jerry Stevenson-R	9 - Curtis Bramble-R				
10 - James Cobb-R	10 - Joseph Elison-R	10 - Todd Weiler-R	11 - Chris Wilson-R				
10 - Katy Hall-R	12 - Matt MacPherson-R	12 - Mike McKell-R	12 - Kirk Cullimore				
13 - Steven Lund-R	13 - James Cobb-R	13 - Curtis Bramble-R	12 - Stuart Adams-R				
13 - Norman Thurston-R	13 - Katy Hall-R	13 - Derrin Owens-R	14 - Derrin Owens-R				
15 - Stephanie Gricius-R	15 - Bridger Bolinder-R	13 - Scott Sandall-R	14 - Evan Vickers-R				
15 - Matt MacPherson-R	15 - Brady Brammer-R	16 - Don Ipson-R	16 - Scott Sandall-R				
15 - Kevin Stratton-R	15 - Ken Ivory-R	16 - Daniel Thatcher-R	17 - Ronald Winterton-R				
18 - Nelson Abbott-R	18 - Norman Thurston-R	18 - Gregg Buxton	18 - Don Ipson-R				
18 - Tim Jimenez-R	18 - Thomas Peterson-R	18 - Evan Vickers-R	18 - Jerry Stevenson-R				
18 - Mike Kohler-R	18 - Jordan Teuscher-R	18 - Chris Wilson-R	20 - Daniel Thatcher-R				
18 - Scott Chew-R	18 - Mike Kohler-R	21 - Stuart Adams-R	21 - Todd Weiler-R				
22 - Brady Brammer-R	22 - Cory Maloy-R	22 - David Hinkins-R	22 - Gregg Buxton				
23 - Candice Pierucci-R	22 - Jefferson Moss-R	22 - Ronald Winterton-R	22 - Ann Millner-R				
24 - Cory Maloy-R	22 - Casey Snider-R	24 - Jen Plumb-D	24 - Luz Escamilla-D				
24 - Ryan Wilcox-R	22 - Karianne Lisonbee-R	25 - Nate Blouin-D	25 - Kathleen Riebe-D				
24 - Joseph Elison-R	<b>Bottom 25 Reps Lifetime</b>	25 - Luz Escamilla-D	26 - Nate Blouin-D				
24 - Carl albrecht-R	51 - Mike Schultz-R	25 - Karen Kwan-D	27 - Stephanie Pitcher-D				
<b>Bottom 25 Reps 2024</b>	52 - Jeffrey Stenquist-R	25 - Kathleen Riebe-D	27 - Karen Kwan-D				
51 - James Dunnigan-R	53 - James Dunnigan-R	29 - Stephanie Pitcher-D	29 - Jen Plumb-D				
52 - Val Peterson-R	54 - Ariel Defay-R						
53 - Jefferson Moss-R	54 - Dan Johnson-R	<b>Fast Facts</b>	<b>GrassRoots</b>				
54 - Tyler Clancy-R	54 - Melissa Ballard-R	Average Score House 2024=56%	The 2024 GrassRoots was prepared by Don Guymon				
54 - Jon Hawkins-R	57 - Marsha Judkins-R	Average Score House Life=45%					
54 - Susan Pulsipher-R	58 - Steve Eliason-R						
57 - Ariel Defay-R	59 - Christine Watkins-R	Average Score Senate 2024=42%	Chairman-Don Guymon				
58 - Marsha Judkins-R	60 - Raymond Ward-R	Average Score Senate Life=47%	Vice-Chairman- Steve Stromness				
59 - Christine Watkins-R	61 - Robert Spendlove-R		Secretary/Tres.-Drew Chamberlain				
60 - Anthony Loubet-R	62 - Mark Wheatley-D	Last Year the House Averaged a					
61 - Rosemary Lesser-D	63 - Sandra Hollins-D	60% and the Senate a 48%	Board Members				
62 - Robert Spendlove-R	63 - Rosemary Lesser-D		Lowell Nelson				
62 - Sahara Hayes-D	65 - Brian King-D	Governor Cox's score of 47%	David Pyne				
64 - Carol Moss-D	66 - Jen Dailey-Provost-D	would have ranked him 58th	Bill Barton				
68 - Mark Wheatley-D	67 - Ashlee Matthews-D	the House and 14th in the	Peter Cannon				
66 - Ashlee Matthews-D	67 - Joel Briscoe-D	Senate	Travis Seegmiller				
67 - Joel Briscoe-D	67 - Carol Moss-D	Governor Cox's Lifetime score is 46%	Thank you to Steve Stromness for his updates during the session.				
67 - Brett Garner-D	70 - Brett Garner-D	Past Governors' Lifetime Scores					
67 - Angela Romero-D	71 - Andrew Stoddard-D	Gov Gary Herbert-41%					
70 - Andrew Stoddard-D	71 - Angela Romero-D	Gov Jon Huntsman 39%	The author thanks all of those individuals who helped in the publication of this report				
71 - Jen Dailey-Provost-D	71 - Gay Lynn Bennion-D	Governor Olene Walker-33%					
71 - Gay Lynn Bennion-D	74 - Doug Owens-D	Governor Mike Leavitt-27%					
73 - Doug Owens-D	75 - Sahara Hayes-D						
74 - Sandra Hollins-D							
74 - Brian King-D							

# Liberty Quotes

*Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and Nature. Benjamin Franklin*

*It will be found an unjust and unwise jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon the supposition he may abuse it. George Washington*

*Liberty is not collective, it is personal. All liberty is individual liberty. Calvin Coolidge*

*You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make a good use of it. John Adams*

*Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety. Benjamin Franklin*

*Most bad government has grown out of too much government. Thomas Jefferson*

*"THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated" Thomas [Paine](#)*