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# UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Weekly Newsletter of RRJ Consulting  
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## WEEK 2 OF THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

We made it through week 2! We've been busy attending meetings, tracking important legislation, and representing our clients' needs. Appropriations and standing committees are in full-swing and we're excited to see what the rest of the session holds.

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### **\$160 MILLION TAX CUT**

This week, the Senate passed S.B. 59 Tax Amendments (Sen. Dan McCay). This bill reduces the state income tax rate from 4.95% to 4.85%, resulting in an overall tax cut of \$160 million for Utahns. S.B. 59 will likely be debated by the House next week. We'll be watching this legislation closely!

## TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

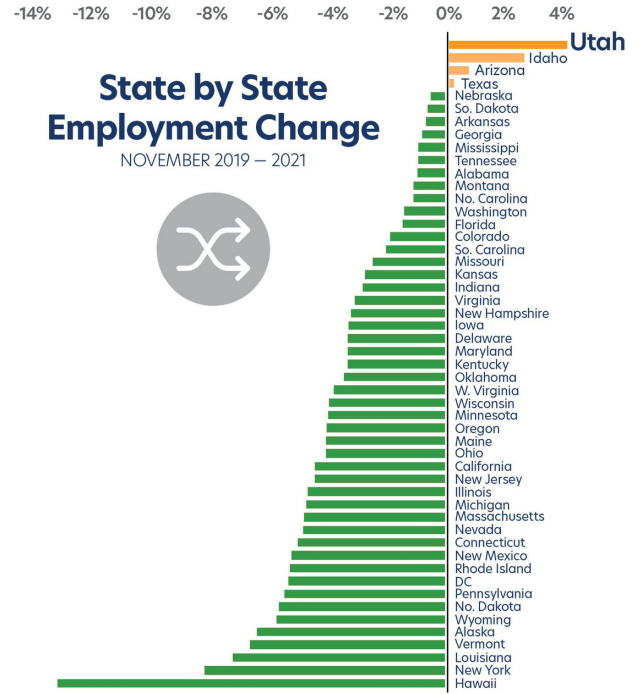
It's no secret that Utah's population has grown significantly in recent years, which has brought challenges, but presented many opportunities. To account for this growth, improve our air quality, reduce congestion, and maintain our high quality of life, smart and strategic investments must be made. We believe that planning for and investing in roads, transit, rail, and other infrastructure will benefit our state for years to come. Multimodal transportation is the way of the future and Utah has the once-in-a-generation opportunity to make this happen.



# UTAH'S ECONOMY

Utah's economy continues to lead the nation. Since the pandemic began in early 2020, only four states have experienced an overall increase in employment. Utah tops the chart as we've seen a 4% increase in our workforce.

RRJ has and will continue to fight for smart fiscal and economic policies that benefit both small and large businesses and Utah families.



# BASE BUDGETS

During the second week of the session, the Legislature passes the base budget from each appropriations committee. The base budget funds the state's essential services and programs. Click [here](#) to view the appropriations committees and look through their base budgets.



# NEW MEDICAID DIRECTOR

Governor Cox announced the appointment of the state's new Medicaid Director. Jennifer Strohecker will assume the position following approval of the Senate. Strohecker brings years of experience and has demonstrated a strong commitment to serving some of Utah's most vulnerable populations.

**Please don't hesitate to reach out to us!**

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## Looking Ahead

NEXT WEEK – APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONCLUDE

MARCH 4 – FINAL DAY OF THE 2022 GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION