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UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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WEEK 7 OF THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Well, that's a wrap! The Legislature adjourned sine die late Friday night. It has been a busy 45 days and we're looking forward to some much-needed rest. RRJ Consulting has loved representing you and your needs the past two months and will continue working hard over the interim.

THANK YOU TO OUR LEGISLATORS!

We know the legislative session is exhausting and a huge sacrifice for you and your families. From all of us at RRJ Consulting, we thank you for your efforts to represent your constituents the people of Utah. We wish you a happy interim and look forward to seeing you again in May.



HOW BILLS IMPACT UTAH FAMILIES

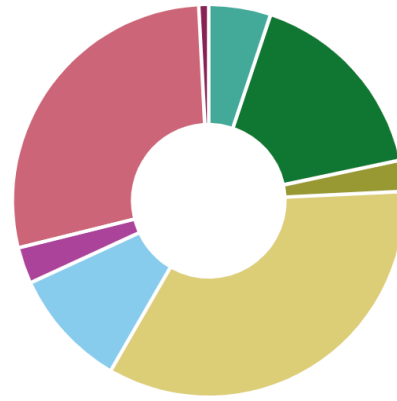
The Legislature considered over 1,000 bills and passed more than 500 into law. Speaker Brad Wilson published a piece to demonstrate how legislation will benefit Utah families. Read the article [here](#).

HISTORIC BUDGET

The Legislature passed the final budget before they adjourned on Friday. This budget is the largest in state history, totaling \$25.97 billion. Significantly, the Legislature made a \$1.2 billion investment in the state's transportation and transit projects and set aside money to develop the Point of the Mountain area. Other highlights include:

- Over \$800 million for Capital projects, including higher education and state buildings.
- \$465.5 million for public education including a 6% increase to the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU), student enrollment growth, and other items.
- \$64.1 million one-time in FY 2022, \$63.4 million ongoing, and \$20.8 million one-time in FY 2023 for Medicaid growth.
- \$6.5 million ongoing and \$4.0 million one-time for New competitive grant programs for arts, history, and heritage projects.

Subcommittees



- Executive Offices and Criminal Justice (\$1,267,546,000)
- Infrastructure and General Government (\$4,277,092,800)
- Business, Economic Development, and Labor (\$601,825,900)
- Social Services (\$8,878,943,000)
- Higher Education (\$2,503,942,300)
- Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality (\$714,138,000)
- Public Education (\$7,290,414,300)
- Executive Appropriations (\$142,965,000)



UKRAINE RALLY

Members of the Utah House of Representatives and Senate, along with Governor Cox and Lt. Governor Henderson joined hundreds of Utahns to show support for Ukraine.

Looking Ahead

MARCH – HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MAY 18 – FIRST INTERIM MEETING OF 2022

Thanks for following along the past seven weeks. We will continue sending out monthly newsletters and hope you'll follow us on social media! We love working with each of you and look forward to continuing to do so. Please reach out at any time!

Sincerely,

Rob, Jodi, and Chris

