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UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing you and your family a happy holiday season. 2022 brought us many opportunities and exciting experiences. We cannot wait to see all 2023 has in store for RRJ and hope the new year brings you happiness and success.

FOLLOW US!

Follow us on social media for regular updates! You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We'll be posting highlights from the legislative session, so be sure to follow along!

LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

Following the November election, Senate and House caucuses met to elect leadership members to represent them for the upcoming term. We look forward to working with each leadership team and appreciate their willingness to serve their caucuses and the people of Utah. The following have been chosen by their colleagues:

Senate Majority Caucus

J. Stuart Adams, President
Evan Vickers, Majority Leader
Ann Millner, Majority Whip
Kirk Cullimore, Majority Assistant Whip

Senate Minority Caucus

Luz Escamilla, Minority Leader
Karen Mayne, Minority Whip
Jennifer Plumb, Minority Assistant Whip
Stephanie Pitcher, Minority Caucus Manager

House Majority Caucus

Brad Wilson, Speaker
Mike Schultz, Majority Leader
Jefferson Moss, Majority Whip
Karianne Lisonbee, Majority Assistant Whip

House Minority Caucus

Angela Romero, Minority Leader
Jen Dailey-Provost, Minority Whip
Sandra Hollins, Minority Assistant Whip
Rosemary Lesser, Minority Caucus Manager

POLICY HIGHLIGHT

2023 GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW

The 2023 General Legislative Session is only a few weeks away. Legislators meet for 45 days to pass policies that impact all Utahns – individuals, families, businesses, and organizations. We'll be on the Hill representing your needs and interests. Let's take a quick look at a few issues we expect to see.

Water

It should come as no surprise that water is at the top of the list. As the one of the driest and fastest-growing states in the nation, Utah's water resources and supply is top of mind for many. We expect to see legislation that deals with conservation, water systems and infrastructure, and continued efforts to save the Great Salt Lake.

Tax Cuts

With an unprecedented budget surplus, we expect lawmakers to provide tax relief to Utahns. Tax relief could come in many shapes in forms – an income tax rate cut, an increase to the dependent exemption or social security, or other targeted cuts. We look forward to robust debates and supporting legislation that lowers taxes for Utahns.

Housing

Utah's housing prices have skyrocketed in recent years, impacting many families and individuals. Lawmakers will look for ways to address this complicated problem.

Education

Education is always top of mind for lawmakers. The Governor has proposed an increase to teacher compensation and we expect the Legislature to consider similar policies. There will likely be several bills proposing improvements to the education system, increases in funding, and safety measures.

