



2010 Utah Taxpayers Association Legislative Scorecard

The Utah Taxpayers Association annually issues legislative report cards to its members and the public. The 2010 scorecard rates Utah's 104 legislators on thirteen key tax and spending related bills.

In the House, two bills supported by the Taxpayers Association received no dissenting votes therefore the lowest possible score for a Utah Representative (unless there were absences) was 15.4 percent. In the Senate, six bills passed without a dissenting vote meaning the lowest possible Senate score (unless there were absences) was 46.1 percent.

House Summary

The average score in the House is 66%. Five representatives receive a perfect, 100% score: Brad Daw, Craig Frank, Keith Grover, Rebecca Lockhart and Ken Sumsion. Janice Fisher (67%) and Laura Black (62%) are the highest scoring Democrats.

The Representatives scoring less than 50% are Tim Cosgrove (46%), Susan Duckworth (46%), Christine Johnson (46%), Marie Poulson (46%), Evan Vickers (46%), Mark Wheatley (46%), Larry Wiley (46%), Neal Hendrickson (45%), Rhonda Menlove (45%), Sheryl Allen (42%), Jackie Biskupski (42%), David Litvack (42%), Phil Riesen (42%), Melvin Brown (40%), Jim Bird (38%), Neil Hansen (38%), Lynn Hemingway (38%), Carol Spackman Moss (33%), Jennifer Seelig (33%).

The lowest scoring Republicans are Jim Bird (38%), Melvin Brown (40%) and Sheryl Allen (42%).

Senate Summary

The average score in the Senate is 74%. Three senators receive a perfect, 100% score: Margaret Dayton, Mark Madsen and Howard Stephenson. Brent Goodfellow (69%) and Gene Davis (67%) are the highest scoring Democrats.

Senators scoring below 50% are Ross Romero (46%) and Luz Robles (44%). Senators Curt Bramble, Dan Liljenquist and Luz Robles missed several votes while negotiating legislation off the Senate floor. If votes on previous readings of the same bill were counted in place of these absences, Curt Bramble and Dan Liljenquist's scores would rise to 75% and Luz Robles would score 55%. Absences were insignificant in other Senator's scores.

Key

An upper case "Y" or "N" indicates a vote in support of the Taxpayers Association's position. A lower case "y" or "n" indicates a vote in opposition to the Association's position. Absences were not included in vote totals or voting percentages.

Note

- A floor vote on Senate Bill 40 was only taken in the Senate and is therefore only included in the Senate scorecard.
- A floor vote on House Bill 463 was taken only in the House and is therefore only included in the House scorecard.
- A floor vote on Senate Bill 119, 2nd substitute was taken only in the Senate and is therefore only included in the Senate scorecard.
- A floor vote on Senate Bill 119, 4th substitute was taken only in the House and is therefore only included in the

Utah House of Representatives Legislative Score Card 2010

	Party	HB 196	HB 219	HB 321	HB 463	SB 43	SB 55	SB 61	SB 63	SB 77	SB 119*	SB 133	SB 165	SB 272	Final Score
UTA POSITION		N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
Daw, Bradley M.	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Frank, Craig A.	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Grover, Keith	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Lockhart, Rebecca D.	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Sumsion, Kenneth W.	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	100%
Herrod, Christopher N.	R	N	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	92%
Dougall, John	R	N	Y	n	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	92%
Gibson, Francis D.	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	N	92%
Harper, Wayne A.	R	y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	92%
Hutchings, Eric K.	R	N	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	92%
Hughes, Gregory H.	R	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	y	91%
Noel, Michael E.	R	N	n	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	91%
Sandstrom, Stephen E.	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	y	91%
Wilcox, Ryan D.	R	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	y	91%
Fisher, Julie	R	N	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	N	85%
Gibson, Kerry W.	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	y	85%
Mathis, John G.	R	N	n	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	N	85%
Newbold, Merlynn T.	R	N	Y	n	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	85%
Morley, Michael T.	R	N	n	n	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	83%
Oda, Curtis	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	y	83%
Painter, Patrick	R	N	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	y	83%
Wright, Bill	R	N	n	n	N	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	82%
Garn, Kevin S.	R	y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	y	78%
Barrus, Roger E.	R	y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	N	75%
Bigelow, Ron	R	N	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	n	A	A	A	Y	y	75%
Clark, Stephen D.	R	y	Y	Y	A	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	75%
Ipson, Don L.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	A	75%
Webb, R. Curt	R	N	Y	Y	y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	A	75%
Wimmer, Carl	R	N	n	n	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	75%
Clark, David	R	y	n	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	y	73%
Draxler, Jack R.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	N	69%
Fisher, Janice M.	D	N	Y	Y	y	n	Y	A	n	Y	n	Y	Y	N	67%
Wallis, C. Brent	R	y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	n	Y	A	y	67%
Fowlke, Lorie D.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	A	y	64%
Anderson, Johnny	R	y	n	n	N	Y	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	Y	N	62%
Black, Laura	D	N	Y	Y	y	n	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	N	62%
Dee, Brad L.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	62%
Edwards, Rebecca P.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	62%
Ferry, Ben C.	R	N	Y	Y	y	Y	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	62%
Froerer, Gage	R	y	Y	Y	N	Y	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	62%
Greenwood, Richard A.	R	y	Y	Y	N	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	Y	y	62%
Hunsaker, Fred R.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	62%
Kiser, Todd E.	R	N	Y	Y	N	n	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	62%
Last, Bradley G.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	n	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	y	62%
Powell, Kraig	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	62%
McCliff, Kay L.	R	y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	A	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	60%
Gowans, James R.	D	N	Y	A	y	Y	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	A	y	55%
Aagard, Douglas C.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	54%
Beck, Trisha S.	D	y	Y	Y	y	n	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	N	54%
Chavez-Houck, Rebecca	D	y	Y	Y	y	n	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	N	54%
Dunnigan, James A.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	54%
King, Brian S.	D	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	54%
Ray, Paul	R	y	n	Y	y	Y	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	N	54%
Seegmiller, F. Jay	D	y	Y	Y	y	n	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	N	54%
Watkins, Christine F.	D	N	Y	Y	y	n	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	54%
Mascaro, Steven R.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	n	Y	A	n	n	Y	Y	y	50%
Cosgrove, Tim M.	D	y	Y	Y	y	n	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	46%
Duckworth, Susan	D	N	Y	Y	y	n	n	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	46%
Johnson, Christine A.	D	y	Y	Y	y	Y	n	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	46%
Poulson, Mary H.	D	y	Y	Y	y	n	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	46%

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Vickers, Evan J.	R	y	Y	n	y	Y	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	46%
Wheatley, Mark A.	D	N	Y	Y	y	n	n	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	46%
Wiley, Larry B.	D	N	Y	Y	y	n	n	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	46%
Hendrickson, Neal B.	D	N	Y	Y	y	n	n	Y	n	A	n	A	Y	y	45%
Menlove Rhonda R.	R	y	Y	n	y	Y	n	Y	Y	n	n	A	Y	A	45%
Allen, Shery L.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	n	Y	A	n	n	Y	n	y	42%
Biskupski, Jackie	D	N	Y	A	y	n	n	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	42%
Litvack, David	D	y	Y	Y	y	Y	n	A	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	42%
Riesen, Phil	D	y	Y	Y	y	n	n	Y	n	A	n	Y	Y	y	42%
Brown, Melvin R.	R	y	A	Y	y	Y	n	Y	Y	n	n	A	A	y	40%
Bird, Jim	R	y	n	n	y	Y	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	38%
Hansen, Niel A.	D	N	Y	n	y	n	n	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	38%
Hemingway, Lynn	D	y	Y	Y	y	n	n	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	38%
Spackman, Carol Moss	D	y	Y	A	y	n	n	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	33%
Seelig, Jennifer M.	D	y	A	Y	y	n	n	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	33%
With UTA		35	64	62	21	55	43	68	46	25	19	70	70	22	
Against UTA		39	9	10	46	20	27	0	26	43	48	0	1	47	
Absent		1	2	3	8	0	5	7	3	7	8	5	4	6	
% with UTA		47%	85%	83%	28%	73%	57%	100%	61%	33%	25%	100%	93%	29%	

Utah State Senate Legislative Score Card 2010

	Party	HB 196	HB 219	HB 321	SB 40	SB 43	SB 55	SB 61	SB 63	SB 77	SB 119* S2	SB 133	SB 165	SB 272	Final Score
UTA POSITION		N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
Dayton, Margaret	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Madsen, Mark B.	R	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Stephenson, Howard A.	R	N	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Adams, Stuart	R	N	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	92%
Buttars, D. Chris	R	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A	A	A	Y	Y	A	Y	y	89%
Stowell, Dennis E.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	85%
Waddoups, Michael G.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	85%
Greiner, Jon J.	R	N	Y	Y	N	n	Y	Y	A	n	Y	Y	Y	N	83%
Jenkins, Scott K.	R	y	Y	A	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	83%
Niederhauser, Wayne	R	y	Y	A	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	82%
Knudson, Peter C.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	77%
Okerlund, Ralph	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	77%
Stevenson, Jerry	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	77%
Urqhart, Stephen H.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	77%
Christensen, Allen M.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	75%
Hinkins, David P.	R	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	y	75%
Valentine, John L.	R	y	A	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	75%
Hillyard, Lyle W.	R	y	Y	A	y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	73%
Goodfellow, Brent H.	D	N	Y	Y	N	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	Y	y	69%
Van Tassell, Kevin	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	y	69%
Bramble, Curtis S.	R	y	A	A	y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	y	67%
Davis, Gene	D	N	Y	Y	N	n	Y	Y	n	n	A	Y	Y	y	67%
Liljenquist, Daniel R.	R	y	Y	Y	y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	A	A	Y	y	67%
Jones, Patricia W.	D	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	Y	y	62%
McAdams, Ben	D	A	A	Y	y	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	Y	A	60%
Morgan, Karen	D	y	Y	Y	y	n	Y	Y	n	n	Y	Y	Y	y	54%
Mayne, Karen	D	y	Y	Y	y	n	Y	A	n	n	Y	Y	Y	y	50%
Romero, Ross I.	D	y	Y	Y	y	n	Y	Y	n	n	n	Y	Y	y	46%
Robles, Luz	D	y	A	A	y	n	Y	A	n	n	Y	Y	Y	A	44%
With UTA		8	24	22	9	20	25	23	18	17	24	27	29	7	
Against UTA		19	0	0	20	8	0	0	8	11	2	0	0	19	
Absent		2	5	7	0	1	4	6	3	1	3	2	0	3	
% with UTA		28%	100%	100%	31%	69%	100%	100%	62%	59%	83%	100%	100%	24%	

Bills Considered for the 2010 Utah Taxpayers Association Scorecard

HB196 (Ray) – HB196 increases Utah's tobacco tax by 144%. Your Taxpayers Association opposes the poor tax policy of imposing a high tax rate over a narrow tax base.

Approved by House 39-35. Approved by Senate 19-8. Association Position: Oppose

HB219 (Froerer) – HB219 increases the penalty on delinquent property taxes, but reduces the penalty if taxes are paid by a specific date. Your Taxpayers Association supports the prevention of automatic property tax rate increases from delinquencies that result from taxpayer being the loan agency of first resort.

Approved by House 64-9. Approved by Senate 24-0. Association Position: Support

HB321 (Hughes) – HB321 changes the language on ballots for school district bond elections to better reflect the tax impact of a proposed bond. Your Taxpayers Association supports a more transparent and informative ballot for bond elections.

Approved by House 62-10. Approved by Senate 24-0. Association Position: Support

SB40 (Christensen) – SB40 would have raised the tax on a pack of cigarettes to \$1.70 per pack. Your Taxpayers Association opposes the poor tax policy of imposing a high tax rate over a narrow tax base.

Not considered by House. Approved by Senate 20-9. Association Position: Oppose

SB43 (Liljenquist) – SB43 prohibits retired state employees who return to state employment from receiving both a salary and a retirement paycheck in a false retirement. Your Taxpayers Association supports putting the state's retirement fund on an actuarially sound financial trajectory by preventing double-dipping from retired employees.

Approved by House 55-20. Approved by Senate 20-8. Association Position: Support

SB55 (Adams) – SB55 allows institutions of higher learning to authorize charter schools. Your Taxpayers Association supports increased education options for parents and children and allowing children access to an individualized education that meets their needs.

Approved by House 43-27. Approved by Senate 25-0. Association Position: Support

SB61 (Stephenson) – SB61 expands the sales and use tax exemptions for business inputs to include web search portals. Your Taxpayers Association supports sales tax exemptions for business inputs so as to avoid an unfair tax on both the production inputs and final product.

Approved by House 68-0. Approved by Senate 23-0. Association Position: Support

SB63 (Liljenquist) – SB63 caps employer contribution amounts and reduces retirement benefits for new public employees and new public safety and firefighter employees. Your Taxpayers Association supports reform of the Utah Retirement System in order to recover from Utah's current \$6.5 billion unfunded retirement liability.

Approved by House 46-26. Approved by Senate 18-8. Association Position: Support

SB77 (Dayton) – SB77 would have prohibited school districts from paying the salary of teacher union representatives. Your Taxpayers Association opposes the use of taxpayer dollars to pay for union representatives who aren't district employees.

Defeated by House 25-43. Approved by Senate 17-11. Association Position: Support

SB119*4th Substitute (Stephenson)- SB119s4 requires bond elections to be held in November instead of June unless two-thirds of the legislative body agree and another issue is on the ballot. Your Taxpayers Association supports election requirements that are likely to increase voter turnout when voters are being asked to assume more debt by passing a bond.

Defeated by House 19-48. Not considered by Senate. Association Position: Support

SB119*2nd Substitute (Stephenson)- SB119s2 would have required elections for a school district bond to be held in November instead of June except in the case of newly created school districts. Your Taxpayers Association supports election requirements that are likely to increase voter turnout when voters are being asked to assume more debt.

Not considered by House. Approved by Senate 24-2. Association Position: Support

SB133 (Adams) – SB133 requires Tax Commissioners to have significant and relevant tax experience and requires that at least one member of the commission have substantial knowledge in sales, excise, income and corporation taxation. Your Taxpayers Association supports increased standards to guarantee qualified members of the Tax Commission.

Approved by House 70-0. Approved by Senate 29-0. Association Position: Support

SB165 (Niederhauser)– SB165 takes the first step toward implementing a single sales factor in apportioning business income for multi-state businesses. Your Taxpayers Association supports the removal of barriers to capital investment.

Approved by House 70-1. Approved by Senate 29-0. Association Position: Support

SB272 (Stevenson) – SB272 allows the Utah Transit Authority to create and finance five transit oriented developments. Your Taxpayers Association opposes government competition with the private sector. If there is a demand for transit-oriented developments then the private sector will provide them.

Approved by House 47-22. Approved by Senate 19-7. Association Position: Oppose