



Vote NO on HB264s1

***HB 264 – State Board of Education Members Election
Process Amendments
Chief Sponsor: Carol Moss***

HB264 allows for open primary election of members of the State Board of Education.

- **Open Primary Elections Decrease Debate:** Open primary elections decrease the distinctions between candidates, thereby decreasing debate and diversity of opinion.
- **Open Primary Elections Decrease Interaction Among Stakeholders:** Utah has tried open primary elections for the State Board of Education. They failed. Dialogue between stakeholders, including the education and business communities, was virtually non-existent. Utah cannot afford to gamble with this failed policy.
- **Open Primary Elections Decrease Awareness:** Open primary elections have a lower voter turnout rate, resulting in decreased voter awareness and participation.