

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 3 OF THE 2021 GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

This week, the House passed HB 86–Social Security Tax Amendments which provides tax relief for many living on a fixed income.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee also passed HB 161 Military Retirement Tax Amendments, sponsored by Rep. Candice Pierucci. This bill creates a nonrefundable income tax credit for military retirement pay.

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REGULATORY SANDBOX



HB 217 Regulatory Sandbox Amendments, sponsored by Rep. Cory Maloy, passed the House this week. Creating a regulatory sandbox will allow new industries to flourish without stifling innovation. The regulatory review and sandbox will ensure necessary protections for consumers, communities, and the environment, while also helping new industries by reducing regulatory burden. [Listen to this week's podcast to learn more!](#)

COVID-19 VACCINES

Vaccines are now available for: healthcare workers, long-term care facility staff and residents, first responders, Utahns 70 and older, and K-12 teachers and school staff. Contact **your local health department** or school district to schedule your vaccination. All local health departments are experiencing a high volume of calls and website traffic as demand for the COVID-19 vaccine is high. Please understand that they can only distribute as many vaccines as they receive each week, and appointments fill up quickly. Everyone who wants the vaccine will get it over time.



INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Appointments to the Utah Independent Redistricting Commission were named this week. The appointments are:

Governor Spencer Cox appointment: Chairman Rex Facer

President Stuart Adams appointment: Lyle Hillyard

Speaker Brad Wilson: Rob Bishop

President Adams and Speaker Brad Wilson joint appointment: N. Jeffrey Baker

Senate Minority Leader Karen Mayne appointment: Christine Durham

House Minority Leader Brian King appointment: Pat Jones

Senate and House Minority joint appointment: William Thorne

OUTDOOR RECREATION- WINTER




Utah's changing seasons provide many opportunities to experience the beauty of Utah in different ways. Check out [visitutah.gov](https://www.visitutah.gov) for articles and guides highlighting the best locations to ski, snowboard, snowmobile, snowshoe, and stargaze throughout the state, as well as where to find equipment and other resources.

FRESHMAN HIGHLIGHT REPRESENTATIVE STEVEN LUND



Representative Lund was born in Mt. Pleasant and raised in Manti. He served in the 2nd of the 222 Field Artillery Unit of the Utah National Guard and served a mission in Colorado for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. After completing his service, he married Melissa Peterson.

Representative Lund earned a bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.



The Lunds have lived in Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Utah. Representative Lund understands rural Utah and knows firsthand the struggles rural areas face. This session Rep. Lund is working to bring better emergency service infrastructure to rural Utah to help save lives.

Representative Lund and his wife have three children and five grandchildren. He is eager to be a voice for rural Utah and represent District 58 and the people of Juab and Sanpete County.

PPP State Tax Treatment

Many have had questions on PPP Loans and how they will be taxed at the state level. The policy we have in place protects Utah businesses from paying state tax on the Paycheck Protection Program funds they received. We are committed to business-friendly policies but not limiting those policies to the companies deemed worthy of support by the federal government. Many Utah businesses did not receive a PPP loan and we have opted not to further disadvantage them by allowing their competition to double-dip

To be clear, the only companies that will owe Utah income tax are those that made a profit last year without regard to any PPP loan forgiveness they may have received or expenses they paid with PPP loan revenue. Businesses that lost money last year will not owe state income tax and businesses that just broke even last year will not owe state income tax, just like any other year.

REMEMBERING UTAH'S FALLEN OFFICERS

This week, the House honored Utah's fallen officers. We are grateful for the sacrifice of Officer Nate Lyday and the many others who risk their lives protecting us.



BILLS PASSED THIS WEEK

AS OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, THE HOUSE HAS PASSED 124 BILLS. HERE ARE THE BILLS THAT PASSED THIS WEEK:

H.B. 17 Utility Permitting Amendments
H.B. 20 Driving Under the Influence Sentencing Amendments
H.B. 37 Child Protection Unit Amendments
H.B. 43 Emergency Procurement Declaration Modifications
H.B. 53 Meteorological Evaluation Tower Marking
H.B. 63 Impact Fees Amendments
H.B. 67 Juvenile Sentencing Amendments
H.B. 69 Traffic Code Amendments
H.B. 70 Ballot Tracking Amendments
H.B. 79 Mineral and Rock Amendments
H.B. 85 Controlled Substance Database Access Amendments
H.B. 86 Social Security Tax Amendments
H.B. 88 Diversion Fees Amendments
H.B. 96 Emergency Management Amendments
H.B. 100 Postconviction Remedies Act Amendments
H.B. 102 Contraception for Inmates
H.B. 108 Vital Records Amendments
H.B. 110 Health Care Payment Amendments
H.B. 111 Off-highway Vehicle Amendments
H.B. 113 Shared Medical Costs
H.B. 120 Unemployment Insurance Amendments
H.B. 121 Local District Amendments
H.B. 128 Local Accumulated Fund Balance Amendments
H.B. 138 Post Council Membership Amendments
H.B. 139 Competency-based Hiring Amendments
H.B. 142 Cyclist Traffic Amendments
H.B. 143 Driver License Suspension Amendments
H.B. 167 HIV Testing Amendments
H.B. 171 Agricultural Land Use Regulation
H.B. 173 Vote Reporting Requirements
H.B. 176 Revisor's Technical Corrections to Utah Code
H.B. 180 Lieutenant Governor Conflict of Interest Amendments

H.B. 196 Ballot Amendments
H.B. 199 Pawnshop and Secondhand Merchandise Transaction Information Act Amendments
H.B. 201 Tolling Amendments
H.B. 202 Health Care Consumer Protection Act
H.B. 206 Epinephrine Auto-injector Access Amendments
H.B. 208 Water Quality Act Amendments
H.B. 213 Canine Injury Amendments
H.B. 221 Property Tax Records
H.C.R. 1 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging a Balanced Approach to the Release of Water from Flaming Gorge
H.C.R. 6 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing COVID-19 Efforts
S.B. 14 Driver License and State Identification Card Amendments
S.B. 20 Air Quality Policy Advisory Board
S.B. 21 Federal Land Application Advisory Committee Sunset Extension
S.B. 22 Compliance Advisory Panel Repeal Date
S.B. 29 Hotel Impact Mitigation Fund Sunset Extension
S.B. 31 Condominium and Community Association Regulation Amendments
S.B. 43 Residential Mortgage Regulatory Commission Amendments
S.B. 45 Higher Education Classes for Veterans
S.B. 54 Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Coordinating Committee Extension
S.B. 55 Rural Online Initiative Sunset Amendments
S.B. 56 State Weed Committee Sunset Extension
S.B. 82 Road Usage Charge Program Special Revenue Fund
S.J.R. 2 Retirement and Independent Entities Committee Amendments

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