

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STATE OF UTAH



## **Speaker Wilson Issues Statement Regarding Special Session Items**

**SALT LAKE CITY** – Brad Wilson, Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, issues the following statement regarding the Governor’s decision to exclude certain items from the special session call:

“The governor’s decision to exclude two issues requested by the Legislature for the upcoming special session is troubling. Legislative leaders are prepared to act now to ensure our public schools teach the important issues surrounding race in our country in a respectful, appropriate, and open-minded manner; and take steps to protect the fundamental right to bear arms.

Utahns - not federal bureaucrats - must remain in control of what is taught in our schools to ensure students understand both positive and negative events in American history, and their duty to be engaged, respectful members of society. This complex issue must be addressed, and we urge the State School Board to take action before students return to school this August.

Similarly, constitutional rights should not be subject to the whims of executive orders. The House is committed to working on legislation that reaffirms and safeguards the constitutional right of Utah citizens to keep and bear arms.

Citizens across the state have expressed concerns to their Representatives about federal policies in these two areas that contradict the conservative principles and values that a majority of Utahns hold. In our federalist system, it is our role and duty as a state to be a counterweight to the federal government and protect the rights and promote the interests of our citizens. Whether permitted to take timely action or forced to postpone until the general session, the House is determined to take action to benefit the people of Utah.”

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