

## Summary of 2015 General Legislative Session: Action Impacting UVU

The following is a summary of legislative action impacting Utah Valley University from the 2015 General Legislative Session. Noted appropriations come from the General and Education Tax Funds. For ease of reference, below this text summary are the specific House and Senate bills (by item number) that contain legislation impacting UVU.

UVU's top budget priorities for the 2015 legislative session were 1) Compensation, and 2) Mission Based Funding. Compensation will be funded with an equivalent of a 2% cost of living allowance and a 4.9% health insurance benefits rate increase for higher education employees (total \$2,561,800 ongoing). 75% of these compensation increases will be funded by state tax funds; 25% is to be funded through a 1<sup>st</sup> tier tuition rate increase. No Mission Based Funding initiative was funded.

Three other significant budget items impacting UVU were funded to the State Board of Regents: 1) the *Education Excellence Initiative* (a.k.a., Performance Based Funding) at \$8,020,000 (\$2,020,000 ongoing plus \$6,000,000 one-time funds), 2) the *Engineering Initiative* at \$4,500,000 (\$3,500,000 ongoing plus \$1,000,000 one-time), and 3) the *Math Competency Initiative* at \$1,825,000 (ongoing). All of these initiatives will be administered through the State Board of Regents and UVU's share of these funds has yet to be determined. (NOTE: UVU is obligated to match any funds allocated through the *Engineering Initiative*.)

UVU's top capital facilities priority for the 2015 legislative session was the funding of its Arts Building. While three buildings within the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) were funded, the UVU Arts Building was not. However, the legislature has granted UVU the authority to expend institutional or donated funds for the design and planning of the facility, which positions it for funding (less any privately raised funds) during the 2016 session. An additional capital facility appropriation of \$1,500,000 was made to remodel the UVU Activity Center (PE courts) to increase its capacity and functionality to better accommodate athletic, campus and community events.

### LEGISLATION WITH A FISCAL NOTE

#### HB001 Higher Education Base Budget

Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0001.html>

(Item 32) Education and General line item 2% tax fund reduction @ -\$1,756,000 ongoing.

(Item 33) Educationally Disadvantaged line item 2% tax fund reduction @ -\$3,300 ongoing.

#### HB008 State Agency and Higher Education Compensation Appropriations

Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0008.html>

(Lines 22-25; Item 110) Education and General line item funding equivalent to a 2% cost of living allowance and 4.9% health insurance benefits rates for higher education employees @ \$2,561,800 ongoing, representing 75% of cost with 25% to be funded through 1<sup>st</sup> tier tuition rate increase.

(Item 111) Educationally Disadvantaged line item funding equivalent to a 2% cost of living allowance and 4.9% health insurance benefits rates for higher education employees @ \$3,500 ongoing.

#### SB002 New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act

Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0002.html>

(Item 45) UVU Arts Building Design & Planning Approval @ \$0. “The Legislature intends that Utah Valley University use donated or institutional funds for planning and design of the proposed Fine/Performing Arts Building.”

(Item 49) UVU Student Activity Center @ \$1,500,000 (one-time). This allocation is to remodel the Activity Center (PE courts) to increase its capacity and functionality to better accommodate athletic, campus and community events.

(Item 118) Education and General line item restoration of 2% tax fund reduction @ \$1,874,800 (ongoing). Authorization to purchase 6 new vehicles for UVU’s motor pool was also granted.

(Item 119) Educationally Disadvantaged line item restoration of 2% tax fund reduction @ \$3,300 (ongoing).

(Item 133) Engineering Initiative @ \$4,500,000 (\$3,500,000 ongoing plus \$1,000,000 one-time) to State Board of Regents. UVU’s anticipated allocation is: TBD, which is to be matched by institutional funds for a total impact of: TBD.

(Item 130) State Board of Regents – Student Assistance @ \$2,583,700 (ongoing). This appropriation is to fund the Regents Scholarship.

(Item 134) Education Excellence (a.k.a., Performance Based Funding) @ \$8,020,000 (\$2,020,000 ongoing plus \$6,000,000 one-time) to State Board of Regents. This allocation is targeted to improve institutional performance based on metrics (e.g., participation, retention and completion rates) as outlined in *SB232 Higher Education Performance Funding*. The formulaic allocation of these funds per USHE institution has yet to be determined. Link to bill, SB0232: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0232.html>

#### SB003 Appropriations Adjustments

Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0003.html>

(Item 145) Schedule of Programs @ \$500,000 (one-time). This appropriation is to fund the Regents Scholarship.

(Item 148) State Board of Regents – Math Competency Initiative at \$1,850,000 (ongoing) to enact provisions relating to public school mathematics competency standards. Link to bill, SB0196S02: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0196.html>

#### SB008 State Agency Fees and Internal Service Fund Rate Authorization and Appropriations

Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0008.html>

(Item 84) Internal Service Fund adjustments at \$51,400 (ongoing) to cover adjustments for risk management and fleet fuel rates.

## LEGISLATION WITHOUT A FISCAL NOTE

HB0036S01: *Veteran's Definition* – Institutions within the state system of higher education may grant resident student status to any student who has come to Utah and established residency for the purpose of attending an institution of higher education, and who, prior to registration as a resident student. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0036.html>

HB0068S04: *Student Privacy Act* – Requires certain people to protect student privacy; allows a student or the student's parent to authorize the collection and release of certain student data prohibits an education entity from releasing a student's personally identifiable information under certain circumstances; allows an education entity to release a student's personally identifiable information under certain circumstances. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0068.html>

HB0123: *Tuition and Fees Assistance for Utah National Guard Members* – Modifies the tuition assistance the Utah National Guard may provide to an active member to attend an institution of higher education to include fees; defines terms; and makes technical amendments. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0123.html>

HB0193S02: *Continuing Education for General Contractor Licensing* – Ends continuing education requirements for certain contractor licensees; and makes technical changes. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0193.html>

HB0197S01: *Educator Licensing Amendments* – A local school board or charter school governing board may request a letter of authorization permitting a person with outstanding professional qualifications to serve in any position that requires a person to hold an administrative/supervisory license or certificate, including principal, assistant principal, associate principal, vice principal, assistant superintendent, administrative assistant, director, specialist, or other district position. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0197.html>

HB0198: *Strengthening College and Career Readiness* – Creates the Strengthening College and Career Readiness Program, a grant program for local education agencies, to improve students' college and career readiness through enhancing the skill level of school counselors to provide college and career counseling; directs the State Board of Education to: develop a certificate for school counselors that certifies that a school counselor is highly skilled at providing college and career counseling; award grants to local education agencies, on a competitive basis, for payment of course fees for courses required to earn the certificate. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0198.html>

HB0218: *Nurse Practice Act Amendments* – Amends the requirements for a nursing education program to qualify as an approved education program; amends the division's rulemaking authority related to limited-time approved education programs. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0218.html>

HB0233: *Military Education Amendments* – Defines an eligible person and the criteria for establishing resident student status. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0233.html>

HB0282S01: *Online Education Program Amendments* – Bill expands the entities that may offer secondary school level and concurrent enrollment courses through the Statewide Online Education Program and authorizes institutions within the state system of higher education to offer secondary school level and concurrent enrollment courses through the Statewide Online Education Program. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0282.html>

HB0291S03: *Procurement Changes* – Includes grants over a specified dollar amount in the definition of a "procurement" that is subject to the procurement code. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0291.html>

HB0312S01: *Reporting and Expenditure of Public Funds Amendments* – A written description and itemized report submitted by a state agency to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget under Section 63J-1-220 including: (A) a written description and an itemized report provided at least annually detailing the expenditure of the state money, or the intended expenditure of any state money that has not been spent; and (B) a final written itemized report when all the state money is spent. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0312.html>

HB0214S01: *Money Management Act Amendments* – Modifies provisions relating to authorized deposits or investments of public funds; provides for a transition of investments that were previously authorized; and repeals provisions relating to the State School Fund report. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0314.html>

HB0337S02: *Career and Technical Education Comprehensive Study* – Creates the CTE Board within the Department of Workforce Services; Commissioner of Higher Ed- Member. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0337.html>

HB0409S01: *Amendments to the Procurement Code* – Changes to procurement code that allows more autonomy to procurement officers and exemptions for financial advisors. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0409.html>

HR0005: *House Resolution Regarding Mathematics Proficiency among High School Students* – Strongly encourages 4 years of math in high school to be taken in order to graduate from high school. Link to resolution: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HR0005.html>

SB0064S01: *Utah Educational Savings Plan Amendments* – Modifies Modifies tax credit provisions related to Utah Educational Savings Plan accounts; modifies tax return contribution provisions related to Utah Educational Savings Plan accounts; and makes technical and conforming changes. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0064.html>

SB0065S01: *In-state Tuition for Families of Fallen Public Safety Officers Amendments* – Modifies Removes a need-based requirement to receive a tuition waiver at a state institution of higher education for a surviving spouse or child of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty; and makes technical changes. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0065.html>

SB0175S02: *School Safety and Crisis Line* – Requires the University Neuropsychiatric Institute, within the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, to establish a statewide School Safety and Crisis Line; removes the sunset provision for the School Safety Tip Line Commission and renames it the School Safety and Crisis Line Commission. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0175.html>

SB0177S02: *Dental Hygienist Practice Amendments* – Modifies the scope of practice for a licensed dental hygienist; and modifies unlawful conduct standards for a licensed dental hygienist. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0177.html>

SB0217: *Capital Improvement and Development Project Amendments* – Makes change to the building board prioritization process. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0217.html>

SB0223S01: *USTAR Governance Amendments* – Requires that prospective gubernatorial appointees to the Utah Science Technology and Research Governing Authority be approved by the Senate; gives the governor authority to remove a member of the Utah Science Technology and Research Governing Authority before a member's term is completed; modifies provisions of the technology outreach innovation program; and makes technical changes. Link to the bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0223.html>

SB0239S01: *Retirement Withdrawal Modifications* – Allows certain withdrawing entities to make an election to withdraw from participation in a Utah retirement system or plan for current and future employees in certain circumstances; requires the withdrawing entity to pay certain costs that arise out of the election of the withdrawal. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0239.html>

SB0253: *Exceptions for Privately Funded Scholarships* – This bill modifies provisions related to verification requirements for receipt of state, local, or federal public benefits. Highlighted Provisions: This bill: exempts certain publicly funded scholarships from verification requirements; and makes technical changes. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0253.html>

SB0255S01: *Data Security Management Council* – Bill creates a Data Security Management Council to develop recommendations for data security and risk assessment. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0255.html>

SB0272: *Payment of Wage Amendments* – Requires employers to mail final paycheck within one day after employee separation or direct deposit within 24 hours. Link to bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0272.html>