



2019 Tax Restructuring Votes

Special Session - December 12, 2019

**SIGN AT HARMONS GROCERY STORES
ASSOCIATED FOOD STORES**

House of Representatives

Yeas - 43

Acton, C.K.	Albrecht, C.	Andersen, K.	Ballard, M.G.	Brammer, B.	Brooks, W.
Chew, S.	Christiansen, S.	Christofferson, K.	Daw, B.	Ferry, J.	Gibson, F.
Handy, S.	Hawkes, T.	Hawkins, J.	Hutchings, E.	Last, B.	Maloy, A.C.
McKell, M.	Miles, K.	Moss, J.	Musselman, C.R.	Nelson, M.	Owens, D.
Perry, L.	Peterson, V.	Potter, V.	Pulsipher, S.	Ray, P.	Roberts, M.
Sagers, D.	Schultz, M.	Shipp, R.P.	Snider, C.	Snow, V. L.	Spendlove, R.
Stenquist, J.	Stratton, K.	Strong M.A.	Waldrip, S.	Watkins, C.	Wilde, L.
Wilson, B.					

Nays - 27

Arent, P.	Briscoe, J.	Coleman, K.	Dailey-Provost, J.	Duckworth, S.	Dunnigan, J.
Eliason, S.	Hall, C.	Harrison, S.	Hollins, S.	Judkins, M.	King, Brian S.
Kwan, K.	Lyman, P.	Moss, C.	Pierucci, C.	Pitcher, S.	Poulson, M.
Quinn, T.	Romero, A.	Shurtliff, L.	Stoddard, A.	Thurston, N.	Ward, R.
Weight, E.	Wheatley, M.	Winder, M.			

Absent or Not Voting - 5

Barlow, S.	Johnson, D.N.	Lisonbee, K.	Robertson, A.	Seegmiller, T.
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Senate

Yeas - 19

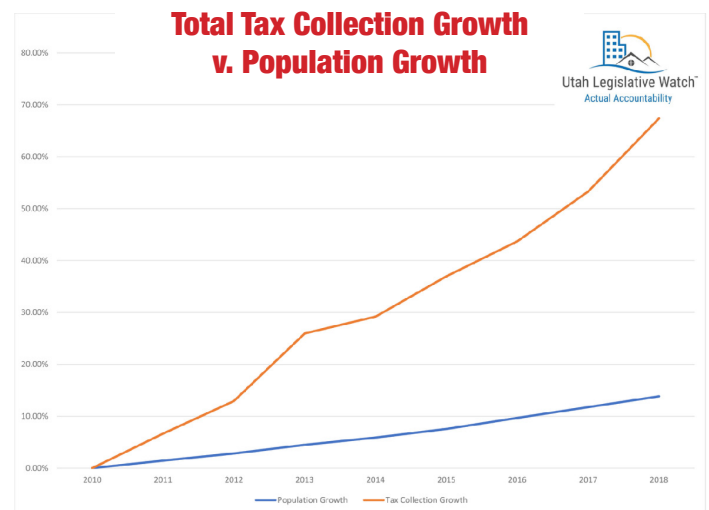
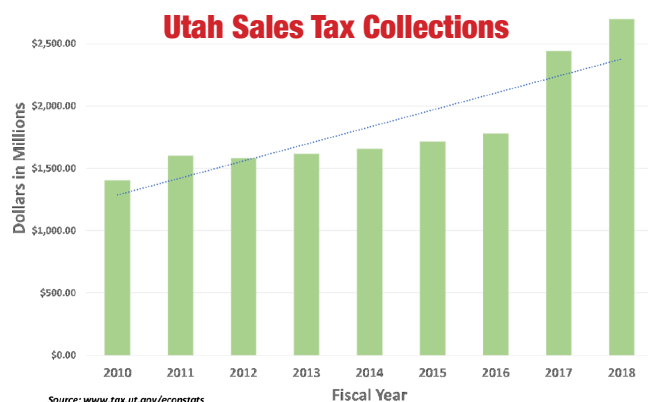
Adams, J. S.	Anderegg, J.	Buxton, D. G.	Christensen, A.	Cullimore, K. A.	Fillmore, L.
Grover, K.	Harper, W.	Hemmert, D.	Hillyard, L.	Hinkins, D.	Ipson, D.
McCay, D.	Millner, A.	Sandall, S.	Stevenson, J.	Vickers, E.	Weiler, T.
Winterton, R.					

Nays - 7

Davis, G.	Escamilla, L.	Henderson, D.	Iwamoto, J.	Mayne, K.	Riebe, K.
Thatcher, D.					

Absent or Not Voting - 3

Bramble, C.	Kitchen, D.	Okerlund, R.
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If you are concerned about this tax reform and want to put the new law on the ballot for people to vote on, please sign the Referendum, gather signatures & get everyone you know (and don't know) to sign. **We need 116,000 signatures by Jan 20th.**

What exactly does the bill do?

- **Reduces the income tax rate slightly from 4.95% to 4.66%.**
- **Adopts the 2017 federal tax credits for additional deductions which will help an estimated 85% of Utah tax filers for a time.**

When your deductions grow up you will lose them so they are temporary deductions, while the tax increases are eternal.

- **Imposes a sales tax on gasoline!**

It is initially equivalent to 10¢ / gallon, when last year the citizens of Utah voted against a 10¢ / gallon gas tax.

Gas tax is an egregious tax. It increases the cost of everything, not just the gas you buy. Everyone will pay more for every good & service causing inflation.

- **Creates a sales tax on select services, more than 7%.**

It adds service sales tax as a new taxing source hurting both small businesses and consumers! We already have all 3 major taxing entities; income, sales, and property taxes. This adds a 4th source, a service sales tax on several services that will be a burden on the businesses and YOU, the citizens will pay it.

Service industries that get hit this year are:

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| • Rideshare (Uber & Lyft) | • Security Services | • Pet Boarding & Grooming |
| • Software Hosting Services (SaaS) | • Digital Audio & Visual Works | • Towing & Storage Services |
| • Identity Theft Protection | • Parking Garages | • Impound Services |
| • Dating Services | • Shipping and Handling Fees | • Most Car Washes |
| • Installation Labor of Tangible Personal Property (e.g. HVAC, Water Heaters, Computers) | | |

How did they decide which services to hit? Which industries will be next on the hit list?

The service industries came together and fought against a service sales tax in March and due to the opposition, the legislature pulled the bill. They went to several cities across the state and **spent over \$150,000** of your money to hire an advertising agency to try to convince you to jump on board. Almost without exception the citizens opposed and remain opposed to the bill.

- **Puts the sales tax back on food.** State sales tax on food will increase from 1.75% to 4.85%.
- **This bill picks winners and losers** by selecting a few industries that do not have lobbyists and are not organized to fight back. They hit a few industries to alleviate the opposition. Those businesses will now have to set up tax collections and YOU will have to pay a sales tax!
- **This is a tax increase for you!** They will be adding more services to tax next year & each year so this "tax reduction" will cost you additional taxes.
- **This bill gives tax credits (cuts) to certain handpicked big big businesses including manufacturing and recycling markets.**
- **It hits singles and widows with an increase in taxes.**
- **The citizens asked for spending cuts at every meeting but to no avail.**

On Dec 9th they proposed a brand new bill and in a special one day session on Dec 12th they passed a 200 page bill that few citizens or legislators had time to read.

In the Past 20 Years:

Population Increase:
45%

Median Household Income Increase:
67%

THE REAL PROBLEM
Utah Spending Increase:
146%

Utah has reduced their number of state employees due to technology but this is a drop in the bucket! **Our appropriations spending has increased 3 times faster than our population and our incomes!**

- **Their next step is to automatically increase school district property taxes by the rate of inflation each and every year without a truth-in-taxation hearing!**
- **They hit us with 3 tax increases last year and imposed the online sales tax that is just starting to come in!**

You can read the bill and a summary of it at Utah2019Tax.com