



## Utah Technology Public Policy Forum 2012 Legislative Priorities

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Bill # / Sponsor	Title	What the bill does	Status	UTC Priority
SB 23 Sen. Bramble, C. & Rep. Painter, P.	Life Science and Technology Tax Credit Amendments	This bill was the essential clean-up on the policy put in place in last year's HB 496, that provides tax credits for companies and their investors to encourage the capital investment necessary to begin to bridge the "valley of death" gap for medical delivery, device and semiconductor companies. These essential improvements to the application of that program turned out to be one of the more extensive issues UTC undertook this session. The discussions on how to improve upon what was accomplished last year started during the interim mid last year. Despite the extensive drawn-out dialogue with policy makers, UTC maintained focus on providing something substantial to the industry, and lead various policy makers to achieve laying the framework in policy for what will be long-lasting economic development, and growth for Utah's medical device companies.	Passed Senate (27 - 0 - 2) Passed House (70 - 0 - 5)	High Priority
H.B. 36 Rep. Harper, W. & Sen. Bramble, C.	Sales and Use Tax - Computer Software and Other Tangible Personal Property Amendment	This bill amends provisions in the Sales and Use Tax Act related to computer software and other tangible personal property amendments. This defines terms; addresses the detachment of certain tangible personal property, including prewritten computer software, from other tangible personal property; addresses the sales and use taxation of certain optional computer software maintenance contracts; and makes technical and conforming changes.	Passed House (67 - 0 - 8) Passed Senate (27 - 0 - 2)	High Priority
SB178 Sen. Stephenson, H. & Rep. Daw, B.	Statewide Online Education Program Amendments	This bill was an improvement upon last years UTC's high-priority supported SB65 - Statewide Online Education by the same sponsors. The bill addressed numerous issues that arose during the implementation of the program. One of the primary focuses was to improve the breakdown on the pricing of online courses. Unlike many bills brought forward to simply improve upon an already established program, this became a highly debated issue, with competing bills ran to fundamentally change what UTC accomplished last year. Ultimately, UTC was able to help facilitate an acceptable solution and opposition turned to support resulting in a much improved and flourishing online education program for Utah's students.	Passed Senate (25 - 0 - 4) Passed House (68 - 4 - 3)	High Priority
HB108 Rep. Sandstrom, S. & Sen. Valentine, J.	Internet Gambling	This bill's original intent was to solidify Utah's Constitutional ban on gambling. However, due to some poorly constructed language the legislation criminalized Internet Service Providers and brought forward great concerns across the board with networkers, and other industry members. Working along with many of UTC's great members, the bill sponsor along with other leaders in the legislature amended the legislation with language written by, reviewed, and accepted by the industry. This amendment passed without any detractors, and the bill went on to pass in the form UTC and its members found acceptable.	Passed House (62 - 10 - 3) Passed Senate (25 - 2 - 2)	High Priority - Amend
HB 365 Dougall, J. Valentine, J.	Rep. & Sen. Revisions to Tax	This bills continued critical income tax credits for Research and Development. As well, enacts sales and use tax exemptions for materials used in Research and Development facilities for the Life Science industry, if over 50% of the facility is being used for research and development.	Passed House (70 - 0 - 5) Senate (25 - 0 - 4)	High Priority
HB147 Last, B	Rep. Online Education Amendments	This bill would have removed critical components to last year's SB 65 - Statewide Online Education; which was one of UTC's High Priority bills. Working with the sponsor he agreed to drop his bill as part of a compromise on SB 178.	Bill was returned to Rules by the House & Sponsor	High Priority Oppose
HB 513 Rep. Newbold, M. & Sen. Stephenson, H.	Early Intervention Program	This bill appropriated \$10 Million in one-time funding; \$7.5 Million to kindergarten programs, and \$2.5 Million to early education adaptive learning technology and assessments.	Passed House (56 - 14 - 5) Passed Senate (23 - 4 - 2)	Support



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HB 15 Rep. Hughes, G. & Sen. Stephenson, H.	Statewide Adaptive Testing	Changes the UPASS system into computer adaptive testing.	Passed House (72 - 0 - 3) Passed Senate (25 - 0 - 4)	Support
HB 118 Daw, B. Urquhart, S.	Rep. & Sen. Storage of Electronic Records	This bill eliminates provisions regarding access to electronic records by government agencies and requires a search warrant in all cases.	Passed House (68 - 0 - 7) Passed Senate (25 - 0 - 4)	Support
SB 12 Madsen, M. Noel, M.	Sen. & Rep. Energy Amendments	This bill authorizes an electric corporation to enter into a contract to supply electric service from a renewable energy facility, under certain circumstances; and requires Public Service Commission approval of contracts for electric service from renewable energy facilities.	Senate Passed (29 - 0 - 0) Passed (71 - 0 - 4)	Support
SB 24 Valentine, J. Dougall, J.	Sen. & Rep. Research Tax Credit Amendments	This reauthorizes the income tax credit for machinery and equipment used in research and development; which the following industries have been claimed by many companies outside of the manufacturing sector including healthcare, oil & gas, construction, and mining. The bill will provide for a 6% income tax credit on the purchase of new equipment used in R&D, as defined by the IRS.	Was inserted into HB 365	Support
SB153 Neiderhauser, W. Brown, M.	Sen. & Rep. Procurement Amendments	This legislation was an extensive overhaul of the State's procurement process.	Passed Senate (28 - 0 - 1) Passed House (67 - 1 - 17)	Support
SB175 Neiderhauser, W. Hughes, G.	Sen. & Rep. School Grading Amendments	This bill provided an needed extension on implementation of last year's SB 59 - Grading Schools, which was one of UTC's High Priorities.	Passed Senate (28 - 0 - 1) Passed House (75 - 0 - 0)	Support
SB228 Bramble, C. Rep. Dougall, J.	Sen. & Telecommunications Regulatory Amendments	This bill amends the definition of a telephone corporation; defines Internet service including Internet protocol and Internet protocol enabled services, and exempts regulation by the Public Service Commission.	Passed Senate (28 - 0 - 1) Passed House (66 - 7 - 2)	Support
<b>Appropriations:</b>				
Engineering Initiative 2	\$2.5 Million	UTC's top priority this session was to maintain and meet the drastically increasing demand for essential skilled-workforce, engineers. Engineers are critical to Utah's continued growth, economic prosperity, innovation, and attraction of exceptional companies in the technology industry Like Microsoft, EMC, Adobe, and Idaho Technologies; while sustaining our state's major employers like IM Flash, ATK, and L-3 Communications. Working closely with our Institutions of Higher Education, UTC worked tirelessly making the case to the State Legislature of gravity of importance to revamp the Engineering Initiative with a new appropriation of \$2.5 Million in on-going funding. For many years the pursuit of such funding has come close, only to end without funding. UTC's profound role helped make this a reality. This new \$2.5 Million in on-going funding will facilitate our State's ability to properly meet the needs for the skilled workforce fueling our State and industries continued current and future growth and prosperity. This effort was a monumental task, and one with an outcome with which we could not be more pleased.	Received \$2.5 Million in On-going Funding	High Priority



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USTAR	\$6 Million	Another one of UTC's top priorities this session was supporting the request of the Legislature to increase the funding of easily one of our State's greatest investments in economic development, USTAR. In a joined effort, UTC helped the acquire \$6 Million dollars, (\$3 Million on-going / \$3 Million one-time) in new funding toward the continuation of innovation and the future economic development provided through the USTAR program.	Received \$3 Million in On-going Funding, and \$3 Million in One-time Funding	High Priority