

## 2011 Utah State Legislative Session, Week 4 Review

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It has been a quiet week here in Lake Wobegon, at least publicly. However, behind the scenes, it is a different story. The Executive Appropriations Committee has delayed adoption of a final budget proposal until at least Monday because House and Senate Republicans are still negotiating over a final few items. However, thanks in large part to better-than-expected revenue projections and a willingness to use money from the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund, it appears like most of the critical priorities in health and human services as well as vocational rehabilitation will be okay. Therefore, as you talk with your senator or representative this weekend, thank them for their good work so far and encourage them to remain strong until the final gavel Thursday night.

Finally, just a quick note on a couple of bills:

- Rep. Powell's guardianship bill (HB 284) failed in committee. However, it sounds like there is a desire to continue to work on it over the summer and bring it back next session;
- Sen. Adams' SB 253 to privatize the Utah State Hospital seems to be stuck in the Senate; and
- Sen. Moss' assertive community treatment project (HB 234) will hopefully be heard in the Senate early this coming week.

Please do not forget to visit our website for updates on the budget and to view the latest version of the bill tracker. Also, if you have questions or would like more information, do not hesitate to contact me. As always, thank you for your continued interest and support.