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2011 General Session Bill Tracker

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Bill Number/ Name	State \$	Summary / Analysis	Status/Link	Position
HB 8 -Social Services Base Budget (Sen. Clark)	\$ 3,654,990,900 Annually	Provides appropriations for the use and support of certain agencies (includes Utah Council for People with Disabilities: \$817,600; the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health: \$78,538,700; HHS Division of Services of People w/ Disabilities: \$47,664,600; and Mental Health Centers: \$22,560,800-among others that interest DLC.)	Sent to House on January 22,2011 to printing with fiscal note http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/hbillhtm/hb0008.htm	<u>REVIEW</u>
HB 84 -Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services (Rep. Clark)		Creates within the governor's office, the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid	Introduced on 1/28/11 http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/hbillhtm/hb0084.htm .	<u>MONITOR</u>
HB 215 -Fatality Review Act	\$0	Modifies various procedures relating	Introduced to Senate 2/2/11. Placed on 2 nd reading calendar.	<u>REVIEW (AT)</u>

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Amendments (Rep. Newbold)		to the initial review of a fatality and requires that DCFS (to the extent allowed by law) allow public disclosure of the findings or information relating to case of child abuse or neglect that results in a child fatality. Question for clarification: what is the Act which allows public disclosure; are there privacy concerns associated with that?	http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/hbillhtm/hb0215.htm	
HB 217- Appointment of Director of the Division of Health Care Financing (Rep. Clark)	\$0	Provides that the director of the Division of Health Care Financing shall be appointed by the governor, after consultation with the Senate and the Department of Health.	Senate HHS on 1/31/11 http://le.utah.gov/~2011/bills/hbillint/hb0217.htm	<u>MONITOR</u> <u>(AR)</u>
HB 230 Substitute- Disability Amendments (Rep. Ray)	\$0	Where practicable would make changes for potentially offensive labels in state legislation and documents (change offensive labels to person with disability, person with mental illness, etc.)	Substituted by Standing Committee 2/2/11 http://le.utah.gov/~2011/bills/hbillint/hb0230.htm	<u>SUPPORT</u>
HB 234 Assertive Community Mental Health Treatment Pilot Program (Rep. Moss)	\$287,300 in FY 11; \$220,100 in FY 12	Would establish a pilot program in Utah through Summer 2014 providing assertive community mental health treatment to eligible people who are not receiving or transitioning out of other mental health services.	House Rules Committee 1/27/11 http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/hbillhtm/hb0234.htm	<u>SUPPORT</u>
HB 240- Social Services-Employment First Priority (Rep. Menlove)	N/A	Requires DWS and DSPD to give priority to assisting individuals under their care in gaining employment; (work-first priority) requires	Moved out of House Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Committee with a favorable recommendation. Waiting for final vote. 2/2/11 http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/hbillhtm/hb0240.htm	<u>SUPPORT</u>

		government entities to help individuals plan ways to carry out this goal.		
HB 256 Children's Health Insurance and Medicaid Administrative Simplification (Rep. Dunnighan)		Requires Department of Health to fund a simplified enrollment and renewal process for CHIP, Medicaid, and the Primary Care Network Demonstration Project Programs. Could possibly be the health-reform Bill.	In House Rules Committee 2/2/11 http://le.utah.gov/~2011/bills/hbillint/hb0256.htm	<u>REVIEW (AR, RD)</u> <u>MONITOR</u>
Election Law Changes (Rep. Dee)		Awaiting text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Health Reform Amendments (Rep. Dunnighan)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Fire Code Modifications (Rep. Froerer)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Creation of Department of Health and Environment (Rep. Harper)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
State Agency Realignment (Rep. Harper)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Transportation Amendments (Rep. Harper)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Housing Alternatives for Nursing Home Eligible Parolees (Rep. Hutchings)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Incarceration Amendments (Rep. Hutchings)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	

Direct Primary Elections (Rep. Litvacck)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Guardian Ad Litem Responsibilities (Rep. Oda)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Acute Rehabilitation Treatment Center (Rep. Powell)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Guardianship Amendments (Rep. Powell)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Voter Registration Amendments (Rep. Powell)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Long Term Care Amendments (Rep. Ray)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Criminal Procedure Amendments (Rep. Wilson)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Public School Transportation Amendments (Rep. Wimmer)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
Utility Payment Assistance (Rep. Wimmer)		Awaiting Text (no change; 2/2/11)	In Process	
SCR 1 -Crisis Intervention Team Program Concurrent Resolution (Sen. Jones)	\$0	Sets out a model of best practice for law enforcement intervention with persons who have mental illness, and encourages law enforcement agencies	Introduced in the House on 1/31/11. Currently in House Rules Committee. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/scr001.htm	<u>SUPPORT</u>

		and community mental health centers to have certified crisis trained officers in all jurisdictions throughout Utah.		
SJR 1 -Joint Resolution on State Board of Education Authority (Sen. Buttars)	\$14,700 (FY 2013)	Amend the Utah constitution to specify that the State Board of Education's general control of the public education system is "as provided by statute."	Currently on the second Senate Reading Calendar (1/28/11) http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sjr001.htm	REVIEW
SJR 7 Substitute -Fibromyalgia Awareness Day Joint Resolution (Sen. Knudson)	\$0	Designates May 12, 2011 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in the State of Utah and recognizes the needs of those stricken with this disability, and urges the state to support the search for a cure for Fibromyalgia.	Read on 2/2/11. Currently in the House Rules Committee. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/bills/sbillint/sjr007s01.htm .	SUPPORT
SB 14 -Local Election Amendments (Sen. Knudson)	\$0	Seeks to make local elections more efficient by allowing local district boards to cancel local elections if a candidate is unopposed.	Passed House Committee with a favorable recommendation: 2/2/11. Waiting for final vote. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sb0014.htm	REVIEW (LM)
SB 19 -Department of Workforce Services' Regional Workforce Service Areas Amendments (Sen. Jones)	\$0	Replaces regional workforce services areas and councils with economic service areas, and provides that all services previously provided at regional workface centers shall be provided in economic services areas through employment centers.	Passed committee with a favorable recommendation. Waiting for final vote. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sb0019.htm	MONITOR (LM)
SB 33 -Health Disparities and Related American Indian Programs (Sen. Van Tassell)	\$0	Renames the Center for Multicultural Health to be the Office of Health Disparities Reduction, and established a position to help American Indian-	Moved to standing committee on 2/1/11 http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sb0033.htm	SUPPORT (SB)

		Alaskan natives with health needs.		
SB 39 -Children's Justice Center Program Amendments (Sen. Okerlund)	\$ 180,000 per year (beginning FY 2012)	Allows Nurse Practitioners to serve on Children's Justice Center boards and adds 2 counties to the list of where justice centers should be established.	Passed from Senate to the House. House floor sponsor is Rep. McIff. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sb0039.htm	<u>SUPPORT</u>
SB 40 -Employment Practices and Protection from Violence (Sen. Jones)	0	Act would address various obligations of employees, prohibit some employment practices and provide for private rights of action. Act also designed to help employees who are the victims of an act of violence by requiring employers to giving them time off work for court hearings, etc.	Currently in Senate Business and Labor Committee. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sb0040.htm	<u>SUPPORT (LB)</u>
SB 48 -Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force (Sen. Morgan)	One time \$25,000 cost.	Creates the Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force and requires a report to be submitted by them by Nov '11 to DHS.	Placed on second Senate reading calendar. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/bills/sbillint/sb0048.htm	<u>MONITOR</u>
SB 50 -Enhanced Penalties for HIV Positive Offender Amendments (Sen. Stevenson)	0	Provides that under Utah Law it would be a 3 rd degree felony to engage in prostitution or sexual solicitation of the individual knew or should have known they were HIV positive; changes requirements for providing notice to the individual if they are found to test positive to HIV.	Bill received on 2/1/11. Currently in Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sb0050.htm .	<u>MONITOR (AT)</u>
SB 93 -Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel Reporting Amendments (Sen. Christensen)	\$0	Requires reports to child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel on compliance with statutory limits of the judiciary system and not DCFS.	Introduced 2/1/11. Currently in House Rules Committee. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sb0093.htm	<u>REVIEW</u>

SB 96 -Alimony Amendments (Sen. Hillyard)	\$ 51,700	Requires courts ordering high alimony awards to have a plan for self-sufficiency in place for the recipient of the award, and provides for a systematic decrease in alimony after a specific period of time.	Introduced 2/2/11. Currently in Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sb0096.htm	<u>REVIEW</u>
SB 103 -Utah False Claims Act Amendments (Sen. McAdams)	\$ 167,000 per year beginning FY 2012.	Amends the Utah False Claims Act to make it easier to file a claim, and modifies provisions regarding penalties. Note: we are working with the sponsor to clarify concerns regarding eligibility for public benefits.	Waiting for Introduction in the Senate http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sb0103.htm	<u>REVIEW (AR)</u>
SB 104 -Probate Law Amendments (Sen. Valentine)	\$0	Define and Clarify terms regarding how property is divided under probate law.	Placed on Senate second reading calendar. 1/28/11. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmdoc/sbillhtm/sb0104.htm	<u>REVIEW</u>
SB 106 - Sexual Exploitation Amendments	\$0	Consolidates criminal provisions relating to sexual exploitation of a vulnerable adult and sexual exploitation of a minor.	Introduced 2/1/11. http://le.utah.gov/~2011/bills/sbillint/sb0106.htm .	<u>SUPPORT (AT)</u>
Education Policy Law Amendments (Sen. Bramble)		Awaiting Text (no change: 2/2/11)	In Process	
Election Law Modifications (Sen. Bramble)		Awaiting Text (no change: 2/2/11)	In Process	
Transit Act Amendments (Sen. Bramble)		Awaiting Text (no change: 2/2/11)	In Process	
Public Employees Health Programs		Awaiting Text (no change: 2/2/11)	In Process	

Amendments (Sen. Liljenquist)				
Student Based Funding for Public Education (Sen. Liljenquist)		Awaiting Text (no change: 2/2/11)	In Process	
Utah Fit Premises Act Notice Requirements (Sen. McAdams)		Awaiting Text (no change: 2/2/11)	In Process	
Statewide Online Education Program (Sen. Stephenson)		Awaiting Text (no change: 2/2/11)	In Process	
Identification for Driver License Renewal (Senator Stevenson)		Awaiting Text (no change: 2/2/11)	In Process	

Position Descriptions

SUPPORT = The DLC supports the bill.

OPPOSE = The DLC is against the bill.

MONITOR = The DLC has not yet taken a position but is monitoring the development of the bill to help ensure the best possible outcome for people with disabilities.

REVIEW = The DLC has not yet taken a position and is researching the bill for its potential impact on people with disabilities.

Italics = DLC comment or explanation of position.

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