

VOTING RECORD

YOUR LEGISLATORS' VOTING
RECORD ON SMALL BUSINESS
ISSUES | 2022 EDITION

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SENATE AND HOUSE

1. Business Tax Amendments (SB93): SB93 eliminates instances of tax pyramiding, or the double taxation of business inputs, in two areas of state code: service industries subject to sales tax and certain intangible goods subject to sales tax. Utah has mostly done a good job of eliminating tax pyramiding when it comes to tangible goods subject to sales tax (like a salad at a restaurant, only the final salad is subject to sales tax, the restaurant does not pay sales tax on the lettuce it buys to make the salad). But despite Utah's well-deserved reputation as a business-friendly state there are still some areas where we can do better. One of those is removing instances of double taxation where it still exists. **A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 25-0-4. Passed the House 63-8-4. Signed by the governor.

2. Income Tax Amendments (SB59): The bill lowers the state corporate and individual tax rate from 4.95 to 4.85. NFIB supports the lowering of tax burdens on small business owners. Taxes are a direct impact on small business owners' ability to invest in their businesses. Not only that, but the process of paying taxes is an administrative burden. **A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 28-0-1. Passed the House 63-12-0. Signed by the governor.

3. Limitations on Employer Liability (SB95): Addresses liability of an employer for negligently hiring, or failing to adequately supervise, an employee that has been previously convicted of an offense. A cause of action may not be brought against an employer for negligently hiring, or for failing to adequately supervise, an employee based on evidence that the employee has been previously convicted in this state or in another jurisdiction of an offense. The bill would apply only to industries such as automotive, construction, culinary arts, manufacturing, oil and gas, mining, and transportation. **A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 26-0-3. Passed the House 70-1-4. Signed by the governor.

4. Employee Verification Requirements (HB252):

Increases the number of employees a private employer may have from 15-150 before they have to use a status verification system for a new hire. E-verify has proven to be a burden to small business and has yet to show any measurable impact on illegal immigration in the United States. NFIB believes this will be a positive step in removing this requirement from the small businesses below the 150-employee threshold. **A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 19-5-5. Passed the House 44-24-7. Signed by the governor.

5. Local Licensing Amendments (HB146): This bill was originally aimed at reducing red tape and regulation on food trucks. Specifically intending to remove duplicative requirements related to health department regulations and licensing. NFIB supported the original intent of the bill and helped advocate for its passage through House committee and the House floor and Senate committee. The bill got a lot of attention at the end of session because it was amended in the Senate very late in session to include protections against a city or county using business licensing as an enforcement tool. The exact issue being addressed was a jurisdiction in Southeastern Utah (Grand County) not granting licenses to businesses that rented out Off Highway Vehicles because the County didn't like the noise the vehicles produce even when used legally. The use of business licensing as an enforcement mechanism is concerning and the NFIB applauds the legislature in not allowing it to happen. **A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 55-18-2. Passed the Senate 20-4-5. The bill was not signed by the governor but will still become law because the governor did not veto the bill.

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6. Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program

(SB212): The bill creates a grant program within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity that provides funding on a needs basis for state-based manufacturing companies to modernize their manufacturing operations and to award grants to existing Utah businesses to establish, relocate, retain, or develop manufacturing industry in the state and lessen dependence on manufacturing overseas. **A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 18-4-7. Passed the House 69-0-6. The bill was signed by the governor.

7. State Small Business Credit Initiative Program Fund Amendments (HB17)

The bill moves the Small Business Credit Initiative Program to the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO). We support this initiative because small businesses are the engine that moves economic growth and small businesses create more opportunity than any other type of business and therefore the GOEO is the perfect location for this initiative. Furthermore, the director of the GOEO, Dan Hemmert, was a small business owner himself, prior to joining the governor's office and he is a big supporter of small business. This will give NFIB more input into the program. **A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 73-0-2. Passed the Senate 28-0-1. Signed by the governor.

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SENATE VOTING RECORD

| ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION | District | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | % |
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| | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100 |
| LEGISLATOR | | | | | | | | | |
| Escamilla, Luz | 1 | Y | Y | * | Y | N | Y | Y | 83% |
| Kitchen, Derek | 2 | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 86% |
| Davis, Gene | 3 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Iwamoto, Jani | 4 | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 86% |
| Mayne, Karen | 5 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | NA |
| Harper, Wayne | 6 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| McKell, Michael | 7 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Riebe, Kathleen | 8 | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 86% |
| Cullimore, Kirk | 9 | Y | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | Y | 100% |
| Fillmore, Lincoln | 10 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | 71% |
| McCay, Daniel | 11 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | 71% |
| Thatcher, Daniel | 12 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | 100% |
| Anderegg, Jacob | 13 | Y | Y | * | * | * | * | Y | NA |
| Kennedy, Michael | 14 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 86% |
| Grover, Keith | 15 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Bramble, Curtis | 16 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | 100% |
| Sandall, Scott | 17 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Milner, Ann | 18 | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Johnson, John | 19 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 86% |
| Buxton, David | 20 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Stevenson, Jerry | 21 | * | Y | Y | * | * | * | Y | NA |
| Adams, Stuart | 22 | * | Y | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | 100% |
| Weiler, Todd | 23 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Owens, Derrin | 24 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Wilson, Chris | 25 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Winterton, Ron | 26 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Hinkins, David | 27 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Vickers, Evan | 28 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Ipson, Don | 29 | * | Y | Y | * | * | * | Y | NA |

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTING RECORD

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| | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100 |
| LEGISLATOR | | | | | | | | | |
| Ferry, Joel | 1 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | 100% |
| Moss, Jefferson | 2 | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | * | Y | 100% |
| Peterson, Michael | 3 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Johnson, Dan | 4 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Snider, Casey | 5 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Maloy, Cory | 6 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Wilcox, Ryan | 7 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | * | 83% |
| Waldrup, Steve | 8 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Musselman, Calvin | 9 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Lesser, Rosemary | 10 | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 71% |
| Miles, Kelly | 11 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Schultz, Mike | 12 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |

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| | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100 |
| LEGISLATOR | | | | | | | | | |
| Peterson, Karen | 13 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Lisonbee, Karianne | 14 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Wilson, Brad | 15 | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Handy, Steve | 16 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Barlow, Stewart | 17 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Hawkes, Timothy | 18 | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Ward, Raymond | 19 | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | 71% |
| Ballard, Melissa | 20 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sagers, Douglas | 21 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Collard, Clare | 22 | * | Y | Y | N | N | * | Y | 60% |
| Hollins, Sandra | 23 | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 71% |
| Dailey-Provost, Jennifer | 24 | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 86% |
| Briscoe, Joel | 25 | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Romero, Angela | 26 | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 71% |
| Brammer, Brady | 27 | * | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| King, Brian | 28 | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | 43% |
| Gwynn, Matthew | 29 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Winder, Mike | 30 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Weight, Elizabeth | 31 | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 71% |
| Harrison, Suzanne | 32 | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | 71% |
| Weeks Rohner, Judy | 33 | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | 43% |
| Kwan, Karen | 34 | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 86% |
| Wheatley, Mark | 35 | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 71% |
| Owens, Doug | 36 | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | 43% |
| Moss, Carol Spackman | 37 | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | 57% |
| Matthews, Ashlee | 38 | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 86% |
| Dunnigan, James | 39 | Y | Y | * | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Pitcher, Stephanie | 40 | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 71% |
| Strong, Mark | 41 | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Teuscher, Jordan | 42 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Cheryl Acton, Cheryl | 43 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Stoddard, Andrew | 44 | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | 71% |
| Eliason, Steve | 45 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Bennion, Gay Lynn | 46 | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | 43% |
| Ivory, Ken | 47 | * | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 83% |
| Stratton, Keven | 48 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Spendlove, Robert | 49 | Y | Y | * | * | Y | * | Y | NA |
| Pulsipher, Susan | 50 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Stenquist, Jeffrey | 51 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Pierucci, Candice | 52 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Birkeland, Kera | 53 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Kohler, Mike | 54 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Chew, Scott | 55 | N | Y | Y | N | * | Y | Y | 67% |
| Christofferson, Kay | 56 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Hawkins, Jon | 57 | Y | Y | * | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Lund, Steven | 58 | * | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Peterson, Val | 59 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Abbott, Nelson | 60 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Judkins, Marsha | 61 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Seegmiller, Travis | 62 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |

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LEGISLATOR

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|--------------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Robertson, Adam | 63 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Thurston, Norman | 64 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Whyte, Stephen | 65 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Burton, Jefferson | 66 | Y | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | Y | 100% |
| Welton, Douglas | 67 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Nelson, Merrill | 68 | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Watkins, Christine | 69 | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Albrecht, Carl | 70 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Last, Bradley | 71 | Y | Y | * | * | Y | * | Y | NA |
| Shipp, Rex | 72 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Lyman, Phil | 73 | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 57% |
| Snow, Lowry | 74 | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | * | * | NA |
| Brooks, Walt | 75 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |