Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution

Use of Tax Revenue

S.J.R. 9: Senator Daniel McCay & Representative Mike Schultz

AND

Public Education Funding Stabilization

H.B. 357: Senator Ann Millner & Representative Robert Spendlove

WHAT

- Allows the use of income tax revenue to support services for children and individuals with disabilities.
- Protects public education (K-12) funding.
- Adjusts education funding automatically for enrollment growth and inflation.
- Reserves above-trend revenues to meet educational funding commitments during economic downturns.

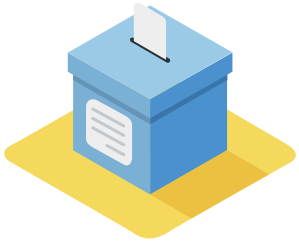
WHY

- Educators are increasingly focused on the role that physical and mental health play in academic success.
- Mechanism to constitutionally protect funding for K-12 public education despite allowing the income tax to be used for children and individuals with disabilities.
- Income tax is historically unstable. Mechanism to stabilize education funding through economic downturns.

HOW

- Expands the Constitutional earmark.
- Moves current funding to a constitutionally protected account for K-12 education - approximately $3.4 billion beginning in FY 2021.
- Includes enrollment growth and the annual inflation for the Minimum School Program in the base budget.
- Creates an ongoing public education budget stabilization account to meet future education needs.

Lets Utah Voters Decide



The proposal takes effect if Utahns approve it during the 2020 general election.

Principles adopted by the Board

The Board emphasizes the importance of policy that aligns with the following principles:

- Maintaining stability in funding for education
- Increasing strategic investment in education
- Accounting for variation in school districts' ability to raise local revenue
- Maintaining a constitutional guarantee for education funding