

UTAH SYSTEM OF TECHNICAL COLLEGES



AGENDA ITEM USTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES March 15, 2018

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TOPIC: **2018 General Session of the Utah Legislature**

The 2018 General Session of the Utah Legislature concluded last week with the following highlights related to the System of Technical Colleges:

Funding

The Legislature increased funding for the System of Technical Colleges by \$80.32 million

Onetime

Davis Technical College Allied Health Building	\$ 33,703,200
Mountainland Technical College Technology Trades Building	\$ 32,309,300

Ongoing

SWTech-SUU Liaison Positions	\$ 200,000
USTC Employer-driven Program Expansion	\$ 3,300,000
USTC Equipment	\$ 2,400,000
USTC Student Support	\$ 465,000
Utah System of Technical Colleges Scholarship (H.B. 437)	\$ 800,000
Davis Tech Allied Health Building	\$ 661,300
Mountainland Tech Technology Trades Building	\$ 683,700
2.5% Compensation (Salaries+Benefits)	\$ 1,889,200
Performance Funding	\$ 1,650,000
SWI Grants (ongoing & one-time/split among systems)	\$ 2,258,605

Governance

HB300, Higher Education Modifications

- Permits the governor to remove, for cause, certain members of:
 - the State Board of Regents; the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees; an institution of higher education board of trustees; and a technical college board of directors;
- Defines “UTECH” to mean the Utah System of Technical Colleges;
- Amends provisions related to the role of a technical college board of directors in relation to a technical college president;

- Amends the membership of a technical college board of directors; creates a term limit for a member of a technical college board of directors; and makes technical and conforming changes; and
- Creates, funds and enacts provisions related to the Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission.

[HB437](#), Career and Technical Education Scholarships

- Creates an \$800,000 ongoing scholarship to fund attendance at a technical college for individuals who meet certain conditions.

[HB116](#), Student Civil Liberties Protection Act

- Requires a state institution of higher education to initiate rulemaking proceedings for a policy under certain circumstances;
- Requires each state institution of higher education to:
 - review each current policy for direct effects on the civil liberties of students; and
 - repeal or initiate rulemaking proceedings for each policy that directly affects a student's civil liberty.
- Permits a student at a state institution of higher education to submit a complaint about a school policy to the State Board of Regents or to the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees;
- Requires the State Board of Regents and the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees to:
 - establish a complaint process; and
 - report annually to the Administrative Rules Review Committee.

Inclusions/Attachments:

Higher Education Modifications, [HB300](#)

Career and Technical Education Scholarships, [HB437](#)

Student Civil Liberties Protection Act, [HB116](#)

Proposed Funding Items, [EAC](#)