



2020 LEGISLATIVE

# NEWSLETTER



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District 5

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# Policy

## Base Budget Bills

Each year, the Legislature approves budget bills. These “base budget bills” were passed on Wednesday February 5, 2020 and set a standard to keep our state government running. Here in Utah, the Legislature works hard to pass a constitutionally mandated balanced budget. This is quite different from the federal government which consistently spends more than it takes in.

The following bills were included in this year’s base budget:

[H.B. 1](#) -- Public Education Base Budget Amendments

[H.B. 5](#) -- Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Base Budget

[H.B. 6](#) -- Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Base Budget

[H.B. 7](#) -- Social Services Base Budget

[S.B. 1](#) -- Higher Education Base Budget

[S.B. 4](#) -- Business, Economic Development, and Labor Base Budget

[S.B. 5](#) -- Retirement and Independent Entities Base Budget

[S.B. 6](#) -- Infrastructure and General Government Base Budget

[S.B. 7](#) -- National Guard, Veterans' Affairs, and Legislature Base Budget

## Progress This Session

The 2020 Legislative Session has gotten off to a great start. I am a member of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee. I help review portions of the budget and recommend how dollars related to water, land, and air will be appropriated. In this subcommittee I strive to ensure we are fiscally responsible and are good stewards of the taxpayer’s money. This can require hard questions to be asked of our state agencies and any other organization that spends state dollars.

# *My Legislation*

## H.B. 95 General Adjudication Water Amendments

First, this bill will clarify what and how objections can be filed during a water adjudication process. Second, this bill ends the period to file an objection once the adjudication process is complete. In the long run it will save taxpayers' dollars by ending limitless appeal after these decades-long efforts are completed.



## H.B. 173 Firefighter Retirement Amendment

This bill corrects an oversight in state code by allowing newly hired state wildland firefighters to be included in retirement and pension benefits and to receive line-of-duty death benefits in the event of an unfortunate tragedy.

## H.B. 191 Dairy Commission Amendment

This bill recognizes the decline in the number of dairy farmers in Utah and provides equitable representation of active milk producers by restructuring the Utah Dairy Commission. Improved representation will allow members to promote, protect, and stabilize our states changing dairy industry.



UPCOMING

# EVENTS

February

15

Legislative Town Hall

7:30 – 9 a.m.

Historic Cache County Courthouse

199 Main St. Logan, UT

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