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## Legislative Update

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

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### Alerts and News from the Hill

#### Our Legislative Priorities...

Another Legislative Update! We are looking to keep you up-to-date with our legislative agenda during the Session ([click to view](#)):

**LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**  
January 20, 2010

Position Key:  
O = Opposite  
S = Support  
W = Watching



Title	Sponsor	Description	Pos	Status
<b>Asset Building</b>				
Funding for Individual Development Accounts	appropriation	\$50,000 - base budget	S	Still awaiting budget decisions
Funding for ETC/Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	appropriation	\$100,000 - base budget	S	Still awaiting budget decisions
<b>Children</b>				
Childcare Assistance	appropriation	Maintain FY10 budget level plus additional dollars to get the federal match	S	Still awaiting budget decisions

This list of our legislative priorities provides information about bills and appropriations related to poverty issues like food, housing, work supports (formerly known as

#### Advocates Calendar

The Family Investment Coalition's Advocate's Caucus will be held every Wednesday at 12:15 in the Olmstead Room (in the Senate - East - Building) throughout the 2010 General Session. We will discuss our legislative agendas, talk about Session items of interest, and collaborate with other advocates.

[Find agendas and listen on line](#)

All legislative agendas are available on-line, as well as audio of the committee meetings, are available [here](#).

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welfare), and asset building. We will be providing this list throughout the session in our Legislative Updates and on our [website](#). You can see the progress of our bills and appropriations of interest by clicking [here](#) for our updated list. You can see our old agendas [here](#).

### **Action Alerts!**

**General Assistance** This Thursday the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) will be presenting their fiscal year 2011 budget to the Commerce and Workforce Services Appropriations Subcommittee. Since General Assistance (GA) is the only discretionary dollars that DWS has to meet the 5% ongoing budget cuts required by the legislature, this is a crucial hearing in determining the outlook of GA. The committee meeting starts at 2:00 p.m. and is in room 210 of the Senate Building. There should be an opportunity for public testimony. The fact sheet is [here](#).

### **Unemployment Insurance for Part-Time**

**Workers** Utah currently does not offer Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to part-time workers! Many families in Utah need dual incomes to pay their bills, feed their families and make ends meet. There is currently no safety net for working families that have one spouse doing part-time work in order to spend time taking care of their children, should that part-time worker be involuntarily unemployed. Providing UI benefits to part-time workers will help stabilize these families during bad economic times and help keep them in their homes and paying bills while they look for work. The Senate Business and Labor Committee will hear testimony on this issue this Friday, Feb. 5th at 8:00 a.m. The fact sheet is [here](#).

### **Democracy Day 2010**

705-2464

House - (800) 908-4261

Senate - (800) 613-0677

### **Who is your legislator?**

Find out by inserting your address [here](#).

### **Other random stuff**

Click [here](#) for regarding the National Housing Trust Fund.



Democracy Day was a great success. On Monday, February 1st our participants had breakfast with their legislators and then heard from Lieutenant Governor Bell. Following that we heard from someone who has seen the benefit of social safety-net programs and learned from two speakers about ways to make their voices heard on the Hill. Finally, the participants put there new skill to action.

[KSL article](#)

[Deseret News article](#)

### **Bills and Appropriations - Activity**

***EITC/VITA*** The Economic Development and Revenue Appropriations Subcommittee will hear from us on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 2pm concerning Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) / Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program outreach. We are looking for an additional \$55,000 in on-time moneys to maintain funding levels. This funding is used to coordinate VITA volunteers around the state in bringing millions of dollars into our local economy from the federal EITC program.

***HB243*** We are hoping to hear from Representative Harper in a House committee this week regarding his bill which protects renters in foreclosed properties. This is a great bill. Take a look at the fact sheet ([front](#) and [back](#)).

***HB188*** We are encouraged to see Representative Harper's bill that would eliminate the social security offset for individuals who receive workers' compensation. It has just been introduced on the House floor and should be heard in a House committee soon.

## President's FY11 Budget Proposal

The President included the National Housing Trust Fund in his budget at \$1 billion. Utah will see some of these funds for the development of affordable housing if approved by Congress. Also, there are increases in tenant based rental assistance and public housing operating funds.

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