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National Council of Jewish Women

Special Legislative Edition of Utah Section Newsletter

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We welcome your feedback on this special issue.



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The Utah State Legislature will be in session from Jan. 21 to March 5. NCJW-Utah members are urged to become aware of important issues, speak out on them, write letters to the editor, talk to legislators at the Capitol and be active in our democracy.

Jewish Day at the Legislature, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 9 AM, Room W140 of the West Bldg. Sponsor: CORC, Coalition of Religious Communities. Call Linda Hilton of CORC 364-7765. RSVP to Rochelle 942-6226 or ro@wifunds.com. You can't park at the hill. We'll provide guidance first; then you will have the opportunity to meet your legislators. We will end with lunch together in the cafeteria of the newly renovated Capitol.

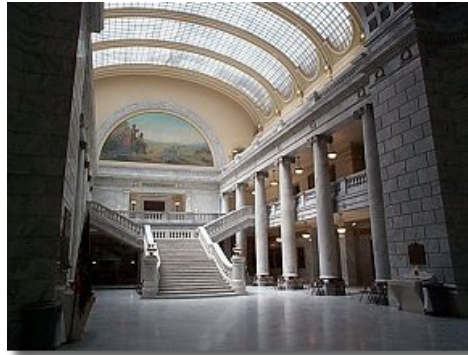
Multi-faith Day at the Capitol, Thurs. Feb. 14, 9 AM, Rm. W140 of West Bldg. CORC

PPAC Lobby Day, Monday, Feb. 18, 9 AM – 3 PM, State Capitol, East Bldg. Cafeteria

Citizen lobbying training: Special thanks to Pam Silberman and Robyn Lipkowitz for training NCJW members and others this past week.

Thurs. Jan. 24, 6:30-8:30 PM, West Bldg. Rm. 135, Utah State Capitol Complex. Sponsors: Utah Rivers Council; HEAL Utah. For more info or to RSVP, contact Dave@utahrivers.org, 801-486-4776, or visit www.utahrivers.org

Tues. Jan. 29, Park City Library, Rm. 109, 6 PM-7:30 PM Sponsor: PPAC



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What the NCJW stands for:

The NCJW works on behalf of the following priorities:

- Advance the Well-Being and Status of Women
- Advance the Well-Being of Children and Families
- Enhance the Quality of Jewish Life
- Ensure and Advance Individual and Civil Rights
- Support a Secure Israel and the Well-Being of all its People

Phyllis Snyder's new op-ed piece about Roe vs. Wade, at:

<http://www.ncjw.org/html/News/PressReleases/080116/>

The Utah State Legislative Website is fantastic. <http://www.le.state.ut.us/>

Check it out. It provides weekly schedules, daily updates with agendas and live audio feeds, a link to legislators so you can find and contact your representatives, legislator's conflicts of interest forms and legislative maps. It includes a citizen's guide with information about how bills become law, how to get involved and how to testify before committees. Not only can you link to a bill by subject or representative, but you can track its progress. Via *Webwatch*, you can sign up to be notified of changes in the bill's status. The site includes additional amazing features.

Please pay attention to this pending 2008 legislation:

Note that this is an incomplete list.

Education:

Prohibition on Bullying & Hazing, Rep. Spackman-Moss & Sen. Buttars

[H.B. 66](#) **Para-educator to Teacher Scholarship Program** (Rep. Menlove, R.)

[H.B. 81](#) **Task Force to Study Performance Incentives for Teachers** (Rep. Last, B.)

[H.B. 88](#) **Elementary Education Co-teaching Pilot Program** (Rep. Bird, J.) Sen. Jones, P.

[H.B. 113](#) **School Financial Disclosure** (Rep. Sumsion, K.)

[H.B. 123](#) **Accelerated Learning Programs Amendments** (Rep. Ferry, B.)

[H.B. 232](#) **Elementary School Math Initiative** (Rep. Mascaro, S.)

[H.B. 234](#) **Kindergarten Assessment Amendments** (Rep. Shurtliff, L.)

[H.B. 240](#) **Public Education Funding - Block Grant Amendments** (Rep. Allen, S.)

[H.B. 244](#) **State School Board - Elections and Districts** (Rep. Wimmer, C.) Would make these elections partisan.

[H.B. 266](#) **Accelerated Learning Program Revisions** (Rep. Moss, C.)

[S.B. 35](#) **Differentiated Pay for Teachers** (Sen. Stephenson, H.)

[S.B. 39](#) **Mathematics, Science & Technology Education Task Force** (Sen. Stephenson)

[S.B. 41](#) **Extended School Year Incentive** (Sen. Stephenson, H.)

[S.B. 55](#) **Basic Skills Competency Test Amendments** (Sen. Jones, P.)

[S.B. 61](#) **Financial Literacy Education** (Sen. Jones, P.)

[S.B. 125](#) **High School Voter Registration** (Sen. VanTassell, K.) Would end requirements to provide voter registration info in high schools.

Health:

[H.B. 15](#) **Control and Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases** (Rep. Riesen, P.)

[H.B. 17](#) **Cancer Screening and Mortality Reduction Program** (Rep. Ray, P.)

[H.B. 38](#) **Education & Outreach Regarding Substances Harmful During Pregnancy** (Rep. Menlove, R.)

[H.B. 74](#) **Medicaid 340b Drug Pricing Programs** (Rep. Litvack, D.)

[H.B. 108](#) **Prosthetic Limb Health Insurance Parity**, Rep. Litvack, D.

[H.B. 247](#) **Domestic Violence and Dating Violence Amendments** (Rep. Litvack, D.)

[S.B. 14](#) **Smoking Ban in Motor Vehicle** (Sen. McCoy, S.)

[S.B. 62](#) **Health Insurance - Medical Complication Exclusions** (Sen. Knudson, P.)

[S.B. 101](#) **Utah Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Funding** (Sen. Davis, G.)

[S.B. 133](#) **Medical Assistance and Managed Care** (Sen. Bell, G.)

Environment:

[H.B. 40](#) **Safe Drinking Water Revisions** (Rep. Andersen, S.)

[H.B. 51](#) **Water Right Forfeiture Protection** (Rep. Painter, P.)

[H.B. 62](#) **Clean Fuel Special Group License Plate Amendments** (Rep. Kiser, T.)

[H.B. 106](#) **Clean Air and Efficient Vehicle Tax Incentives** (Rep. McGee, R.)

[H.B. 115](#) **Appropriation for a Utah Lake Transportation Study** (Rep. Sumsion, K.)

[H.B. 273](#) **Time Limitation for Prosecution of Environmental Crimes** (Rep. Wimmer, C.)

[S.B. 135](#) **Extending Sales & Use Tax Exemption for Pollution Control Facilities** (Sen. Niederhauser, W.)

Incentives for Highly Efficient New Homes & Retrofits; State Agency Energy Savings, Rep. Hunsaker (in process)

Renewable Energy Development Zones Task Force (in process), Sen. Dennis Stowell

Amendments to Net Metering (in process), Sen. Kevin Van Tassel

Energy Resource & Carbon Emission Reduction Initiative, Sen. Bramble (in process)

Solar Energy Generation Tax Credit, Rep. Brad Last (in process),

Renewable Energy Standards for Utilities, Rep. McCoy

State Facilities Conservation Program, Rep. Larry Wiley, Kay McIlff, Jack Drexler

Civil Rights:

[H.B. 236](#) **Abortion Law Revisions** (Rep. Sandstrom, S.) restricts right to choose. NCJW opposes.

[H.B. 89](#) **Antidiscrimination Act Amendments** (Rep. Johnson, C.)

Wrongful Death Amendments, Sen. McCoy (bill in process)

[H.B. 23](#) **Child and Family Protection** (Rep. Fowlke, L.)

[H.B. 36](#) **Child Welfare Amendments** (Rep. Harper, W.)

[H.B. 73](#) **Child Care Providers** (Rep. Morgan, K.)

[S.B. 16](#) **Exoneration and Innocence Assistance** (Sen. Bell, G.)

Adoption Amendments, Rep. Lynn Hemingway, Sen. Ross Romero

Voting/ Elections:

[H.B. 43](#) **Allowance of Polling Places for Early Voting** (Rep. Donnelson, G.)

[H.B. 127](#) **Community Council Elections** (Rep. Sumsion, K.)

[H.B. 238](#) **Campaign Finance Filing Requirements** (Rep. Hughes, G.)

[H.B. 244](#) **State School Board - Elections and Districts** (Rep. Wimmer, C.)

[H.B. 261](#) **Local District Primary Elections** (Rep. Morgan, K.)

[H.B. 283](#) **Compact Agreement among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote** (Rep. Hansen, N.)

[S.B. 21](#) **Campaign Finance Disclosure Revisions** (Sen. Knudson, P.)

[S.B. 54](#) **Initiative and Referendum Petition Submission Amendments** (Sen. Goodfellow)

[S.B. 109](#) **Poll Worker Neutrality** (Sen. McCoy, S.)

[S.B. 125](#) **High School Voter Registration** (Sen. VanTassell, K.) Would end requirements to provide voter registration info in high schools

Government

[S.B. 38](#) **Transparency in Government Finance** (Sen. Niederhauser, W.)

Immigration:

[H.B. 95](#) **Document Fraud - Establishing Legal Status** (Rep. Morgan, K.)

[H.B. 98](#) **Utah Employment Verification Act** (Rep. Donnelson, G.)

[H.B. 237](#) **Illegal Immigration Enforcement Act** (Rep. Donnelson, G.) NCJW opposes

[H.B. 239](#) **Driver License Qualification Amendments** (Rep. Donnelson, G.) NCJW opposes

[H.B. 241](#) **Repeal of Exemptions from Nonresident Tuition** (Rep. Donnelson, G.) NCJW opposes

[H.B. 257](#) **Employee Verification** (Rep. Sandstrom, S.)

[H.B. 262](#) **Recovery of Federal Reimbursement for Costs Associated with Illegal Immigrants** (Rep. Morgan, K.)

[S.B. 97](#) **Immigration Task Force** (Sen. Jenkins, S.)

Workers:

[H.B. 114](#) **Minimum Wage Provisions** (Rep. Hansen, N.)

Resolutions:

[H.J.R. 3](#) **Resolution Reaffirming the Words, Under God, in the Pledge of Allegiance** (Rep. Gibson, K.).

To stay informed, please use these local websites:

<http://www.le.state.ut.us/>

www.utahrivers.org

<http://www.healutah.org/>

<http://www.utahchildren.org/>

<http://www.equalityutah.org/>

<http://ppacutah.org/>

<http://www.utahpop.org/>

<http://www.lwvutah.org/>

www.careaboutchildcare.org

The following website links you to NCJW's Mission and Resolutions:

<http://www.ncjw.org/html/AboutNCJW/NCJWMissionAndResolutions/>

