

# Legislative Weekly Recap

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## 2023 GENERAL SESSION RECAP: WEEK 2

The Session is now in full swing! Week two has been busy but incredibly productive for my caucus.

### FUNDING FOR ACADEMIC READINESS AT SALT LAKE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

In Higher Ed. Appropriations, I presented a funding request which would provide targeted resources to help underserved students access foundational academic readiness support at Salt Lake Technical College at SLCC. The funding request would help provide scholarships (tuition, program fees and books) annually to more than 140 students attending Salt Lake Technical College at Salt Lake Community College. Students would receive scholarships across a wide range of technical education programs (IT, Electronics, Machining, Health Care, Diesel and Automotive, Truck Driving) as well as critical foundational academic readiness courses.



This week I've made two bills public, S.B. 124, *Law Enforcement Officer Amendments*. This bill disciplines leadership roles if they know about police misconduct and fail to conduct an internal investigation. Peace Officer Standards and Training Division (POST) are in charge of the discipline for executives. This allows for more accountability within law enforcement through the early intervention system, more communication between agencies and police academies about officer behavior, and authorizes POST to discipline executive officers for not holding internal investigations for misuse or abuse of police power. S.B. 137, *Medical Cannabis Amendments*. This bill expands availability of medical cannabis. It will expand the expiration date of a medical card from six months to a year as well as allowing a medical provider to prescribe a medical cannabis card virtually if the patient is unable to attend a meeting in person (e.g. they live in an assisted living facility). Read more about [S.B. 124](#) and [S.B. 137](#) here.

OUR DEMOCRATIC SENATOR'S FOUGHT AGAINST SCHOOL VOUCHERS (H.B. 215) BY AMENDING THE BILL. WHILE WE KNEW IT WOULD LIKELY PASS WITHOUT OUR SUPPORT, WE DECIDED TO FIGHT FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY, TRANSPARENCY, AND LIBERTIES.



OUR CAUCUS AT RED FOR ED,  
A RALLY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION IN RESPONSE  
TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

#### INTERN SPOTLIGHT



Lex Hernandez-Nietling is a Senior at the University of Utah studying Psychology and Chemistry. He plans to attend medical school and become a state senator. His favorite part of the session has been the fast-paced environment and especially appreciates working with Sen. Escamilla. "She has compassion and kindness for everyone she works with and her history as a political pioneer in Utah for minorities like myself."

My caucus and I are excited to continue the momentum we have to fight for Utahns and their families.

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