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# NEWSLETTER

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## General Session: Week One and Two

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# MEDICAID



The voters approved Proposition 3 last November to expand Medicaid. Along with our desire to help our neighbors with Medicaid Expansion, legislators have a constitutional duty to balance the state's budget.

Included in prop 3 was a sales tax increase of 0.15%, which will take effect April 1, 2019. This sales tax increase would have covered the cost of expansion for a short time, however it would continue to become increasingly unaffordable. By 2025, there would be a shortfall of \$83 million dollars.

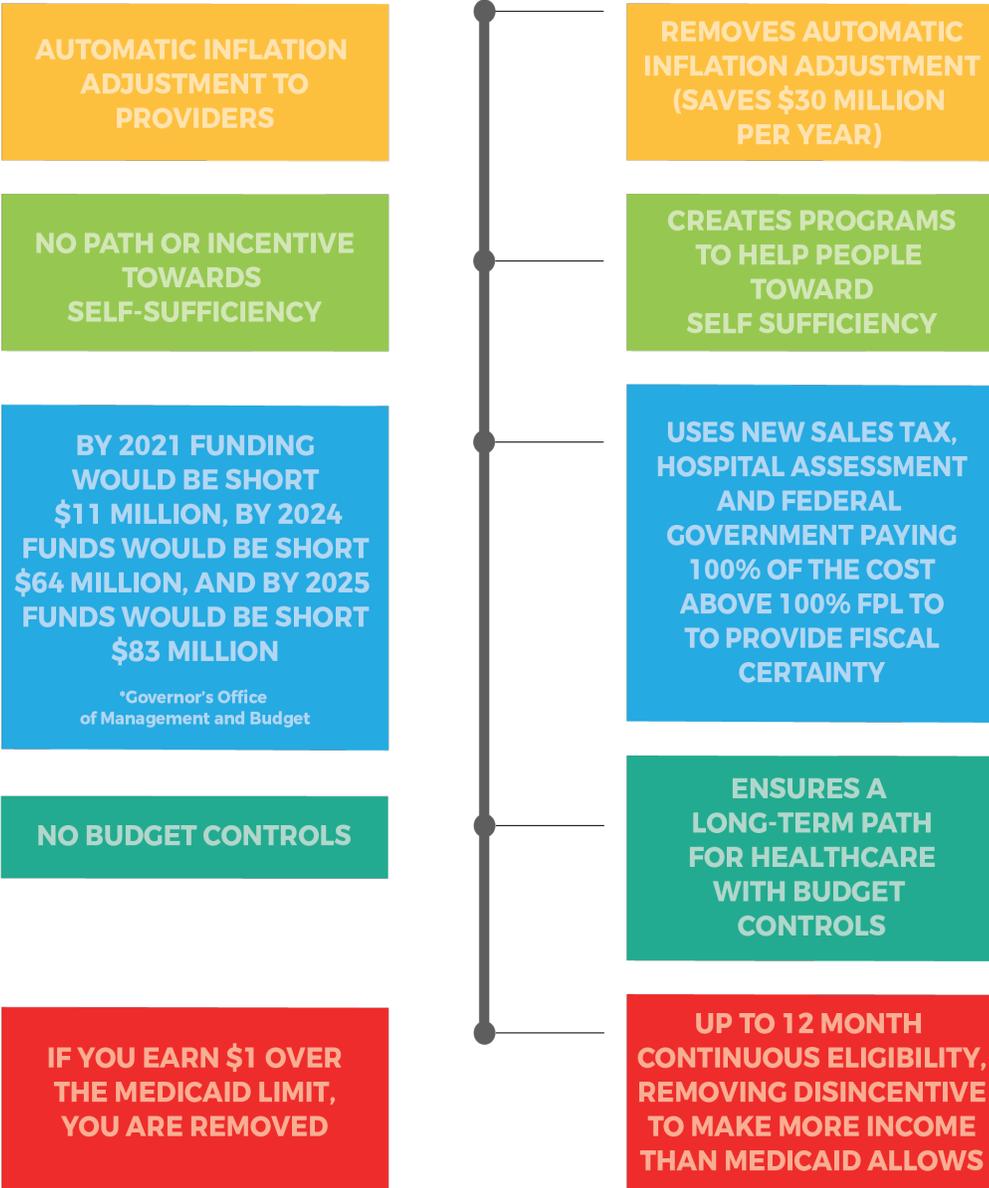
I worked hard with my colleagues to come up with a plan that provides Coverage for All, while also staying true to our constitutional duty of balancing the budget. I believe the Coverage for All plan honors the will of the voters in a compassionate and financially responsible way.

Please see the chart below for a comparison between Prop 3 and the Coverage for All Plan that we just approved.

# ENHANCEMENTS

## PROP 3

## COVERAGE FOR ALL SB 96 - 4TH SUB (WAIVER)



# CURRENT BILLS

Although Medicaid Expansion was a critical issue that required a great deal of time at the first of the session, I am working on a number of other bills including HB 38, Anti-Discrimination in Housing, HB336, Nurse Practice Act Amendments; and HB Physical Therapist Practice Act Amendments. Visit [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov) for a full list of the legislation I am working on.

I'd like to highlight HB336, Nurse Practice Act. This bill essentially allow for nurse practitioners to have more say and freedom of care for their patients, particularly with what medications they can prescribe.

Speaking at a conference for nurse practitioners at the capitol. In attendance were nurse practitioners and nursing students there from all around the state.



A native to Taylorsville, Julie Palimieri, is a student at BYU working to become a nurse practitioner.

# VISITORS AT THE CAPITOL



My wife, Vicki, joins me on the floor of the House chamber every year on the first day of the General Session.

Arcadia Elementary and their teacher Ms. Dee visited from Taylorsville. They were hoping for something a little more up their alley on the big TV's.





I was given the opportunity to arrange for the invocation and leader of the Pledge of Allegiance. We were fortunate to have Janine Smith, a full time mother and Major serving in the Utah Air National Guard; and Millicent Dadson, a native of Ghana, West Africa, wife and mother. I'm grateful for the way each of them serve their communities.

Each of these young professionals represent a different country: Mexico, Turkey, Jamaica, Norway, Pakistan, Lithuania, Myanmar, and Sierra Leone. They were here as guests of Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program.





This week we recognized a fallen officer from my district, District 39. Officer David Romrell was a beloved husband, father, son, friend, marine, an officer. He left behind his wife, Elizabeth, and 6-month old son, Jackson. I am honored and amazed by the work and sacrifice of those who preserve the safety of our communities.

Last but not last, thank you to Officer Elmer and Rocco for keeping us safe, and entertaining us with a rousing game of fetch on the House Floor!

