



# LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 1



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DISTRICT 39



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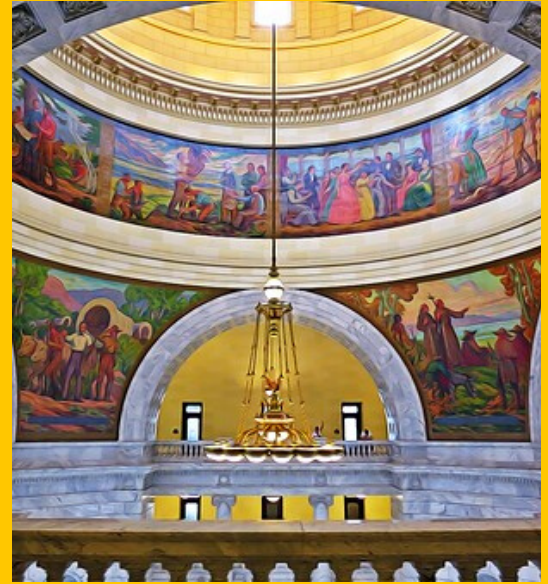
# Opening Day

On Monday, January 27, the legislature kicked off the 2020 General Legislative Session. The session opened with a surprise performance by the Farmington High School Drumline. Elder Craig C. Christensen from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offered the opening prayer.

Additionally, faith leaders from around the state joined us including:

- Imam Osama Hussein of the Khadeeja Islamic Center
- The Most Reverend Oscar Solis, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake
- Reverend Oscar Moses of the Calvary Baptist Church
- The Right Reverend Scott Hayashi, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah
- Very Reverend Father George, Dean of the Holy Trinity Cathedral

The following video was shared during Speaker Wilson's opening day remarks. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qSVuUs9Kck>



## Tax Reform

The legislature, in a December 2019 Special Session, passed a tax reform law. The bill increases the tax on un-prepared food, fuel, and some services. It also lowered the income tax rate and increased the dependent exemption.

**After listening to many of you, and learning that you did not support the tax reform effort, I voted against the bill.**

On the second day of the session the legislature voted to repeal the tax reform act. The governor signed it the same day, so it has been removed from state law and is not in force. I appreciate all of you who shared with me how you felt about the tax act.



# AIR QUALITY

When I talk with members of our community they often list air quality as one of their biggest concerns, but they also feel like there isn't much they can do about it. Starting this month there is something that you can do that will have a big impact.

Three of our local refineries have begun local production of gas that meets the EPA Tier 3 standards for low sulfur fuel. Using this gas in a 2017 model year or newer car can reduce your PM2.5 emissions (the stuff that causes red air days) by 80%. This is equivalent to taking 4 out of 5 cars off the road! Tier 3 gas also reduces emissions for older cars by 12%.

Find Tier 3 gas station at [Tier3gas.org](http://Tier3gas.org)



# AT THE CAPITOL

## Performers from the Chinese Lion Dance Club Visit the Capitol

The Chinese Lion Dance Club is made up of students in 4th grade through 6th grade at Calvin Smith Elementary school. They came to the Capitol to help celebrate the Lunar New Year.



# The State of the State

On Wednesday January 30th the governor gave his final State of the State address, providing the following information:

"We are leading the nation in job growth. Our unemployment rate is at an all-time low of 2.3 percent. That means that our state's economy has created over 312,600 new jobs since the Great Recession.

Personal income is growing by approximately seven percent per year, which is the second highest rate in the nation. Our household income is now the seventh highest in the nation."



## The Governor continued..

"Today, our students score in the top ten in almost every subject. Our goal to have the best education system in America is clearly within reach."



## Speaking on Air quality..

"We've also worked hard to bring Tier 3 fuels to the state. Newer cars using this fuel can see an 80 percent reduction in emissions, which is like taking four out of every five cars off of the road."



## He finishes by saying..

"Let's not allow anything dividing our nation to divide our state. Let's build our friendships based on mutual respect, better communication, and the strengthening of our partnerships."

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Town Hall Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 20th, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Taylorsville City Hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2600 West 5400 South**



## Contact Information

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