

NONBINDING OPINION QUESTION

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Potential Gas Tax Increase for Public Education and Local Roads

Ballot Title

FOR

AGAINST

Legislative Votes

Utah Senate

24 Yes 4 No 1 Not Present

Utah House of Representatives

55 Yes 17 No 3 Not Present

Bill Title & Session

2018 Legislative General Session
House Joint Resolution (H.J.R.) 20
*Joint Resolution Submitting a
Question to Voters*

BALLOT QUESTION

To provide additional funding for public education and local roads, should the state increase the state motor and special fuel tax rates by an equivalent of 10 cents per gallon?

FULL TEXT OF LEGISLATION

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, public education is frequently listed as the top concern of Utah residents;

WHEREAS, a high-quality education is exceedingly necessary to achieve personal and statewide prosperity;

WHEREAS, additional investments in education will provide greater learning opportunities for Utah students to succeed;

WHEREAS, improving Utah's workforce will stimulate greater economic development and growth;

WHEREAS, funding at the school level allows for local control, community engagement, and direct investment in the students of each school;

WHEREAS, approximately \$600 million is taken from the state's General Fund to subsidize the Transportation Fund each year;

WHEREAS, additional transportation-sourced funding is needed for the Transportation Fund to better sustain itself;

WHEREAS, if the state's Transportation Fund is more self-sustaining, more resources in the General Fund will be available for use by the state public education system;

WHEREAS, increasing the motor and special fuel tax will generate substantial revenue for the Transportation Fund and reduce the subsidy from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, Section 36-16b-202 provides a process for the Legislature to submit a nonbinding opinion question to the legal voters of Utah in a regular general election:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah directs the lieutenant governor to submit the following nonbinding opinion question to the legal voters of Utah at the 2018 regular general election, to be held on November 6, 2018:

"To provide additional funding for public education and local roads, should the state increase the state motor and special fuel tax rates by an equivalent of 10 cents per gallon?"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the lieutenant governor, who is hereby directed, in accordance with this resolution and Title 36, Chapter 16b, Nonbinding Statewide Public Opinion Questions, to submit the language of the foregoing opinion question at the 2018 regular general election, to be held on November 6, 2018, to the legal voters of the state for their approval.

Contingent effective date.

This resolution takes effect on the day on which Title 36, Chapter 16b, Nonbinding Statewide Public Opinion Questions, becomes law.