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Asset Building				
Funding for Individual Development Accounts	appropriation	\$50,000 - base budget	1	No known cuts at this point for FY10.
SCR 3 Concurrent Resolution Urging the Creation of a Utah Council on Financial and Economic Education	Sen. Pat Jones	Bill to create a state council on financial education	1	Passed Senate and Introduced in House 2/24/09.
SB 100 Financial and Economic Literacy Education Amendments	Sen. Pat Jones	Bill requires public schools to provide financial and economic literacy passport and informationa bout the UT Educ Savings Plan Account to parents or guardians of kindergarten students.	1	Passed both House and Senate as of 2/19/09. On its way to the Governor's office.
Funding for EITC/Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	appropriation	FY09 funding was \$157,000; FY10 recommendation leaves us at just over \$100,000 and we are low on the prioritization list for additional needed cuts of \$57,000 for FY10	1	Current proposal is a \$57,000 cut, leaving the base at \$47,000.
HB 91 IDA Amendments	Rep. Seegmiller	Provides that an IDA can be established for client's with disability to purchassee assistive items and that the IDA funds cannot be used in determining eligibility for assistance.	1	Passed both House and Senate as of 2/24/09. On its way to the Governor's office.
Children				
Childcare Assistance	appropriation	Maintain pre-budget cut level; this year's level will be the same because of maneuvering to keep from losing the 4X federal match	1	All cuts made to Childcare have been backfilled with TANF dollars, though are losing federal dollars in matching funds, will not see a cut in the program.
Funding for Head Start Education	appropriation	Maintain at last year's level of \$100,000.	1	Entire state-funded base budget has been cut for FY10, however there are a lot of federal head start dollars in the stimulus package that should provide more programming over next two years.
Food				
Emergency Food Network		\$300,000 base budget.	1	Lost \$100,000 of one-time money for FY10, but base budget is still preserved.
Health				



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Protect and restore eligibility, provider rate, and health promotion within Medicaid	appropriation	Restore Medicaid eligibility levels, programs, and provider rates that are likely to be cut (Age, Blind, Disabled eligibility; Closing Utah Primary Care Network to New Enrollees; Foster Care Independent Living Program; Primary Care Grants; Eliminate Workforce Financial Assistance; Provider rates).	1	Legislature hasn't done anything yet, but are encouraging them to use the federal medicaid money to restore all cuts.
Restore Optional Medicaid Services	appropriation	Restore Medicaid services that were cut during special session (Eyeglasses, Dental Services, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Audiology)	1	Legislature hasn't done anything yet, but are encouraging them to use the federal medicaid money to restore all cuts.
HB 171 Children's Health Insurance Program Amendments	Rep. Holdaway	Provide new CHIP premium payment mechanism to Utah Families	1	Introduced in House on 2/20/09, received fiscal note 2/25/09.
HB 144 Medical Language Interpreter Act	Rep. Chavez-Houck	An omnibus (broad) bill calling for statewide adaptation & implementation of the national standards for Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) across all sectors and thru public-private sector partnership over 3 years.	1	Passed House on 2/18/09, Introduced and sent to Senate Committee, to be heard on 2/25/09.
Medicaid Provider Rates Increase	appropriation	Restore and Increase provider reimbursement for primary care	1	Legislature hasn't done anything yet, but are encouraging them to use the federal medicaid money to restore all cuts.
SB 114 Tobacco Tax Amendments	Sen. Christensen	Increase of tobacco tax with revenues to fund increased access to health care and cancer research	1	Sitting in rules since 2/12/09.
HB 219 Tobacco Tax Increase	Rep. Ray	Increase of tobacco tax with revenues to fund increased access to health care and cancer research - this is a higher tax rate than the SB 114.	1	House sent to Standing Committee, to be heard 2/25/09.
Health Reform Taskforce Bills		It is too early to predict all the bills the taskforce will produce and whether to support them. We will be watching them throughout the session.	1	Several different bills are in the works.
Housing				
Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund	appropriation	Anticipating a loss of \$500K for one-time over FY09; a low prioritization for additional cuts of \$354.5K for FY10.	1	2010 budget subcommittee recommendations finalized.
Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund	appropriation	Anticipating a loss of \$500K for one-time funding over FY09; a low prioritization for additional cuts of \$105K for FY10.	1	FY10 budget subcommittee recommendations finalized.



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Foreclosure notice for tenants		Provide an earlier foreclosure notice to tenants renting from an owner who is going through the foreclosure process	1	Working with a foreclosure bill sponsor for amendments
HB 82 Teacher Mortgage Loan Program	Representative Hemmingway	The State Board of Education would provide for teachers a program loan of \$15,000 to be used for purchasing a home which loan can convert into a grant	1	Held up in committee
HB 83 Property Tax Relief Programs	Rep. Froerer	Increases income qualifying limits for homeowners and renters	1	Passed on House floor and in Senate committee. Tabled in Senate because of large fiscal note
HB299 (1st Sub) Unlawful Detainer Amendments	Rep. Froerer	Effectively allows tenants living in foreclosed properties to be evicted more quickly and with greater damages. However, we were able to amend the bill to provide an earlier foreclosure notice to tenants renting from an owner who is going through the foreclosure process. Further, the bill has been amended to get rid of excessive damages if a notice has not been provided during foreclosure.	1	Passed in the House with a unanimous vote!
HB 342 Disproportionate Rental Fee Amendments	Rep. Froerer	Describes what cities must do to charge different rental fees to landlords, including specifications about a good landlord program	2	To be heard on 2/25. Working to amend part of the bill.
HJR20 Joint Resolution Expressing Support for a Moratorium on Foreclosures	Rep. King	Language not yet available	1	
SB 205 Community Development and Renewal Agency Amendments	Sen. Bramble	Makes numerous RDA amendments, including removing the housing funding under some plans. We are very concerned about this part of the bill.	3	Passed out of committee and waiting to be heard on the Senate floor
SB 54 Uniform Assignment of Rents	Sen. Romero	An act that assigns rents to the lender under certain circumstances; not expected to have any harmful effect on renters.	2	Waiting to be read on Senate Floor
SB 95 Mobile Home Park Amendments	Sen. Jenkins	Requires that a lease between a mobile home park owner and resident discloses utilities ownership in park and service fees	1	Passed Senate, to House committee
SB226 Foreclosure Amendments	Sen. Valentine	Language not yet available		



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HB 198 Marriage License Fee Amendments	Rep. Johnson	\$10 increase in marriage license fee will raise \$250,000/year to be used for shelters to help victims of domestic violence	1	Failed in committee on 2/18
SB115 Payment of Mobile Home Park Relocation Expenses	Sen. Niederhauser	Places burden on RDA to pay for relocation but does not require the developer or sell to pay anything	1	Passed in Senate and House Committee... waiting to be read on the House floor
Welfare/Work Supports				
General Assistance	appropriation	Maintain base budget; a cut to all staff for the program has been recommended	1	GA was cut \$2.2 million by the appropriations subcommittee for 2010, and lost \$1 million from the base budget that was backfilled for 2009 for a total loss of \$3.2 million, leaving only \$3.4 million left for running the program as of now.
FEP	appropriation	Maintain base budget and funding of all programs.	1	No impact on program funding, but a \$1.2 million personnel cut was made by the appropriations subcommittee that will result in the loss of 75 FTEs.
HB 428 Unemployment Insurance Amendments	Rep. Mascaro	Bill to make changes to Unemployment Insurance Provisions to bring laws in line with federal modernization requirements in order to take advantage of federal incentive money. These include: an alternative base period model, benefits for part-time workers, and allowing eligibility for individuals that quit to accompany their spouses.	1	Introduced in House on 2/24/09.
HB 218 FEP Amendments	Rep. Fisher	Provides that DWS shall make a rule for the amount of cash assistance a participant is eligible to receive under FEP. (Is currently set by legislature).	1	Passed favorably out of Senate committee 2/23/09.
HB 133 Earned Income Tax Credit	Rep. King	Earned Income Tax Credit	1	Failed in House on 2/23/09
Other				
HB216 Telecommunication Pricing Flexibility Amendments	Rep. Hunsaker	Removes the cap on basic residential telecommunication pricing	3	Passed both House and Senate as of 2/18/09. On it's way to the Governor's Office.



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HB38 Refugee Services Fund Amendments	Herrod	Provides that all interest or earnings from the Refugee Services Fund are deposited into the fund rather than the General Fund.	1	Passed both House and Senate as of 2/12/09. On it's way to the Governor's Office.
State Budget	program cuts	Anticipated cuts to balance the budget; we are watching that programs that support the poor do not get cut.	2	Total cuts made in September, for FY09 in HB 3 and by appropriation subcommittees for FY10 were \$1 billion from the state budget, a total of 19.1%. Now are looking at how and what will be backfilled.