# **Utah State Tax Commission**

# Budget Summary 2019 General Session for FY2020 September 2018

# **Base Budget**

As required, the Base Budget Request in FY2020 for State Funds will be the same as was appropriated for FY2019 less one-time funding.

	State Funds	Other Funds	Total
Tax Administration	\$80,452,000	\$ 8,214,332	\$88,682,236
License Plate Production	\$	\$ 3,654,200	\$ 3,654,200
Liquor Profit Distribution	\$ 5,856,100	\$	\$ 5,856,100
Rural Health Care Facilities	\$ 218,900	\$	\$ 218,900
Total Budget	\$86,527,000	\$11,868,532	\$98,395,532

## **Budget Change Requests (state funds)**

1. Alcohol Beverage Enforcement and Treatment Restricted Account (\$278,800) ongoing

Decrease appropriation as required in UCA 59-15-109

FY2020 appropriation: \$ 5,577,300

Fee Change Proposals	From	<u>To</u>	
Motor Vehicle Transactions – Standard Unit Fee	\$1.53	\$1.56	

This is a statute required adjustment based on the prior year's Consumer Price Index.

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#### Non-Lapsing Balances

In addition to other statutory nonlapsing, the Tax Commission requests that unspent appropriations up to \$1.0 million not lapse at the close of FY2019. If funds are not needed for the stated purpose, unused balances will be returned at the end of the fiscal year.

The following intent language has been approved for the last three years, and is requested again this year:

"It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds are to be used to protect and enhance the State's tax and motor vehicle systems and processes; to continue to protect the State's revenues from tax fraud, identity theft, and security intrusions; and for litigation and related costs."

Tax fraud, identify-theft, and data security intrusions are an ongoing concern to the Tax Commission. Time critical system enhancements may become a priority in order to keep ahead of tax fraudsters, and to continue efforts to protect the state's revenue base, protect taxpayers from identity-theft related refund requests, and to keep taxpayer's confidential information secure.

In the 2016 General Session, the Legislature modified intent language to include making these funds available for potential tax litigation and related costs.

#### Intent Language Proposals Excluding Non-Lapsing

No intent is requested other than non-lapsing intent language.