

Board Supported Requests

Title	Purpose and origin of Request	Summary of Request	Requested FTE	Funding Amount
Early Mathematics Benchmark Assessment	Motion in September Board Meeting: 20250911 Board Meeting Motions	Our current contract to administer this assessment expires in June 2026. When this code was originally written, we were allocated \$300,000 of ongoing funding for student assessment licenses. That equates to approximately \$1.50 per student in the required grades K-3. Our current vendors have sunsetted that original platform and implemented a new digital version, with significant cost increases. Thus, the assessment department utilized carryforward funds to supplement the existing budget and allow for transition to the digital platform in December 2023. The current annual budget allocated for this contract is \$1,200,000 which equates to approximately \$6.00 per student. In order to meet the requirements of code and rule, USBE will need additional ongoing funding to provide a comparable early mathematics assessment to procure a new contract.	0	\$1,200,000.00 ongoing
Adobe Creative Cloud	Finance Committee Motion	To request \$2,250,000.00 for the continuation of the Adobe creative cloud funding. Current contracts for this program, held by UETN are expiring and UETN is not proposing to request the contract again. This request will allow USBE to continue the program for public K-12 schools across Utah.	0	\$2,250,000 ongoing
Beverley Taylor Sorenson	Finance Committee Motion	This additional funding is essential to, first, sustain our 466 current BTS Arts schools. Second, to expand the program to 23 new schools (list available upon request) that have been waitlisted in FY26 expanding the BTS Arts program to an additional estimated 11,500 K-6 students who will receive high-quality, integrated arts education.	0	\$1,728,000 increase
K-8 Literacy/Numeracy	Board Motion in September Board Meeting	The purpose of this bill is to elevate reading and math proficiency for all students, equipping them with critical skills for their academic journey and future through comprehensive support for educators and evidence-based learning initiatives.	1	\$9,644,300 on going
Master Pilot Program	Finance Committee Motion in June 2025 meeting June 6 Finance Committee Motions	State code 53F-5-222 (established 07/01/2024). The Mentoring and Supporting Teacher Excellence and Refinement Pilot Program was established by the 2024 legislative session and was funded for two years. The early indicators of the impact of this program on teacher effectiveness and teacher retention has been very promising. In order to continue the pilot program and collect more data on its effectiveness, this request seeks the same amount of funding for two more years, and small adjustments to the policy to accommodate the expanded timeline.	0	\$4,800,000 one-time
Pupil Transportation	Board Motion in September Board Meeting: 20250911 Board Meeting Motions	Pupil transportation is growing year to year from the increase in the numbers of students transported and increase in transportation operational costs. Year to year transportation funding needs to be prioritized so that the state maintains funding levels for transportation and is closing the gap of 85% funding.	0	\$32,000,000 on-going
Paraprofessional K-3 Grant Program	Board Motion in September Board Meeting: 20250911 Board Meeting Motions	This request proposes the creation of the K-3 Classroom Excellence Grant Program. This statewide, competitive grant would provide matching funds to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to hire and train paraprofessionals for service in kindergarten through 3rd-grade classrooms.	0	\$20,000,000 one-time
Internal Audit Critical FTE	Board Request for superintendent, UPPAC and Audit critical FTE	Increase Internal Audit department capacity to support the governance and oversight of public education and the Board through: Timely and objective internal audits, Timely and effective processing of concerns received on the Public Education Hotline, Timely and comprehensive audit tracking, and Facilitation of external audit responses and submission of corrective action updates for external audits (e.g., OLAG, OSA, federal).	5	\$1.76 million ongoing

UPPAC Critical FTE		Board Request for superintendent, UPPAC and Audit critical FTE	UPPAC is experiencing large growth in referrals and cases opened for allegations of educator misconduct. Given the growing number of UPPAC referrals, UPPAC staff is struggling to keep up with investigations into educator misconduct. UPPAC requests funds to hire a third full time attorney on an ongoing basis to bring the attorneys' pay rates to a more competitive level.	2	\$404,200 ongoing
Superintendent Critical FTE Funding Request	Compliance FTEs	Board Motion in September Board Meeting: 20250911 Board Meeting Motions	We are requesting funding to expand our Policy Team by adding five new compliance and internal control specialists and 3 data specialists working in the compliance support team. This strategic investment is essential to strengthen our regulatory adherence and internal governance framework, directly mitigating financial and reputational risks in an increasingly complex operating environment.	5	\$778,500 ongoing
	Data & Compliance FTEs	Board Motion in September Board Meeting: 20250911 Board Meeting Motions	We are requesting funding to expand our Policy Team by adding five new compliance and internal control specialists and 3 data specialists working in the compliance support team. This strategic investment is essential to strengthen our regulatory adherence and internal governance framework, directly mitigating financial and reputational risks in an increasingly complex operating environment.	3	\$424,200 ongoing
	Financial Monitoring FTE	Board Motion in September Board Meeting: 20250911 Board Meeting Motions	This request is to add an additional financial compliance monitor to support the above mentioned compliance team.	1	\$112,400 ongoing
	1st Credential FTE	Board Motion in September Board Meeting: 20250911 Board Meeting Motions	This request is to add an additional FTE specific to the 1st credential program and ensuring compliance and alignment with state law and work with USHE.	1	\$9,2100 ongoing