

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: Utah Data Research Center Agenda Priority

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approves the UDRC Research agenda priorities.

Background:**Utah Data Research Center – Backup Feb 2023****Mission**

The Utah Data Research Center aims to conduct meaningful research to inform public policy initiatives; providing the platform for policymakers, practitioners, and the general public to make data-informed decisions.

Vision

To create a world-class state of Utah data research platform to empower stakeholders.

History

The Utah Data Research Center was created in 2017, with the passage of Senate Bill 194, and signed into law under 35A-14. We integrate data from:

- Utah System of Higher Education
- Utah System of Technical Colleges
- Utah State Board of Education
- Utah Department of Health
- Utah Department of Workforce Services

The data provided from our partner agencies constitute the "P20W" pipeline. P20W captures the behavior of individuals starting in early childhood, through primary and secondary schools, higher education and lastly as they enter the workforce. The data are stored on an annual basis and are considered, as a set, longitudinal--allowing for the study of long-term patterns.

Our research provides objective insights into public policy queries to help decision makers find meaningful and impactful solutions to the issues facing the state of Utah. The Utah Data Research Center significantly decreases the cost of our partners and key stakeholders to receive data and analyses, by leveraging technology resources to create efficiencies in the exchange and release of data--between agencies and external requestors.

Each Year the Utah Data Research Center (UDRC) puts together a multi-agency Research Agenda. When data elements cross between agencies, such as student k-12 course taking patterns that are correlated with Higher Education outcomes and career opportunities, UDRC priorities research with research staff to work on possible outcomes.

Current UDRC Research Agenda for 2022 is found here <https://udrc.io/methods/research.html>.
USBE staff recommend cooperation with the ULEAD's focus topics and adopt the items presented as prioritization request for the 2023 UDRC research agenda.

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Attachments:

1. Research agenda priorities for USBE to be shared with UDRC