## HB 362 Sales Tax Increase

## Issue Brief

## SUMMARY

HB 362 of the 2015 General Session allows counties, if approved by majority vote, to impose a $0.25 \%$ sales tax increase. Of the 29 counties, 17 have placed the issue on the ballot, representing a potential sales tax increase of about $\$ 108$ million if approved in all 17 counties. The 17 counties and the potential sales tax increase are given in figures 1 and 2 .

If approved, the local sales tax increase may diminish the state's taxing capacity. The $0.25 \%$ potential tax increase places the average Utah sales tax burden at about 7\%, just behind Georgia and higher than North Carolina. A comparison among states is given in Figure 3.
Figure 1 - Geographic View of Potential Sales Tax Increase by County


[^0]Tax Increase on Ballot
$\square$ YES

Figure 2 - Bar Chart View of Potential Sales Tax Increase by County


[^1]Figure 3 - State and Local Sales Tax Rate Comparison
State \& Local Sales Tax Rates Comparison


Sources: Sales Tax Clearinghouse, Tax Foundation, LFA, state revenue department websites.
(a) City, county, and municipal rates vary. These rates are weighted by population to compute an average local tax rate.
(b) Three states levy mandatory, statewide, local add-on sales taxes: California (1\%), Utah (1.25\%), and Virginia (1\%).

These amounts are included in the local sales tax rate.
(c) The sales taxes in Hawaii, New Mexico, and South Dakota have broad bases that include many services.
(d) Due to data limitations, this table does not include sales taxes in local resort areas in Montana.

The following Figure 4 plots the tax increase by taxable purchases. A family of four spending say $\$ 20,000$ on non-food taxable items will see a tax increase of about $\$ 50$ per year. A household spending say $\$ 100,000$ on non-food taxable items will see a tax increase of about $\$ 250$ per year.

Following Figure 4 is Figure 5, which plots what a household owning a $\$ 250,000$ home, earning $\$ 50,000$ per year and driving 13,000 miles per year can expect in tax increases from actions taken during the 2015 General Session.

Figure 4 - Sales Tax Increase by Taxable Spending

## Sales Tax Increase



Source: LFA

Figure 5 - Big 3 Tax Increases from the 2015 General Session
Big 3 Tax Increases from 2015 General Session


## Distribution

The distribution of the potential sales tax increase is to public transit districts, county legislative bodies, and cities/towns/unincorporated areas within each county.

Figure 6 contains the potential public transit district distribution by entity. Figure 7 presents the potential county legislative body distribution. Figure 8 is the potential distribution to cities/towns/unincorporated areas. Figure 9 sums everything up.

Figure 6: Public Transit Districts


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Location
Alta | \$52,907
Eagle Mountain |\$52,191
Pleasant View | \$48,572
Cedar Hills |\$47,495
Sunset | \$43,175
Salem | \$34,072
Alpine | \$33,985
Mapleton | \$33,645
Santaquin | \$33,142
Washington Terrace | $\$ 31,246$
Lakepoint | \$29,618
South Weber | $\$ 27,094$
Stansbury Park | $\$ 24,638$
Corinne |\$24,502
Hooper |\$23,630
West Point | $\$ 22,782$
Fruit Heights | $\$ 18,308$
Plain City $\$ 12,923$
Uintah $\$ 12,893$
Erda $\$ 11,835$
Willard $\$ 9,829$
Genola \$7,389
Huntsville \$6,985
Elk Ridge $\$ 5,457$
Draper South $\$ 5,166$
Woodland Hills $\$ 3,481$
Falcon Hill Davis \$2,032
Goshen | 1,701
Cedar Fort $\$ 1,280$
Fairfield $\$ 1,018$
Lincoln |\$523
Bluffdale South | $\$ 256$
Santaquin South $\$ 228$
Falcon Hill Clearfie.. |\$223
Falcon Hill Roy $\$ 194$
Falcon Hill Sunset $\$ 53$
Falcon Hill Riverda.. | \$26
Provo Canyon |\$5
\$0 \$1,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$3,000,000 \$4,000,000 \$5,000,000 \$6,000,000 \$7,000,000
Public Transit District or Eligible Political Subdivision
Sources: LFA, Tax

Figure 7: County Legislative Body
County


Figure 8: Remaining Distribution: 50\% Population | 50\% Point of Sale


[^2]Figure 8: Remaining Distribution: 50\% Population|50\% Point of Sale

| Location |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Highland $\square$ \$149,151 | \$37,382 | \| \$186,533 |
| West Bountiful \| \$46,533 | \| \$122,805 | \| \$169,338 |
| Tooele County $\quad$ \$ 139,889 | \$29,419 | \| \$169,308 |
| San Juan County \$81,890 | \| \$80,434 | \| \$162,323 |
| Moab \| \$43,918 | \| \$115,208 | \| \$159,126 |
| Utah County \$82,838 | \$58,421 | \| \$141,259 |
| Tremonton \$68,919 | \$61,916 | \| \$130,836 |
| Bluffdale \$84,478 | \$45,184 | \| \$129,662 |
| Grantsville \$84,060 | \$27,698 | \| \$111,758 |
| Cedar Hills \$87,674 | \$23,747 | \| \$111,421 |
| Harrisville \| \$51,856 | \$58,438 | \| \$110,294 |
| Box Elder County \$80,770 | \$29,027 | \| \$109,797 |
| Grand County \| \$33,793 | \| \$74,505 | \| \$108,298 |
| Alpine \$86,563 | \$16,993 | \| \$103,556 |
| Santaquin \$86,350 | \$16,571 | \| \$102,921 |
| Farr West \| \$54,077 | \$48,794 | \| \$102,871 |
| Pleasant View \$ 76,455 | \$24,286 | \| \$100,741 |
| West Point ${ }^{\text {- }}$ \$87,187 | \$11,391 | \| \$98,578 |
| Ephraim \| $\$ 55,222$ | \$41,088 | \| \$96,311 |
| Mapleton \$ ${ }^{\text {- }}$ (7,506 | \$16,822 | \| \$94,329 |
| Washington Terrace \$78,412 | \$15,623 | \| \$94,035 |
| Carbon County \$58,888 | \$34,316 | \| \$93,204 |
| Hooper \$ 69,269 | \$11,815 | \| $\$ 81,085$ |
| Salem \| \$61,836 | \$17,036 | \|\$78,872 |
| Nephi \| \$47,063 | \$31,064 | \|\$78,127 |
| Perry \| \$39,484 | \$35,205 | \|\$74,689 |
| Morgan County \| $\$ 56,829$ | \$16,426 | \|\$73,255 |
| Davis County \| $\$ 31,597$ | \$41,580 | \| \$73,177 |
| South Weber \$ ${ }^{\text {S7,512 }}$ | \$13,547 | \| $\$ 71,059$ |
| Sunset \| \$43,995 | \$21,588 | \$65,583 |
| Plain City \| \$53,095 | \$6,461 | \$59,556 |
| Fruit Heights \| \$50,062 | \$9,154 | \$59,216 |
| Morgan City \| \$33,810 | \$23,669 | \$57,479 |
| Beaver City \| $\$ 26,154$ | \$29,274 | \$55,429 |
| Blanding \| \$31,341 | \$18,915 | \$50,255 |
| Marriot-Slaterville \| $\$ 14,867$ | \$34,742 | \$49,609 |
| Sanpete County \| \$ 38,749 | \$7,887 | \$46,636 |
| Salina \| $\$ 21,310$ | \$24,576 | \$45,885 |
| Ballard \| \$8,630 | \$34,111 | \$42,740 |
| Mt. Pleasant \| $\mathbf{\$ 2 8 , 2 3 9}$ | \$13,519 | \$41,758 |
| Gunnison \| $\$ 28,120$ | \$12,924 | \$41,044 |
| Vineyard \| \$5,904 | \$33,711 | \$39,615 |
| Sevier County \| $\$ 25,684$ | \$12,575 | \$38,259 |
| Manti \| $\$ 28,726$ | \$7,678 | \$36,404 |
| Duchesne City \| $\$ 15,388$ | \$16,111 | \$31,500 |
| Alta \| ${ }^{\text {3,332 }}$ | \$26,453 | \$29,786 |
| Helper \| $\$ 18,319$ | \$10,707 | \$29,026 |
| Elk Ridge \| $\mathbf{~ 2 5 , 6 7 6 ~}$ | \$2,728 | \$28,404 |
| Monticello \| \$17,080 | \$10,538 | \$27,618 |
| Milford ${ }^{\text {\$ }} 11,561$ | \$15,557 | \$27,117 |
| Wellington \| 14,021 | \$11,422 | \$25,443 |
| Garland \|\$20,695 | \$4,336 | \$25,031 |
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| Population Distribution | Point of Sale Distribution | Total Population \& Point of Sale Distribution |

Figure 8: Remaining Distribution: 50\% Population|50\% Point of Sale

| Location |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \$3,867 | \$23,194 |
| Willard | \| \$15,166 | \$4,914 | \$20,081 |
| Myton | \| \$5,289 | \$14,540 | \$19,829 |
| Mona | \$13,483 | \$5,806 | \$19,289 |
| Beaver County | \| \$9,954 | \$9,290 | \$19,244 |
| Draper South | \| \$16,516 | \$2,583 | \$19,099 |
| East Carbon | \| \$13,688 | \$4,860 | \$18,548 |
| Corinne | \| \$5,896 | \$12,251 | \$18,147 |
| Uintah | \| 11,390 | \$6,447 | \$17,836 |
| Wendover | \| \$11,937 | \$5,694 | \$17,630 |
| Fairview | \| \$10,860 | \$6,718 | \$17,578 |
| Moroni | \| \$12,398 | \$4,154 | \$16,552 |
| Genola | \| \$12,031 | \$3,695 | \$15,725 |
| Honeyville | \| 12,312 | \$3,150 | \$15,462 |
| Centerfield | \| \$11,825 | \$3,195 | \$15,021 |
| Lakepoint | \$0 | \$14,809 | \$14,809 |
| Juab County | \| \$9,484 | \$5,255 | \$14,739 |
| Garden City | \| 4,913 | \$9,452 | \$14,365 |
| Woodland Hills | \| \$12,432 | \$1,741 | \$14,173 |
| Aurora | \| \$8,698 | \$3,694 | \$12,392 |
| Stansbury Park | \$0 | \$12,319 | \$12,319 |
| Altamont | \| 2,145 | \$10,137 | \$12,282 |
| Elwood | \| \$8,835 | \$2,436 | \$11,271 |
| Fountain Green | \| \$9,296 | \$1,328 | \$10,625 |
| Spring City | \$8,553 | \$1,604 | \$10,157 |
| Elsinore | \| 7 7,220 | \$2,427 | \$9,647 |
| Rich County | \| \$6,955 | \$2,264 | \$9,219 |
| Redmond | \$6,254 | \$2,954 | \$9,208 |
| Minersville | \| 7 7,536 | \$1,457 | \$8,993 |
| Goshen | \| \$8,117 | \$850 | \$8,967 |
| Huntsville | \| \$5,272 | \$3,492 | \$8,764 |
| Levan | \| \$7,365 | \$1,277 | \$8,642 |
| Bear River | \| 7 7,194 | \$1,300 | \$8,494 |
| Plymouth | \$3,460 | \$4,984 | \$8,444 |
| Rocky Ridge | \| \$6,502 | \$1,529 | \$8,031 |
| Annabella | \| \$6,784 | \$1,099 | \$7,883 |
| Stockton \| | \| \$5,451 | \$1,786 | \$7,237 |
| Mantua | \| \$5,930 | \$1,023 | \$6,953 |
| Eureka | \| 5,699 | \$1,178 | \$6,877 |
| Erda | \$0 | \| 5,917 | \$5,917 |
| Randolph \| | \| 3 ,948 | \$1,309 | \$5,257 |
| Central Valley | \| 4 4,682 | \| 534 | \$5,217 |
| Rush Valley | \| $\mathbf{3 , 9 9 9}$ | \$1,038 | \$5,037 |
| Mayfield | \| 4,298 | \| $\$ 590$ | \$4,888 |
| Sigurd | \| \$3,640 | \$1,076 | \$4,716 |
| Fielding | \| $\mathbf{3 , 8 1 9}$ | \| 760 | \$4,579 |
| Glenwood | \| \$3,956 | \$617 | \$4,573 |
| Castle Valley | \| 2,854 | \$1,485 | \$4,339 |
| Cedar Fort | \| \$3,273 | \$640 | \$3,913 |
| Deweyville | \| 2,803 | \| 884 | \$3,687 |
| Laketown | \| 2 2,187 | \$1,323 | \$3,510 |
| Joseph | \| 2,914 | \| \$486 | \$3,399 |
|  | \$0 \$1,000,000 \$2,000,000 <br> Population Distribution | \$0 \$2,000,000 <br> Point of Sale Distribution | $\begin{array}{lllll}0 M & 2 M & 4 M & 6 M & 8 M\end{array}$ Total Population \& Point of Sale Distribution |

Figure 8: Remaining Distribution: 50\% Population|50\% Point of Sale

| Location |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Koosharem | \$2,785 | \$518 | \$3,304 |
| Snowville | \$1,453 | \$1,753 | \$3,205 |
| Sterling | \$2,358 | \$805 | \$3,163 |
| Woodruff | \$1,589 | \$1,544 | \$3,133 |
| Wales | \$2,580 | \$461 | \$3,041 |
| Vernon | \$2,256 | \$305 | \$2,561 |
| Fayette | \$2,093 | \$380 | \$2,474 |
| Portage | \$2,153 | \$282 | \$2,435 |
| Howell | \$2,110 | \$195 | \$2,305 |
| Tabiona | \$1,589 | \$574 | \$2,163 |
| Fairfield | \$1,068 | \$509 | \$1,577 |
| Sunnyside | \$0 | \$1,493 | \$1,493 |
| Falcon Hill Davis | \$0 | \$1,016 | \$1,016 |
| Scofield | \$197 | \$307 | \$504 |
| Ophir | \$410 | \$47 | \$457 |
| Lincoln | \$0 | \$261 | \| 261 |
| Bluffdale South | \$0 | \$128 | \$128 |
| Santaquin South | \$0 | \$114 | \$114 |
| Falcon Hill Clearfield | \$0 | \$111 | \$111 |
| Falcon Hill Roy | \$0 | \$97 | \$97 |
| Falcon Hill Sunset | \$0 | \$27 | \$27 |
| Falcon Hill Riverdale | \$0 | \$13 | \$13 |
| Provo Canyon | \$0 | \$2 | \$2 |
| Alton | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Amalga | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Antimony | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Apple Valley | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Bicknell | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Big Water | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Boulder | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Brian Head | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Bryce Canyon | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Cache County | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Cache Valley Transit | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Cannonville | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Castle Dale | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Cedar City | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Charleston | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Circleville | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Clarkston | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Clawson | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Cleveland | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Coalville | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Cornish | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Daggett County | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Daniel | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Delta | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Elmo | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Emery City | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Emery County | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Enoch | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Enterprise | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
|  | \$0 \$1,000,000 \$2,000,000 | \$0 \$2,000,000 | OM $\quad 2 \mathrm{M} \quad 4 \mathrm{M} \quad 6 \mathrm{M} \quad 8 \mathrm{M}$ |
|  | Population Distribution | Point of Sale Distribution | Total Population \& Point of Sale Distribution |

Figure 8: Remaining Distribution: 50\% Population|50\% Point of Sale


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Sources: LFA, Tax

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| Location |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monticello ${ }^{\text {S }} \mathbf{2 7 , 6 1 8}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Milford | \$27,117 |  |  |  |
| Wellington | \| 25,443 |  |  |  |
| Garland | \| 25,031 |  |  |  |
| Draper South | \$24,266 |  |  |  |
| Monroe | \$23,194 |  |  |  |
| Genola | \$23,114 |  |  |  |
| Myton | \$19,829 |  |  |  |
| Mona | \$19,289 |  |  |  |
| East Carbon | \$18,548 |  |  |  |
| Erda | \$17,752 |  |  |  |
| Woodland Hills | \| \$17,654 |  |  |  |
| Wendover | \$17,630 |  |  |  |
| Fairview | \$17,578 |  |  |  |
| Moroni | \| 16,552 |  |  |  |
| Huntsville | \$15,749 |  |  |  |
| Honeyville | \$15,462 |  |  |  |
| Centerfield | \$15,021 |  |  |  |
| Garden City | \| 14,365 |  |  |  |
| Aurora | \| 12,392 |  |  |  |
| Altamont | \$12,282 |  |  |  |
| Elwood | \| 11,271 |  |  |  |
| Goshen | \$10,668 |  |  |  |
| Fountain Green | \$10,625 |  |  |  |
| Spring City | \$10,157 |  |  |  |
| Elsinore | \$9,647 |  |  |  |
| Redmond | \$9,208 |  |  |  |
| Minersville | \$8,993 |  |  |  |
| Levan | \$8,642 |  |  |  |
| Bear River | \$8,494 |  |  |  |
| Plymouth | \| 8,444 |  |  |  |
| Rocky Ridge | \$8,031 |  |  |  |
| Annabella | \$7,883 |  |  |  |
| Stockton | \$7,237 |  |  |  |
| Mantua | \$6,953 |  |  |  |
| Eureka | \$6,877 |  |  |  |
| Randolph | \| 5 ,257 |  |  |  |
| Central Valley | \$5,217 |  |  |  |
| Cedar Fort | \$5,193 |  |  |  |
| Rush Valley | \$5,037 |  |  |  |
| Mayfield | \$4,888 |  |  |  |
| Sigurd | \| 4,716 |  |  |  |
| Fielding | \$4,579 |  |  |  |
| Glenwood | \$4,573 |  |  |  |
| Castle Valley | \$4,339 |  |  |  |
| Deweyville | \$3,687 |  |  |  |
| Laketown | \$3,510 |  |  |  |
| Joseph | \$3,399 |  |  |  |
| Koosharem | \$3,304 |  |  |  |
| Snowville | \$3,205 |  |  |  |
| Sterling | \$3,163 |  |  |  |
| Woodruff | \| 3 ,133 |  |  |  |
| Falcon Hill Davis | \$3,049 |  |  |  |
| Wales | \$3,041 |  |  |  |
|  | \$0 | \$5,000,000 | \$10,000,000 | \$15,000,000 |

Figure 9: Total Distribution

| Location |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fairfield | \$2,595 |  |  |
| Vernon | \$2,561 |  |  |
| Fayette | \$2,474 |  |  |
| Portage | \$2,435 |  |  |
| Howell | \$2,305 |  |  |
| Tabiona | \$2,163 |  |  |
| Sunnyside | \$1,493 |  |  |
| Lincoln | \$784 |  |  |
| UT Data Ctr SL Co | \$658 |  |  |
| UT Data Ctr UT Co | \$521 |  |  |
| Scofield | \$504 |  |  |
| Ophir | \$457 |  |  |
| Bluffdale South | \$384 |  |  |
| Santaquin South | \$342 |  |  |
| Falcon Hill Clearfie.. | \$334 |  |  |
| Falcon Hill Roy | \$291 |  |  |
| Falcon Hill Sunset | \$80 |  |  |
| Falcon Hill Riverda.. | \$38 |  |  |
| Provo Canyon | \$7 |  |  |
| Alton | \$0 |  |  |
| Amalga | \$0 |  |  |
| Antimony | \$0 |  |  |
| Apple Valley | \$0 |  |  |
| Bicknell | \$0 |  |  |
| Big Water | \$0 |  |  |
| Boulder | \$0 |  |  |
| Brian Head | \$0 |  |  |
| Bryce Canyon | \$0 |  |  |
| Cache County | \$0 |  |  |
| Cache Valley Trans.. | \$0 |  |  |
| Cannonville | \$0 |  |  |
| Castle Dale | \$0 |  |  |
| Cedar City | \$0 |  |  |
| Charleston | \$0 |  |  |
| Circleville | \$0 |  |  |
| Clarkston | \$0 |  |  |
| Clawson | \$0 |  |  |
| Cleveland | \$0 |  |  |
| Coalville | \$0 |  |  |
| Cornish | \$0 |  |  |
| Daggett County | \$0 |  |  |
| Daniel | \$0 |  |  |
| Delta | \$0 |  |  |
| Elmo | \$0 |  |  |
| Emery City | \$0 |  |  |
| Emery County | \$0 |  |  |
| Enoch | \$0 |  |  |
| Enterprise | \$0 |  |  |
| Escalante | \$0 |  |  |
| Ferron | \$0 |  |  |
| Fillmore | \$0 |  |  |
| Francis | \$0 |  |  |
| Garfield County | \$0 |  |  |
| Glendale | \$0 |  |  |
|  | \$0 \$5,000,000 | \$10,000,000 | \$15,000,000 |

Figure 9: Total Distribution
Location Green River $\$ 0$
Hanksville $\$ 0$
Hatch $\$ 0$
Heber $\$ 0$
Henefer $\$ 0$
Henrieville \$0
Hideout $\$ 0$
Hildale \$0
Hinckley \$0
Holden \$0
Huntington $\$ 0$
Hurricane $\$ 0$
Hyde Park \$0
Hyrum |\$0
Independence $\$ 0$ Iron County $\mid \$ 0$

Ivins ${ }^{\text {\$ }} 0$
Junction \$0
Kamas ${ }^{\$ 0}$
Kanab ${ }^{\$ 0}$
Kanarraville \$0
Kane County $\$ 0$
Kanosh \$0
Kingston $\$ 0$
La Verkin $\$ 0$
Leamington $\$ 0$
Leeds ${ }^{\$ 0}$
Lewiston |\$0
Loa |\$0
Logan \$0
Lyman |\$0
Lynndyl $\$ 0$
Manila ${ }^{\text {\$ }}$
Marysvale $\$ 0$
Meadow \$0
Mendon $\$ 0$
Midway $\$ 0$
Millard County $\$ 0$ Millville \$0
New Harmony Town \$0
Newton \$0
Nibley ${ }^{\text {\$0 }}$
North Logan |\$0
Oak City $\$ 0$
Oakley $\$ 0$
Orangeville \$0
Orderville $\$ 0$
Panguitch $\$ 0$
Paradise \$0
Paragonah \$0
Park City $\$ 0$
Park City East |\$0
Parowan |\$0
Piute County $\$ 0$
\$0

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