

## Fiscal Highlights

### **Leasing of SAGE Online Adaptive Test Questions - Ben Leishman**

The State of Florida has requested to use Utah's SAGE (Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence) test questions for the next three years. Florida is in the process of developing an online computer-adaptive assessment system similar to SAGE and will use Utah's questions until their system is fully developed. Utah and Florida are using the same contractor, the American Institutes for Research (AIR), to assist in the development of both systems.

Through the agreement, Utah will provide AIR with the rights to use the Utah owned questions in Florida. Utah will receive \$1.50 per student for each question used in Florida. Based on current estimates, Utah may receive approximately \$5.4 million a year, or \$16.2 million over the three-year contract. In exchange for the right to use Utah's questions, AIR will reduce its contract costs for the SAGE system. This reduction in contract costs will result in higher nonlapsing balances in the Utah State Office of Education line item for the next three years.

The Utah State Board of Education presented details on this agreement to the Executive Appropriations Committee during its June 17, 2014 meeting. Additional information on this issue can be found in the brief titled "[Leasing of SAGE Online Adaptive Test Questions](#)."