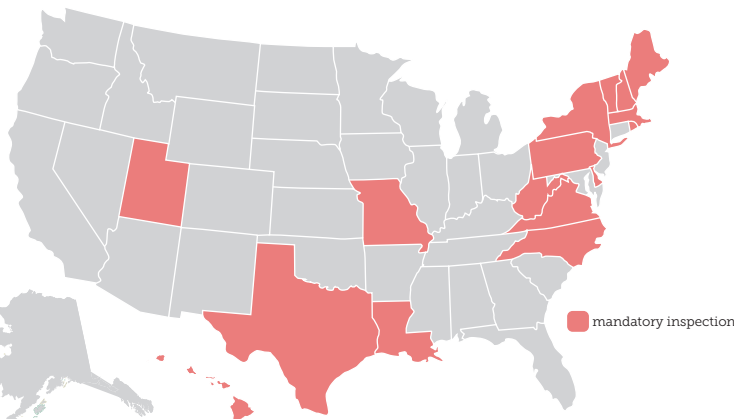


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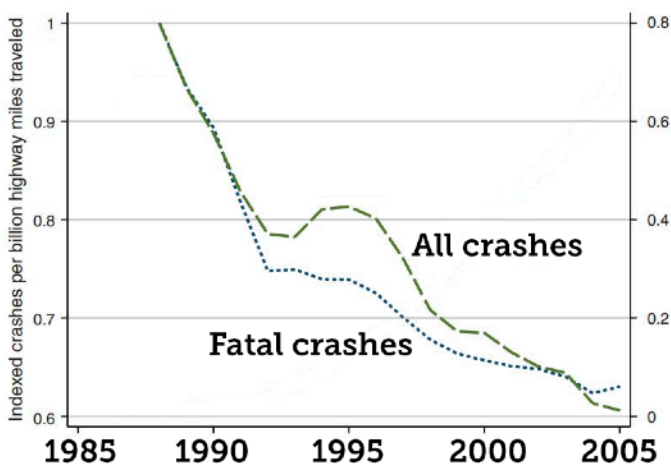
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- GAO (federal auditors) reviewed the various studies on whether mandatory inspections save lives. They “examined the effect of inspection programs on crash rates related to vehicle component failure ***but showed no clear influence.***”
 - Bill opponents citing an isolated study are not pointing to this general “study of studies” or competing studies that show different results.
- At most, only 31 states required mandatory inspections. Now, the count is 16.
- Repeal will save Utahns \$25 million each year and will not have no financial impact on state or local government revenues.

States with Mandatory Safety Inspections



Since the 1970s (when Congress removed a financial incentive to maintain an inspection program) many states have repealed their mandatory inspection laws, citing a lack of evidence that they work as once claimed.



Inspections may have been influential when cars were dangerous, but vehicles in recent decades are very safe. Most accidents are caused by the driver, not the vehicle; Utah law should focus on the actual problem.