

# BEDL 2020

Utah State Tax Commission

# Mission Statement

- Our mission is to collect revenue for the state and local governments and to equitably administer tax and assigned motor vehicle laws.

# Fraud

- Tax Filing Year 2018
- Fraudulent Returns Caught: 5,348
- Fraudulent Returns Lost: 1



# Processing of Taxpayer's Returns

- **Fiscal Year 2014**
- Returns Filed: 2,218,942
- Returns Filed Electronically: 1,443,467
- Processing Division FTEs: 97
  
- **Fiscal Year 2019**
- Returns Filed: 2,579,650
- Returns Filed Electronically: 2,205,889
- Processing Division FTEs: 79

# Personalized Plates

- 41-1a-411. Application for personalized plates -- Refusal authorized.
- . . . refuse to issue any combination of letters, numbers, or both that may carry connotations *offensive to good taste and decency* . . .



# Personalized Plates

- R873-22M-34. Rule for Denial of Personalized Plate Requests Pursuant to Utah Code Ann.
- Sections 41-1a-104 and 41-1a-411.
- (1) The personalized plate is a non-public forum. . .
- (2) . . . the division may not issue personalized license plates in the following formats:
  - (a) Combination of letters, words, or numbers with any connotation that is vulgar, derogatory, profane, or obscene.
  - (b) . . .that connote breasts, genitalia, pubic area, buttocks, or relate to sexual and eliminatory functions. . .
  - (c) Combinations of letters, words, or numbers that connote:
    - (c)(i) that connote . . . any intoxicant or any illicit narcotic or drug;
    - (d) . . . that express contempt, ridicule, or superiority of a race, religion, deity, ethnic heritage, gender, or political affiliation.
    - (e)(i) . . .that express affiliations or actions that may be construed to suggest endangerment to the public welfare. . .

# DMV Wait Times

- **Fiscal Year 2014**
- Total Transactions Processed: 4,464,812
- Average Wait Time: 13 minutes
  
- **Fiscal Year 2019**
- Total Transactions Processed: 5,009,998
- Average Wait Time: 5 minutes

# *Tax Commission Performance Measures*

- Percent of returns filed electronically - 86 percent
- Number of cases closed - 23,700
- Percentage of Customers Served in 20 minutes or less - 92 percent

# Budget Change Requests

- **Liquor Distribution - Alcohol Beverage & Substance Abuse Enforcement** - Increase of \$74,100.
- **Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account** - Current year supplemental appropriation and ongoing increase of \$500,000.
- **Dedicated Credit Increase** - \$171,800 current year increase and an additional \$291,800 for fiscal year 2021 in the License Plate Production line item.
- **ISF Funding for Additional Attorney General** -Current year and ongoing increase of \$192,000 in ISF funding.
- **Additional Collection Agent Targeting Transient Room Tax** - \$26,000 one time and \$82,000 ongoing appropriation.

# *Fee Change Proposals*

- **Motor Vehicle Transactions - Standard Unit Fee** - Increase will be from \$1.56 to \$1.60.
- **Reflectorized Plate Fee** - Currently the fee is set at up to \$7.00. The proposal is to change the fee to up to \$12.00.

# Non-Lapsing Balances

- In addition to other statutory nonlapsing, the Tax Commission requests that unspent appropriations up to \$1 million not lapse at the close of FY2020. If funds are not needed for the stated purpose, unused balances will be returned at the end of the fiscal year.
- The following intent language has been approved for the last three years, and is requested again this year:
- “It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds are to be used to protect and enhance the State's tax and motor vehicle systems and processes; to continue to protect the State's revenues from tax fraud, identity theft, and security intrusions; and for litigation and related costs.”

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Questions?