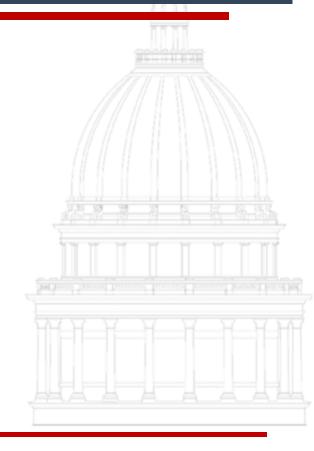


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Audit Background



- Audit Request
- Governance Audits
- Future Audits
 - Teacher retention
 - Student and teacher performance
 - Teacher compensation
 - Administrative costs

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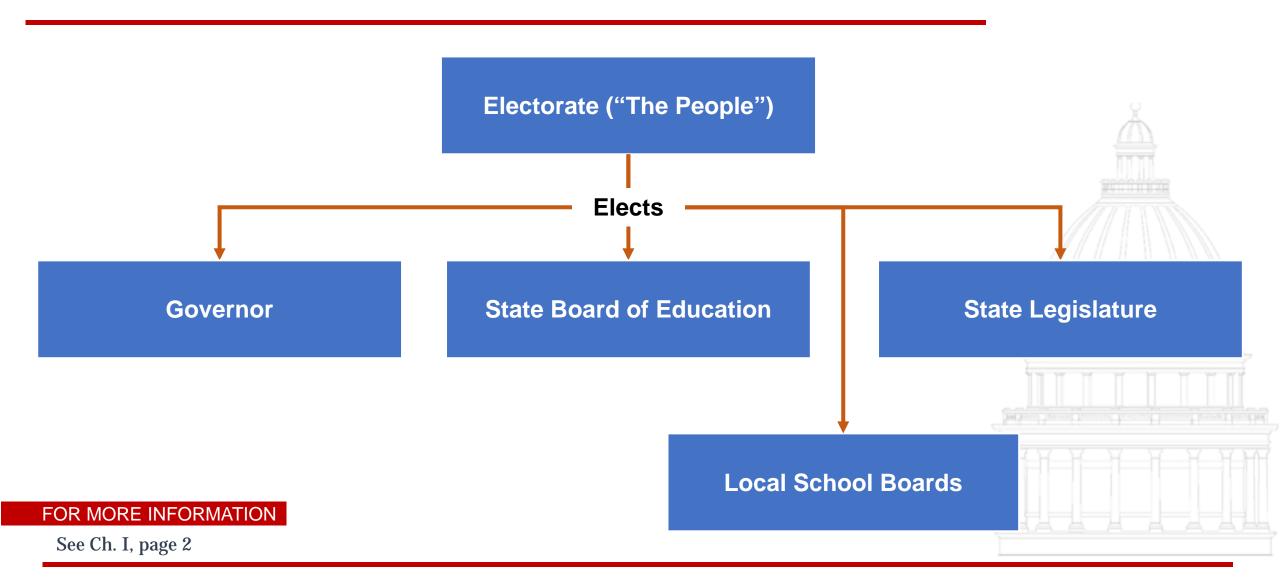
Audit Definition: Governance

Governance is the process by which key policymakers coordinate to make decisions that influence, set priorities, and provide accountability for the public education system





Roles and Overlap





Top Subjects (Bills Passed from 2016 – 2020)





What are the outcomes of varying governance structures?



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Changes to Selection of Candidates for USBE

1991

Legislature establishes
Governor's nominating
committee to select
USBE candidates for
the general election

2014

Federal court rules
Governor's nominating
committee
unconstitutional

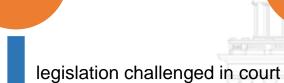
2016

Legislature passes
Senate Bill 78 allowing
partisan elections for
USBE

2019

Utah Supreme Court rules USBE candidates can run partisan races



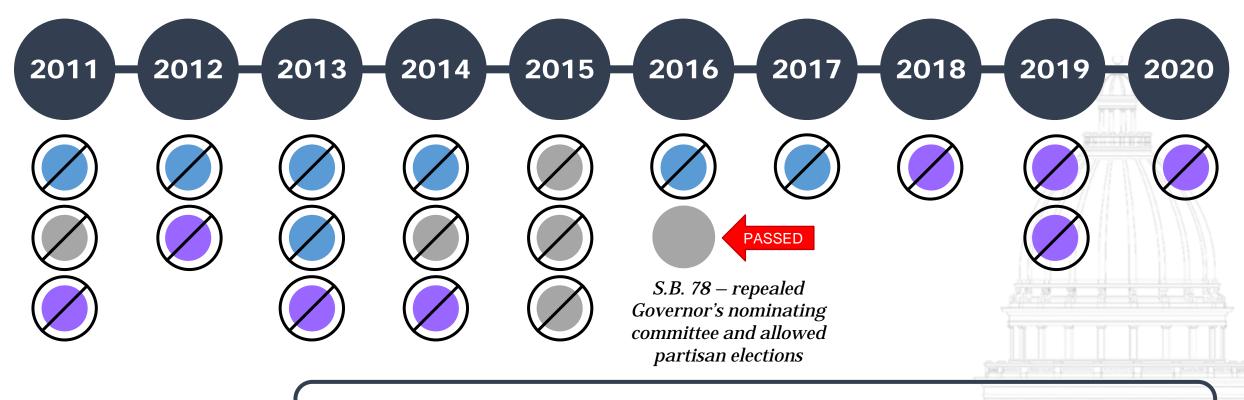


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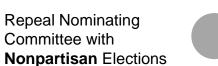


Efforts to Modify Structure



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Repeal Nominating

Committee with

Repeal Nominating Committee with **Partisan** Elections



Permit Governor to **Appoint Members of** the State Board



Failed Bill



Governa

VOTERS

PARTISAN ELECTIONS

UTAH ALABAMA

COLORADO

KANSAS MICHIGAN

TEXAS

NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

NEBRASKA

PARTISAN ELECTIONS

VOTERS

UTAH

ALABAMA COLORADO KANSAS MICHIGAN TEXAS

NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

NEBRASKA

LEGISLATURE APPOINTED

LEGISLATURE

NEW YORK

GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE SPLIT APPOINTMENTS

INDIANA
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
SOUTH CAROLINA

GOVERNOR APPOINTED WITH LEGISLATIVE CONFIRMATION

GOVERNOR

ALASKA
ARIZONA
ARKANSAS
CALIFORNIA
CONNECTICUT
DELAWARE
FLORIDA
GEORGIA
HAWAII
IDAHO
ILLINOIS
IOWA
KENTUCKY

MARYLAND
MISSOURI
MONTANA
NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEW JERSEY
OKLAHOMA
OREGON
RHODE ISLAND
SOUTH DAKOTA
TENNESSEE
VERMONT
VIRGINIA

WYOMING

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LOUISIANA OHIO

GOVERNOR AND ELECTIONS SPLIT MEMBER SELECTION

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LOUISIANA OHIO GOVERNOR APPOINTED

MAINE

GOVERNOR APPOINTED WITH EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA

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Office of the Legislative

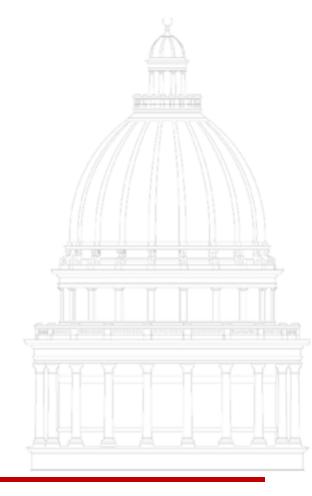
GOVERNOR AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS SPLIT APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON



Ch. III Objective #1

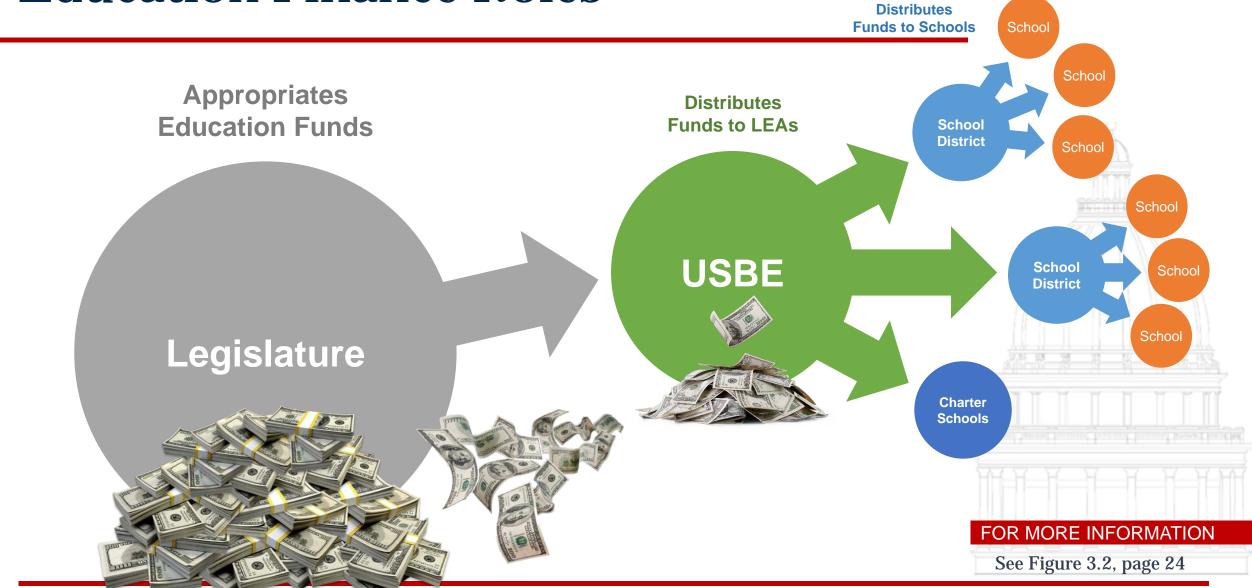
Are the roles of state-level governing bodies clearly defined in statute?



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Education Finance Roles





Broadly Defined Education Promotion Roles



Legislature

Provide for the establishment and maintenance of the public education system

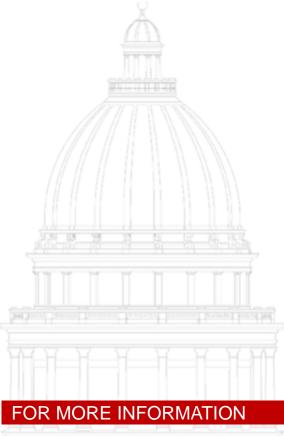


USBE

General control and supervision of the public education system



All other things
necessary for the
maintenance,
prosperity, and success
of schools and the
promotion of education



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Are state-level governing bodies focused on fulfilling their assigned governance roles?



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Legislature's Broad Oversight

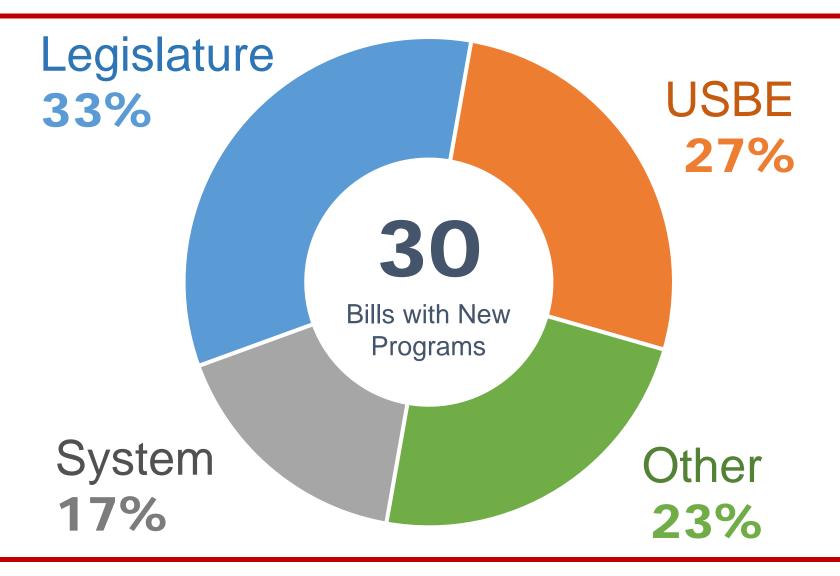
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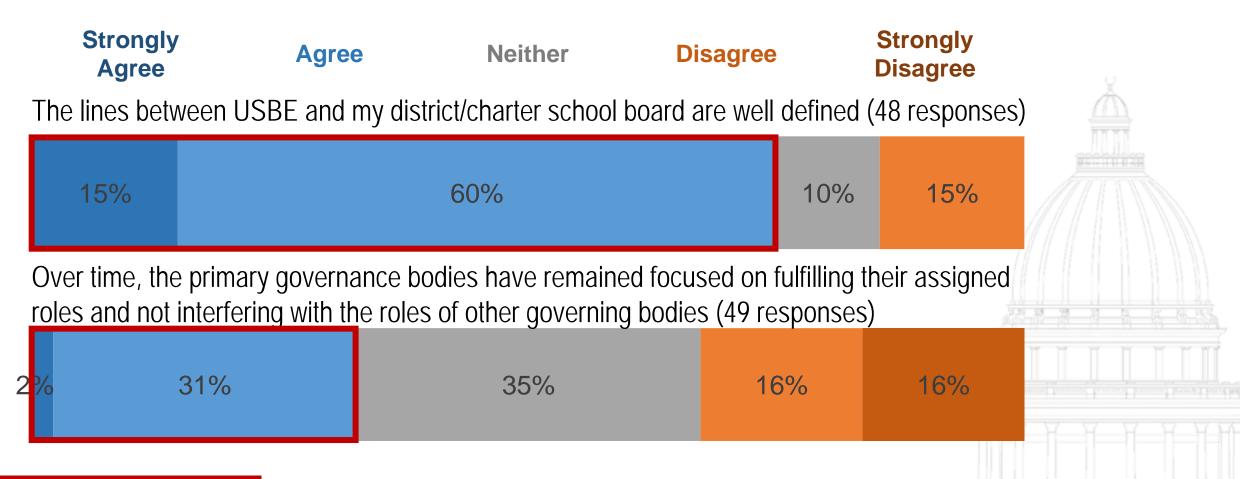
Origins of Bills Creating New Programs







Select Responses to District Administrators Survey

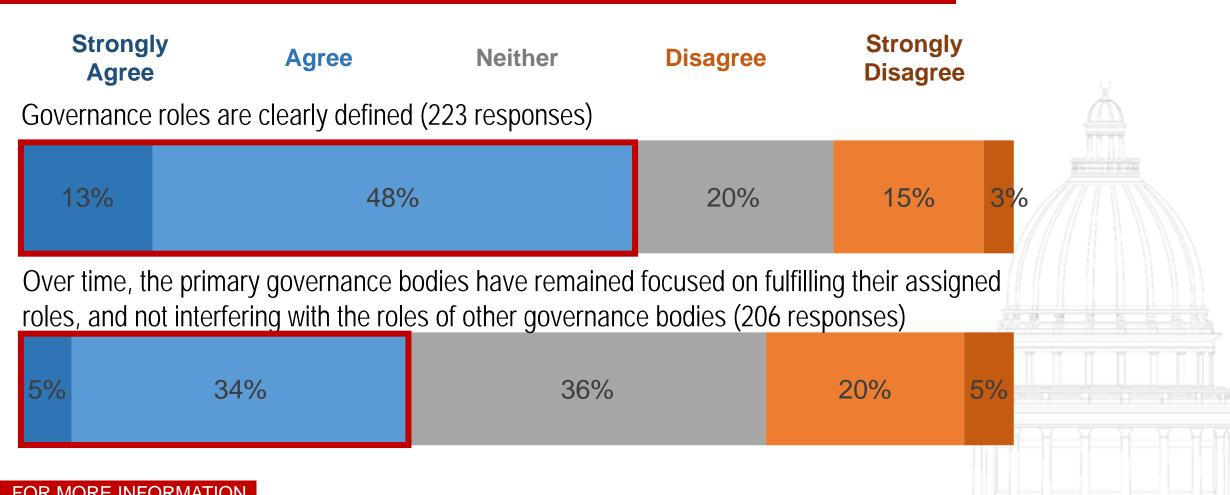


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Select Responses to USBE Staff Survey



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