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# Road Rage Amendments HB30-3<sup>rd</sup> substitute

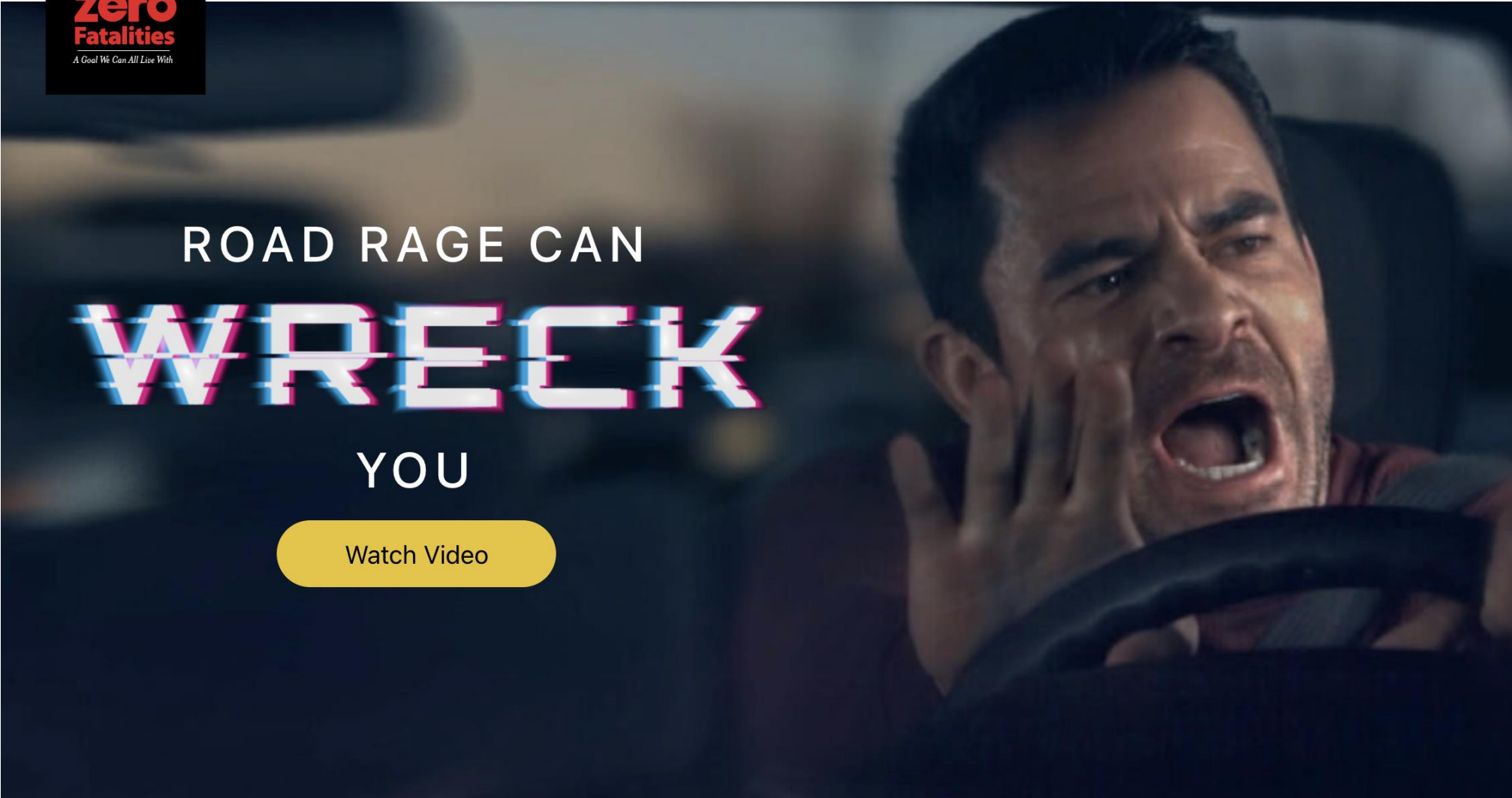

Col. Mike Rapich  
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House Law Enforcement Committee  
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Rep. Paul Cutler

Transportation Interim Committee Bill

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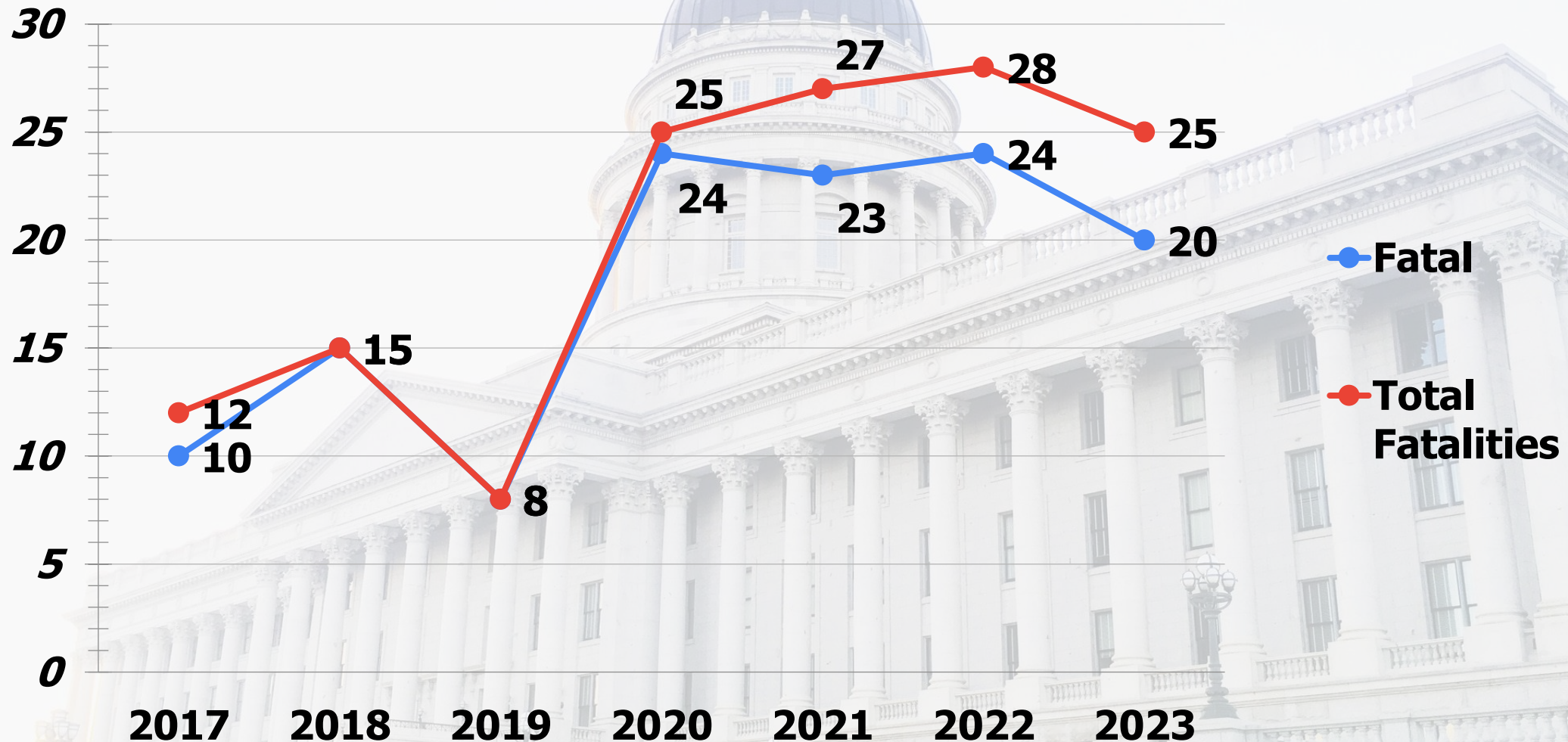
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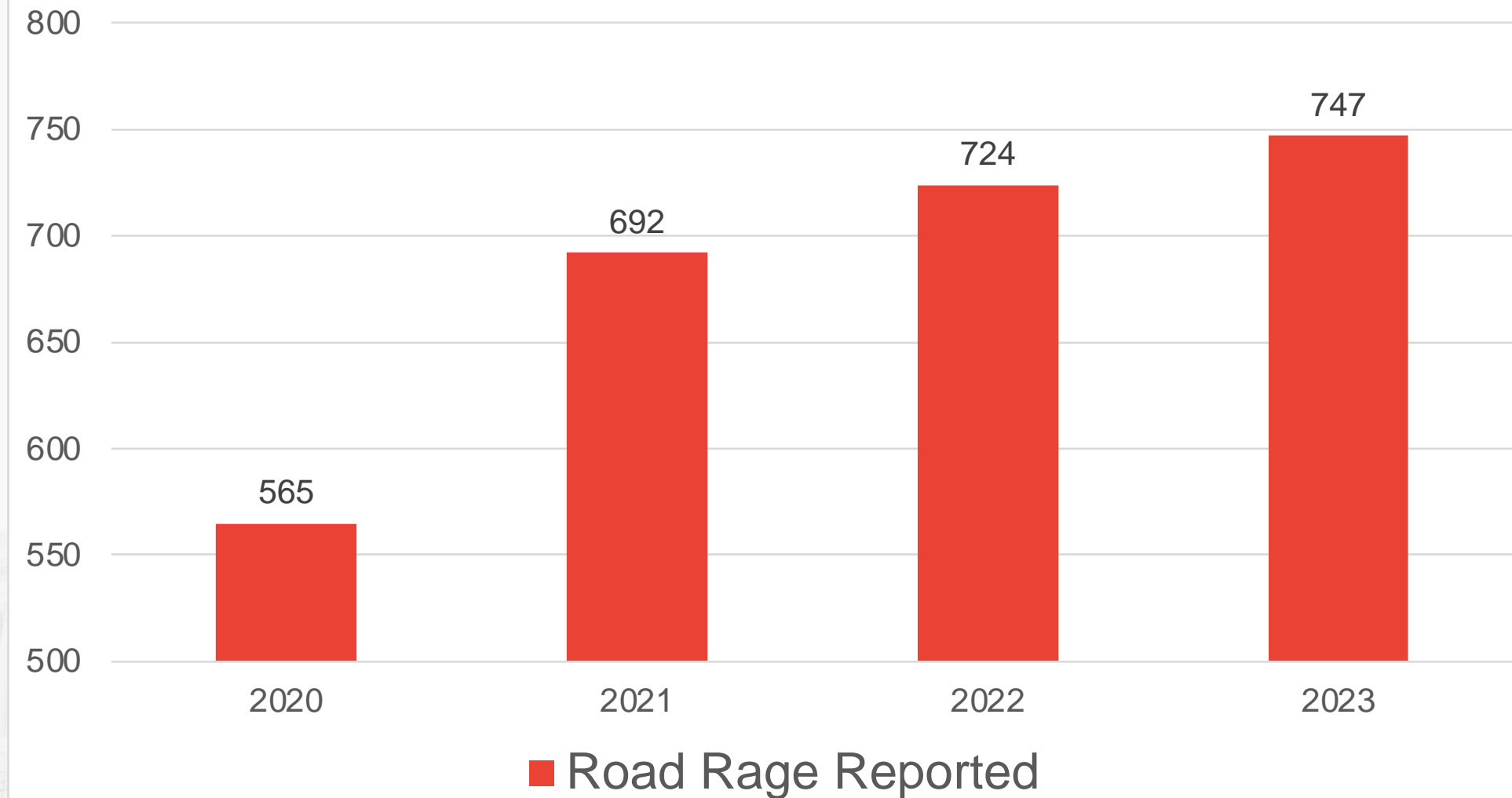
# Utah's Aggressive Driving Fatalities 2017-2023



Source: Highway Safety Office, Utah Department of Public Safety (Media Contact Jason Mettmann, 801-664-7899)



## DPS dispatch reports that mention "Road Rage" (only 6 of 30 dispatch centers)





# HB30S3 Road Rage: Key Policy Points

## #1 Defines Road Rage & Improves Data Collection

A legal definition will allow DPS and the courts to start measuring actual arrests, charges & convictions, and crash contributors, instead of searching for key words in dispatch transcripts and police reports.

- “Road rage event” means the **commission of a criminal offense**:
  - (a) by an operator or passenger of a vehicle;
  - (b) in response to an incident that occurs or **escalates** upon a roadway; and
  - (c) with the **intent to endanger or intimidate** an individual in another vehicle.



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## #2 Increased Penalties & Fines for Road Rage Criminal Behavior

Helps deter road rage behaviors by increasing the penalty for offenses

- Creates a criminal enhancement for road rage offenses (does not criminalize any new behaviors)
- Includes motor vehicle in the aggravated assault statute

### Example:

-**Reckless Driving** (3 or more traffic offenses OR 105+ mph)

Class B Misdemeanor  
"enhanced" to Class A

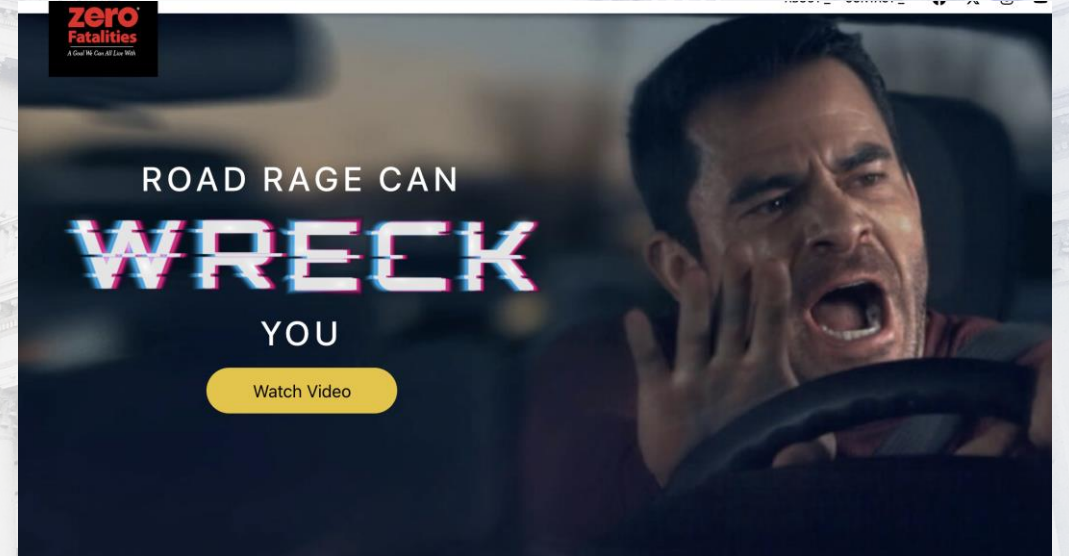




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## #3 Funds Road Rage Awareness & Prevention Campaign

DPS has launched a Road Rage Awareness Campaign to help people think through what they will do **BEFORE** it happens to them



The increase in fines collected from road rage enhancements (estimated \$50K/yr) is directed to DPS Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Fund to continue targeted awareness efforts



# Other Key Policy Points

- ✓ No new offenses – no attempt to criminalize expression or speech
- ✓ Effective date of July 1, 2024 (allow time for programming)
- ✓ Verbal agreement from DLD to update driver education curriculum and handbook on Aggressive Driving and Road Rage
- ✓ Tow/impound only when arrested for class B (enhanced to A) or higher offense (and no responsible owner available to take car)
- ✓ Mandatory DL Suspension on 2<sup>nd</sup> conviction in 12 months
- ✓ 2027 Interim Review of number and level of offenses & fines
- ✓ Sunset date (2028) for Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Fund





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