

Representative Robert M. Spendlove proposes the following substitute bill:

**INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY WORK AND
SELF-SUFFICIENCY TAX CREDIT**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Robert M. Spendlove

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts a state earned income tax credit.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ enacts a refundable state earned income tax credit for individuals who are experiencing intergenerational poverty;
- ▶ imposes notification and reporting requirements on the Department of Workforce Services related to individuals who may qualify for the income tax credit;
- ▶ addresses the time period for the State Tax Commission to issue a refund of the state earned income tax credit; and
- ▶ addresses the State Tax Commission's use of the report provided by the Department of Workforce Services.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides retrospective operation.



26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 AMENDS:

28 [59-10-529.1](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 369

29 ENACTS:

30 [35A-9-214](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

31 [59-10-1113](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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33 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

34 Section 1. Section [35A-9-214](#) is enacted to read:

35 **[35A-9-214](#). Income tax credit notification -- Intergenerational poverty report to**
36 **State Tax Commission.**

37 (1) As used in this section:

38 (a) "Commission" means the State Tax Commission.

39 (b) "Experiencing intergenerational poverty" means:

40 (i) the individual received public assistance during the previous calendar year;

41 (ii) the individual received public assistance for 12 months or more since the individual
42 reached 18 years old; and

43 (iii) the individual or the individual's family received public assistance for 12 months
44 or more before the individual reached 18 years old.

45 (2) (a) On or before January 31, the department shall provide a notice to each
46 individual that the department identifies as experiencing intergenerational poverty.

47 (b) The notice described in Subsection (2)(a) shall:

48 (i) inform the individual of the income tax credit available under Section [59-10-1113](#);
49 and

50 (ii) explain the eligibility requirements and process for claiming an income tax credit
51 under Section [59-10-1113](#).

52 (3) (a) On or before March 1, the department shall provide, in accordance with
53 applicable federal law, the commission with an electronic report.

54 (b) The electronic report shall include the following information for each individual to
55 whom the department provided notice in accordance with this section during the preceding
56 year:

- 57 (i) the individual's name; and
- 58 (ii) the individual's social security number.
- 59 (c) The department and the commission shall ensure that the information contained in
- 60 each electronic report is secure and confidential.

61 Section 2. Section **59-10-529.1** is amended to read:

62 **59-10-529.1. Time period for commission to issue a refund.**

63 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), the commission may not issue a refund
64 before March 1.

65 (2) The commission may issue a refund before March 1 if, before March 1, the
66 commission determines that:

67 (a) (i) an employer has filed the one or more forms in accordance with Subsection
68 59-10-406(8) the employer is required to file with respect to an individual; and

69 (ii) for a refund of a tax credit described in Section 59-10-1113, the Department of
70 Workforce Services has submitted the electronic report required by Section 35A-9-214; and

71 (b) the individual has filed a return in accordance with this chapter.

72 Section 3. Section **59-10-1113** is enacted to read:

73 **59-10-1113. Refundable state earned income tax credit.**

74 (1) As used in this section:

75 (a) "Department" means the Department of Workforce Services created in Section
76 35A-1-103.

77 (b) "Federal earned income tax credit" means the federal earned income tax credit
78 described in Section 32, Internal Revenue Service.

79 (c) "Qualifying claimant" means a resident individual or a nonresident individual who:

80 (i) is identified by the department as experiencing intergenerational poverty in

81 accordance with Section 35A-9-214; and

82 (ii) claimed a federal earned income tax credit for the previous taxable year.

83 (2) A qualifying claimant may claim a refundable earned income tax credit equal to
84 10% of the amount of the federal earned income tax credit that the qualifying claimant was
85 entitled to claim on a federal income tax return in the previous taxable year.

86 (3) (a) The commission shall use the electronic report described in Section 35A-9-214
87 to verify that a qualifying claimant is identified as experiencing intergenerational poverty.

88 (b) The commission may not use the electronic report described in Section [35A-9-214](#)
89 for any other purpose.

90 Section 4. **Retrospective operation.**

91 This bill has retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
92 2021.