

**USEA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
**March 11, 2009**

In our last Update, we talked about **SB 195, “Public Employee Defined Contribution Amendments,”** which would have suspended the present 1.5% contribution into employees’ 401(k) for FY 2010( July 2009 through June 2010). In response to constituent messages, the bill was amended so that only one half of the contribution, or 0.75%, would be suspended.

Comments at that time indicated that the bill would simply be “another tool available” if needed to balance the budget. The bill was passed out of committee and is now “circled” in the Senate.

The indication in caucus meetings on Tuesday was that the Legislature thought it would not have to use this particular tool. However, we have heard that the bill might be moved forward to free up funds for other purposes.

USEA believes that all other funding sources should be exhausted and other programs carefully considered before public employee compensation is further reduced and that, in any event, this should be a decision left to individual districts.

Contact your senator or representative and urge them to oppose this bill.

**Legislative Contact Information**

You can contact your State Representatives and Senators by phone, email or letter. The important thing is that legislators hear from you, their constituent. Be respectful but let them know what you think.

If you need assistance in contacting your legislators, call USEA at 801-269-9320 or 1-800-662-6544; go to the USEA website at [www.useautah.org](http://www.useautah.org) or the legislative website at [www.le.state.ut.us](http://www.le.state.ut.us)

**House of Representatives**

<http://www.le.state.ut.us/house/members/membertable1add.asp>

**Senate**

<http://www.utahsenate.org/perl/roster2009.pl>