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Representative Dean Sanpei



About Dean

Dean grew up in a military family in Hawaii and went to King Kamehameha High School. He attended BYU earning a masters of Public Administration degree there. After BYU he went to work in the healthcare industry and currently serves as Vice President of Intermountain Healthcare for Strategic Planning (meaning he is responsible for planning for 23 hospitals, 500,000+ members and one of the largest physician groups in Utah). Dean is a nationally recognized expert in economic modeling, health care policy, and demographic forecasting.

Dean has been active in the community and the Republican Party for decades and was elected to the Legislature in the Spring of 2010 in a special election. In his spare time, Dean loves trying out new restaurants throughout Utah with his wife and 2 children.

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Why I am Involved Hope of America

“At the height of the ‘Great Recession’ of 2008, our country’s outlook was bleaker than in any other time in my life. The economy was struggling, the banking system had suffered tremendous losses, and no one felt secure in their jobs. During this time, I attended an event put on by fifth-graders across our county. My son joined others in singing a song that had the line, ‘we are the hope of America.’ At that moment I realized – there is hope, for us, for our future and for our children. Those kids singing are our future and they are filled with optimism, so why shouldn’t we be optimistic? I felt the need to do all that I could to assure they would have the opportunities I have been given in their lives as well – we owe that to them. I know that being in the legislature there are issues that arise daily that will affect their futures and I want to be a part of the process to ensure we do the right things for our children.”

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Chair of Executive Appropriations

As a recognized expert in economic and demographic forecasting Dean was asked to Chair the Executive Appropriations Committee. This is the committee that facilitates and prioritizes the State's \$15.1 billion budget each year. As Chair he also attends all Leadership Meetings and is frequently asked for his opinion and advice on anything that involves money or forecasting. Under Dean's leadership this year no new debt was authorized, budget reserves were increased almost \$500 million and debt was reduced by \$335 million – thereby ensuring that Utah remains among the small minority of states which have the highest AAA credit rating.



Education



Dean's children have attended Utah's public schools, and he's seen firsthand its strengths and weaknesses. He interacts regularly with our state's amazing teachers, and is encouraged by the efforts they make on behalf of our children. Dean is a strong advocate for public education. As the state's budget chairman, he has an intimate knowledge of how much money is in the system, what it's paying for, and how effectively it's being used. Dean will always ensure our public education system is funded as effectively as possible.

Business Champion and Legislator of the Year

- Legislative Business Champion – Utah Business Coalition
- Legislator of the Year 2016 – Utah Technology Council
- Friend of the Taxpayer – Utah Taxpayers Association
- Business Friendly Legislator – Salt Lake & Utah Valley Chambers

Most importantly Utah's economy is consistently ranked among the best in the country for you, the citizens, to succeed.

Families

Dean is proud of his wife, Hinckley Jones-Sanpei, and his two children. As a family man, Dean understands and has experienced the struggles and successes we all have in our daily lives. Families are at the core of Utah's success, and everything possible should be done to protect this fundamental building block of our society. He knows that strong public education, low taxes, and safe streets are foundational to thriving families. His pro-life stance is unflappable, and he believes that anything that undermines those values undermines the bedrock of society. There is much to be optimistic about in Utah, and that all begins with the strength of our families.



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