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HOUSE DISTRICT 63

DEAN SANPEI ACTIVE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

✧ Why am I Involved? ✧

By Dean Sanpei

The single most frequent question I am asked is, "why are you in this?" For those who have heard the explanation multiple times - skip to page 2. But for those who have not, here is my reason for being involved.



Representative Dean Sanpei

On June 23, 2010 Dean Sanpei was sworn in the Legislature as the Representative for Legislative District #63. He currently serves on Higher Education Appropriations, Health and Human Standing and as the Vice Chair for Economic Development and Workforce Services.

THE HOPE OF AMERICA

About 3 years or so ago the outlook for our future seemed bleaker than in any other time in my life. The economy was struggling, the banking system had suffered tremendous losses, and I don't think anyone felt secure in their job. It was at that time that I attended an event put on by 5th graders across the county. My son joined others in singing a song that had the line, "... we are the hope of America..."



It was at that moment that I realized – there is hope, for us, for our future and for our children. Those kids are our future and they are filled with optimism. I feel like I need to do all that I can to ensure that they have all the opportunities that I have been given in their futures as well – we owe that to them. I know that issues came up daily in the legislature that will affect their futures and I want to be a part of the process to ensure we do the right things for them.

Website Live and Online

*Dean's website can be found at:
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- Information about Dean
- Ways to be involved
- Issues
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"A sincere thanks to all those who continue to support me in so many ways."





Major Legislative Activity

Balanced Budget - 2013 total budget was set at \$13 billion. The structural deficit has been reduced from \$313 in 2010 down to \$52 million in 2012. Taxes have not been raised. Total state debt has been reduced by about \$130 million.

Medicaid Reform - Representative Sanpei has been one of the most active and critical participants in Medicaid reform. He sponsored and passed legislation in 2012 that continues to facilitate the reforming of medicaid payment mechanisms in Utah. Those efforts along with ones that Representative Sanpei participated in heavily in 2011, are estimated to save Utah over \$770 million over 7 years increasing further over time.

Severance Tax Trust Fund



This is an important issue that will be on the November ballot as it is a constitutional amendment. The legislature voted to gradually allocate severance tax revenues (which are generated from nonrenewable sources such as oil and natural gas) into a permanent trust fund. The challenge is that this will create tens of millions in short term shortfalls in the state budget. The good news is

that this will ensure future generations will always have access to this source of funding and within approximately 15 years the interest generated from the trust fund will exceed the annual amounts Utah is spending today.

Education

In every survey conducted in District 63 - education rises to the very top of the priority list. The 2012 legislature found a way to fund K-12 public education higher than the governor asked and also funded the growth of new students in the system. If you would like to talk with Dean about these issues (or any others) he'd welcome the dialog. You can email him at: Dean@DeanSanpei.com or cell at: (801)979-5711.

