

Question 1

The purpose of this article is to provide unbiased facts and information relating to the ballot Opinion Question 1. On this year's ballot, voters will see Question 1, which is the result of a compromise between the Utah Legislature and the Our Schools Now initiative. Question 1 will ask voters to consider the following nonbinding opinion question: "To provide additional funding for public education and local roads, should the state increase the state motor and special fuel tax rates by an equivalent of 10 cents per gallon?" If Question 1 passes, that is equivalent to telling the Legislature that a majority of the voters feel the Legislature should increase the motor and special fuel taxes by 10 cents per gallon for the purpose of increased funding for education and local roads. Because it is a nonbinding question, the Legislature would not be required to impose the additional tax and would have to take additional action to impose it and to allocate the revenue raised. It is estimated that a 10 cent per gallon increase in the state gas tax would generate an additional \$180 million in state revenue. This revenue would be obtained by increasing fuel costs by 10 cents per gallon. I encourage all voters to become informed regarding this opinion question and to exercise their right to vote on it and other issues and candidates at the upcoming election. The state's official voter information website is vote.utah.gov. In addition, for pro and con arguments on Question 1 voters can access additional information at [https://ballotpedia.org/Utah_Nonbinding_Opinion_Question_1,_10_Cents_per_Gallon_Gas_Tax_Increase_for_Education_and_Local_Roads_\(2018\)_as_well_as_other_information_provided_by_those_advocating_for_and_against_this_ballot_issue](https://ballotpedia.org/Utah_Nonbinding_Opinion_Question_1,_10_Cents_per_Gallon_Gas_Tax_Increase_for_Education_and_Local_Roads_(2018)_as_well_as_other_information_provided_by_those_advocating_for_and_against_this_ballot_issue).

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