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Bill No.		Title and Summary	Diocesan Analysis/Catholic Social Doctrine implicated	Bill Status
HOUSE	HOUSE	HOUSE	HOUSE	HOUSE
HB 17	Eliason	<p>Firearm Violence and Suicide Prevention Amendments: requires the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, in consultation with the Bureau of Criminal Identification, to implement and manage a firearm safety program and a suicide prevention education course by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • producing a firearm safety brochure and firearm safety packet; • procuring cable-style gun locks; • distributing firearm safety packets; • administering a program in which a Utah resident who has filed an application for a concealed firearm permit receives a redeemable coupon toward the purchase of a firearm safe and receives a firearm safety brochure; and • creating a suicide prevention education course; <p>requires a federal firearm dealer to provide a cable-style gun lock supplied by the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to an individual purchasing a certain firearm</p>	Support as protecting the sanctity of life.	PHC PH PSC S

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HB 70	Coleman	Community Reinvestment Agency Modifications: requires a community that creates an agency having a housing allocation from tax increment to create an affordable housing plan; ► allows an agency to use the agency's housing allocation to implement the affordable housing plan; requires a description of how an agency used the agency's housing allocation in the agency's annual budget report; imposes certain requirements on jobs that will be created for post-performance distribution; for urban renewal project areas, removes the option to reduce the agency's housing allocation; requires an agency to start distributing the agency's housing allocation held from project areas created in the past	Watch. Appears to favor economic development projects over affordable housing.	HC
HB 87	Weight	Safe Storage of Firearms Amendments: makes it a criminal offense to store a firearm in a place that the firearm owner knows or has reason to believe a minor or person legally restricted from possessing a firearm has access; requires a firearm dealer to post written notice of possible prosecution for negligent storage of a firearm and provides a penalty for failure to post the notice.	Support as protecting the sanctity of life.	FHC
HB 103	Spendlove	Utah Intergenerational Poverty Work and Self-Sufficiency Tax Credit: enacts a refundable state earned income tax credit for	Support as option for the poor. People in poverty are often trapped in an intergenerational cycle that prevents them from pursuing higher education and	H

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		certain individuals who are experiencing intergenerational poverty;	finding higher paying jobs. This bill apportions a tax credit that will assist them in breaking the cycle.	
HB 108	Romero	Human Trafficking Revisions: provides that children engaged in commercial sex or sexual solicitation should be treated as victims; requires law enforcement officers who encounter a child engaged in commercial sex or sexual solicitation to conduct an investigation into whether the child is being trafficked; incorporates human trafficking of a child into the racketeering statute; and creates a pathway for human trafficking victims to have adjudications for crimes committed while being trafficked vacated	Support as protecting the dignity of life.	PHC PH PSC PS G
HB 114	Maloy	Self-Defense Amendments: provides that an individual is not required to retreat from an aggressor; provides that an individual's failure to retreat is not relevant when determining whether the individual acted reasonably	Oppose as violating the sanctity of life. This provision encourages a “shoot first, ask questions later” mentality.	PHC PH PSC S
HB 121	Dailey-Provost	End of Life Prescription Provisions: Legalizes assisted suicide in Utah.	Oppose as violating the dignity and sanctity of life. For a more complete analysis and talking points, visit https://www.dioslc.org/outreach/government-liaison-peace-and-justice-ministry/93-assisted-suicide-and-the-sanctity-of-life	H
HB 136 1st sub	Acton	Abortion Amendments: prohibits an abortion from being performed after the unborn child reaches 18 weeks gestational age except under certain circumstances.	Support as protecting the sanctity of life. HB 136 attempts to provide protections for all babies, though later in the process than we would want.	PHC PH SC
HB 166	Lisonbee	Down Syndrome Non-discrimination Abortion Act: requires the Department of Health to create a Down syndrome informational support sheet	Watch. We have concerns about suggesting that babies with some disabilities are more deserving of	PHC PH PSC

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		<p>and publish the same information on the department's website; requires that a pregnant woman be provided certain information before receiving an abortion when a prenatal screening or diagnostic test indicates that the pregnant woman's unborn child has or may have Down syndrome; after expressly permitted by a court of binding authority, prohibits a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion solely because an unborn child has or may have Down syndrome; requires an abortion pathology report to provide information about whether an aborted child had or may have had Down syndrome; requires a physician who performed an abortion to state whether the physician had any knowledge that the pregnant woman sought the abortion solely because the unborn child had or may have had Down syndrome.</p>	<p>protection than babies diagnosed with other disabilities.</p>	<p>PS G</p>
<p>HB 209</p>	<p>Handy</p>	<p>Extreme Risk Protective Order: enables a family member or law enforcement to ask a court to restrain a person from possessing any firearms or ammunition for a specified length of time; requires the courts to develop and adopt uniform forms for all courts; requires that the court consider whether the respondent: has made recent threats or acted violently; violated a recent protective order; has demonstrated a pattern of violent acts or threats within the past 12 months; is dangerous; or has attempted or threatened self harm; allows a court to issue a search warrant if a</p>	<p>Support as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life. Guns are most likely to be involved in suicide and domestic violence deaths in Utah. This bill is a common sense step to help prevent deaths where a person is clearly at risk to themselves or others.</p>	<p>H</p>

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		respondent refuses to surrender firearms and ammunition upon service of an order; requires the courts to enter the respondent's information into the national crime information center system upon issuance, and to remove the information upon expiration; allows the respondent to surrender firearms and ammunition to a law enforcement agency or a federal firearms licensee; provides for disposal if the firearms and ammunition are not reclaimed upon expiration; requires the director of POST to create and implement training and materials; and requires the courts to create and distribute an annual report on extreme risk protective orders.		
HB 210	Ward	Medicaid Expansion Program Revisions: removes the requirement that reimbursements for Medicaid providers increase annually at a certain rate; makes changes to the Inpatient Hospital Assessment and the Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment; permits funds from the Medicaid Expansion Fund to be used for the Medicaid expansion to the full optional population under the Affordable Care Act; amends provisions relating to the state sales tax.	Support as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life. This bill makes some sensible tweaks to the voter-approved Medicaid expansion without undermining the core principles supported by voters.	H- incorporate d into SB 96
HB 244	Hutchings	Misdemeanor Sentencing Timeline Clarifications: reduces the maximum incarceration time for a misdemeanor by one day to 364 days; and exempts from the reduction, the provision for persons serving a felony sentence in the Utah Prison.	Support as protecting the dignity of life. A person who commits a low-level, non-violent misdemeanor should not be deported to a home country where their life is endangered. A one day change means the person still serves their time for the criminal act without also facing automatic deportation.	PHC PH PSC S

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HB 317 1st sub	Eliason	Homeless Resource Center Drug Free Zone: modifies penalties for certain prohibited acts committed in or on the grounds of a permanent housing, permanent supportive, or transitional facility.	Watch for impact on preferential option for the poor. The bill was amended to focus on drug distribution, eliminating our concerns that it would also target individuals with drug addictions. Housing First requires getting people into housing regardless of an addiction and then addressing the addiction once he or she has a safe place to live. As amended, the bill better reflects this practice, but issues may still arise.	PHC PH PSC S
HB 318	Pitcher	Inmate Restrictions Standards Amendments: provides that the least restrictive restraints are to be used on a pregnant inmate; requires that a correctional staff member individually review an inmate's situation before allowing restraints to be used on an inmate during labor, delivery, and postpartum recovery; prohibits the use of shackles or other restraints during labor and delivery; requires the correctional staff member to document in a written record all decisions made regarding the use of restraints on a pregnant inmate; extends the requirements to county jails.	Support as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life.	PH PHC SC
HB 342	King	Homeless Provider Oversight Amendments: requires the Homeless Coordinating Committee to prepare and implement a statewide strategy for minimizing homelessness in the state; describes requirements for evaluating and reporting on progress toward the strategic plan goals; describes requirements related to awarding contracts from the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Account.	Support as providing preferential option for the poor and dignity of life. Homeless providers are already well on the way to implementing a much more inclusive and accountable system for serving the needs of the homeless. This bill ensures the state is also better informed and engaged in oversight.	PH SC

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HB 379	Thurston	Intergenerational Poverty Solution: creates the Earned Income and Education Savings Incentive Program (the program), including: providing a process for an individual identified by the Department of Workforce Services as experiencing intergenerational poverty to receive a state match of deposits into certain 529 savings accounts.	Watch. This bill mandates how families use a state EITC by requiring that the credit be deposited into a 529 educational savings account. While the bill recognizes the importance of education for ending poverty, it undermines the dignity of the human being by eliminating their free agency to determine their own financial priorities. However, we encourage legislators to merge this with HB 103 so that recipients would have the option to invest in a 529 or use their refund for other needs.	PHC H
HB 386	Briscoe	Economic Development and Affordable Homes Amendments: modifies how money from the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund may be used; modifies how money from the Economic Revitalization and Investment Fund may be used; creates the Affordable Housing Preservation Fund and describes the allowable uses of money from the fund.	Support as providing option for the poor. This bill provides incentives to develop affordable housing, including alternative models such as tiny homes, community land trusts and single room occupancy units.	PHC H
HB 427	Acton	Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Victims Amendments: requires the creation of a mobile application to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse; requires certain state entities to develop, support, and maintain the mobile application; and dictates certain elements to be included in the mobile application.	Support as an effort to protect the dignity and sanctity of life.	H
HB 431	Hutchings	Expungement Act Amendments: allows for automatic expungement of charges for which an individual is acquitted, charges that are dismissed with prejudice, and certain convictions; creates a process for automatic expungement.	Support as protecting the dignity of life, rights and responsibilities, participation in community, and dignity of work. Those who have served their time for crimes committed many years before with no new cases should be granted a second chance without having to spend significant sums to gain that	HC

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			chance. Expungement is a costly and time consuming process. Without an expungement, individuals with low level criminal histories may be denied work and housing. Automatic expungement provides for access to necessities without first requiring another court payment and process.	
HB 460	Spackman Moss	Medicaid Eligibility Amendments: prohibits the department from terminating eligibility for the state Medicaid program solely because the individual is incarcerated.	Support as protecting the dignity of life and preferential option for the poor.	H
HB 465	Stoddard	Fee Waivers for Homeless Youth: waives the fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate for a youth who can show that he or she is homeless; and waives the fee for an identification card for a youth who can show that he or she is homeless.	Support as providing preferential option for the poor.	H
HJR 8	Hollins	Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution – Slavery and Involuntary Servitude Prohibition: This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to eliminate an exception to the prohibition against slavery and involuntary servitude.	Support as protecting the dignity of life.	PH S
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SB 34	Anderegg	Affordable Housing Modifications: modifies the requirements of certain municipalities and counties related to the moderate income housing plan element of their general plan; modifies the reporting requirements of certain municipalities	Support as option for the poor and dignity of life. The bill provides \$24,000,000 for affordable housing and modifies several statutory provisions to open doors for new affordable housing projects.	PSC PS PHC H

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		related to the municipalities' moderate income housing plan element of their general plan; modifies provisions related to the use of Transportation Investment Fund money; modifies provisions related to the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund Board		
4th sub SB 96	Christensen	Medicaid Expansion Adjustments: makes changes to eligibility for and administration of the state Medicaid program; directs the Department of Health to continue to seek approval from the federal government to implement the Medicaid waiver expansion; directs the department to submit a request to the federal government to provide Medicaid benefits to enrollees who are newly eligible under the Medicaid waiver expansion in a manner that: incorporates a per capita cap on federal reimbursement; limits presumptive eligibility; imposes a lock-out period for individuals who violate certain program requirements; and gives enrollees continuous eligibility for a period of 12 months; directs the department to submit a request to the federal government to allow Medicaid funds to be used for housing supports for certain enrollees; amends provisions related to the Medicaid Expansion Fund; amends provisions related to the state sales tax.	Oppose as against the dignity and sanctity of life. The bill would amend the Prop 3 passed Medicaid Expansion to cover at least 50,000 less people at a greater cost and further undermine Utah voters' decision to enact a broader Medicaid expansion.	PSC, PS PHC, PH, signed by G
SB 97	Anderegg	Medicaid Program Revisions: repeals: authorization for Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act; certain sales tax increases	Oppose as against the dignity and sanctity of life. This bill repeals the Medicaid Expansion passed by voters in November.	FSC

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SB 103	Thatcher	<p>Victim Targeting Penalty Amendments: provides for an enhanced penalty for a criminal offense if the offender acted against an individual because of the offender's perception of the individual's ancestry, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation; provides the same enhancement provisions if the criminal offense damages property and the offender acted against the property because of the offender's perception of the property owner's ancestry, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation; and provides that this bill does not affect an individual's constitutional right of free speech or any other constitutional rights.</p>	<p>Watch. "Punishment does not serve merely the purpose of defending the public order and guaranteeing the safety of persons; it becomes as well an instrument for the correction of the offender. . . .There is a twofold purpose....encouraging the re-insertion of the condemned person into society ... [and] fostering a justice that reconciles, a justice capable of restoring harmony in social relationships disrupted by the criminal act committed." Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church 403</p> <p>The twofold purpose cannot be met if the offenders' prejudices, and the harm to larger social relationships, are not addressed in the correctional process.</p>	PSC PS

Key: C-Committee E-Enrolled H-House S-Senate F-Failed P-passed V-Vetoed by Governor GO-sent to Governor's Office for Action