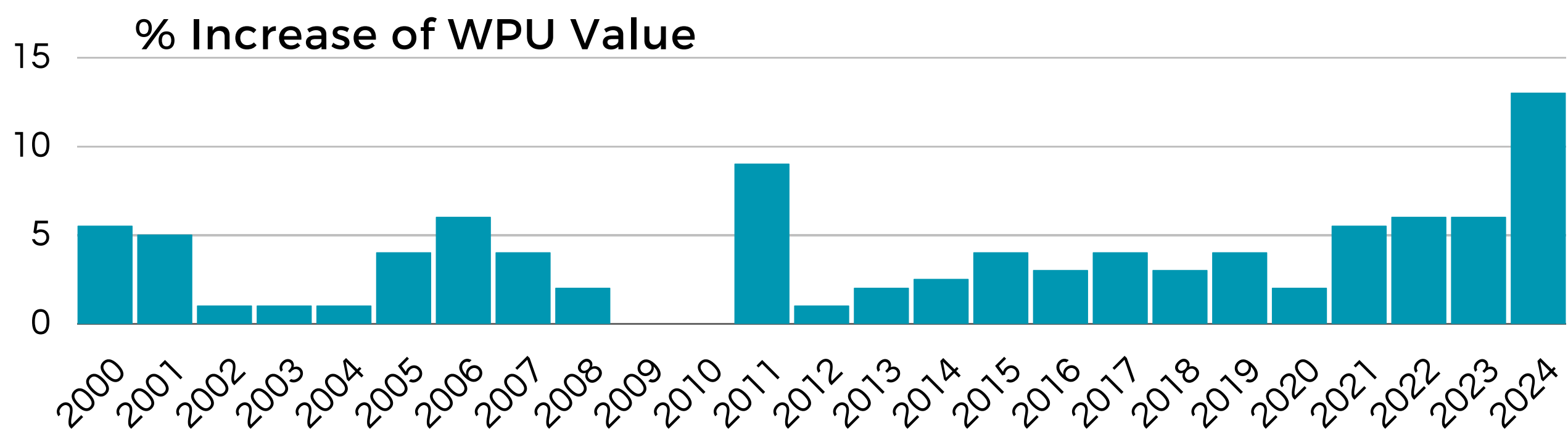# Utah State Legislature
2023 SESSION

6% increase overall + **5% teacher salary increase (HB 215)** + **1% full-day kindergarten (HB 477)** + **1% at-risk student add-on** = **13% effective increase WPU**

Local replacement fund (LRF) will be increased $175/student. Charter school base funding will increase $115/student.

% Increase of WPU Value

Bar chart showing % increase of WPU value by year, with vertical axis marked at 0, 5, 10, 15. Years span 2000 through 2024.

Key Legislation

HB 308 (Welton) School Grading- Eliminates school letter grades.

HB 477 (Spendlove) Full-day Kindergarten- Makes full-day kindergarten available for all LEAs with an option for half-day kindergarten.

SB 55 (Fillmore) Public School Instructional Materials Requirements- If an LEA board is going to adopt learning material, then the LEA board is required to use a traditional public process. Requires an LEA board to adopt a policy of their choosing for materials teachers use that haven't been adopted or approved by the LEA open process.

SB 65 (Fillmore) Charter School Authorizer Modifications- Requires certain charter school authorizers to use procedures akin to those under the Administrative Rulemaking Act when adopting standards, guidelines, or policy; permits private institutions of higher education to become authorizers.

SB 183 (Vickers) Educator Salary Amendments- Ties the size of the educator salary adjustments to increases in the WPU.

SJR10 (McCay) Education Earmarks- Removes the constitutional earmark on income tax and provides statuatory public education funding framework.

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Bills of Note

HB 16 (Pulsipher) **Block Grant Funding for Prevention Programs in Public Education-**
Combines several line item funding streams into a single block grant funding stream.

HB 421 (Moss) **School Land Trust Program Amendments-**
Increases the maximum School Land Trust disbursement from 4% to 5%.

HB 489 (Moss) **Educator Paid Professional Hours-**
Permits LEAs to use these dollars for teachers who begin teaching after the school year begins, on a pro-rated basis.

HB 494 (Pulsipher) **Education Reporting Amendments-** Repeals a textbook disposal report.

SB 44 (Millner) **Reading Software Amendments-**
Permits LEAs to use reading software that do not meet the statistical effect size specified in last year's SB 127.

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