

# UTAH CONSERVATION COMMUNITY

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### Welcome to the 2014 Legislative Update

This issue includes highlights of week four, what we can expect in the week ahead, and information for protecting wildlife and the environment. Please direct any questions or comments to Steve Erickson: [erickson.steve1@comcast.net](mailto:erickson.steve1@comcast.net).

### About the Legislative Update

The Legislative Update is made possible by the **Utah Audubon Council** and contributing organizations. Each Update provides bill and budget item descriptions and status updates throughout the Session, as well as important Session dates and key committees. For the most up-to-date information and the names and contact information for all legislators, check the Legislature's website at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov). The Legislative Update focuses on legislative information pertaining to wildlife, sensitive and invasive species, public lands, state parks, SITLA land management, energy development, renewable energy and conservation, and water issues. The Update will be distributed after each Friday of the Session. We may also send out additional Action Alerts during the Session as issues arise that need quick action. We hope each Update

issue will prepare you to call, email or tweet your legislators with your opinions and concerns!

### ACTION ALERT!

Key budget decisions will be made this week. A number of positive air quality measures require appropriations. **Tell Executive Appropriations Committee members to place a high priority on funding for programs and initiatives that will help reduce air pollution!**

Please continue to contact EAC members to **urge them to reject funding for lobbying and litigation over the potential listing of Sage Grouse as an Endangered Species.**

Keep messages coming in to Senators to **support SB 164**, the bill to **repeal the prohibition against stronger air quality regulations**. The bill will likely be voted on in the Senate this Wednesday.

Lastly, **oppose SB 243**, which enacts a \$1 charge on all households' utility. This bill doesn't really help us fight to rollback pollution eoyj Sen.adams

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## News of Week Four

While the big news of the week centered on Medicaid “expansion” proposals and the Count My Vote initiative, progress was made on the conservation and environmental quality front, as air quality bills advanced (see HBs 41, 61, 74) to the Senate. Some bills that cause us concern have been changed for the better or are in negotiations.

SB 208 has been amended to require a cost/benefit study before fees can be levied on net metering rooftop solar owners. SB 139 (Harper), which would have tagged hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles with a big surcharge on their annual registrations was amended down to a more acceptable fee level. HB 388, which would allow local governments to seek voter approval of a .25% tax increase for transit, is gathering momentum, and HB 55, which proposes a tax credit for buying a transit pass, was revived. Both are awaiting floor action in the House.

We are working to amend or defeat Sen. Adams’ SB 243, which would add a \$1 monthly charge to all utility bills in order to pay for as yet undefined air quality measures.

HB 135, which would have cut the gasoline tax in half and raised the sales tax for roads, was roundly defeated in House Transportation Committee despite support from the Chamber of Commerce and League of Cities and Towns.

Federalism bills are moving through the House NRAE Standing Committee with little opposition, but probably little actual effect.

## Budget News

The new revenue projections released last Friday were positive for the Education Fund, but essentially flat for the General Fund. Overall, the difference between earlier estimates and the new projections amount to \$257 million in additional revenue (a 4.9% increase). The GF, however, is down \$31 million in FY 2014, while up \$43 million for FY 2015. What this means is that requests for current year one-time funding will need to be shaved or rolled over to next year.

EAC will begin meeting with greater frequency (currently planning to meet each day from 4-6 PM) and urgency this week as they need to finish most of the budget and resolve the big budget issues in time for the Co-Chairs and legislative staff to write the budget bills over the next weekend. Key budget decisions will need to be made on employee compensation and benefits, Medicaid expansion, and the Speaker’s educational technology initiative.

Caucuses will prioritize for passage bills with fiscal notes. These include air quality measures we support and hope to see enacted (see Action Alert). Final decisions on the fate of these bills will be made Thursday – those with high priority will be included in the “Bill of Bills” for passage next week.

Our priorities for the IWRM Model for the Great Salt Lake, Snake Valley wells, phragmites mitigation, and Jordan River Parkway are still intact and looking like they will be approved – barring any big changes in the overall state budget priorities.

## What's Ahead

Heading into the home stretch, legislators will become more anxious for their bills to move through the process, which leads inexorably to increased political gamesmanship. The House is expected to “wipe the board” and go to “sifting” when they adjourn Friday – which means all bills on the floor calendars are sent back to the Rules Committee before going back to the floor to be voted upon. Rules prioritizes bills for floor consideration in batches, and those that are that are just now emerging are less likely to get heard. The Senate generally doesn't follow this procedure, but both chambers can and do suspend the rules liberally in the last days of the Session, so it all becomes less predictable. Stay tuned!

Floor time is scheduled daily from 10:00 – 12:00 and 2:00 – 4:00. Standing Committees are scheduled to continue meeting through Friday from 8:00 – 10:00 and 4:00 – 6:00. (Check the League of Women Voters website or the legislative website for details of meeting agendas.)

**Suggestions for Interim Study are due Friday**, so if you have an issue, project, suggestion, or complaint that you would like legislators to study over the “off-season”, either contact your Representative or Senator - or me - with a one-sentence description of the purpose of the “study item” by Thursday.

## Rules Committees

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**BILL TRACKING LIST**

Priority Code: 1=High; 2=Medium; 3=Low

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Description/Status</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Position</b>
HB 13 Rural Waste Disposal	Rep. Menlove	Allows a person to bury nonhazardous waste on the person's property if no waste disposal service is available. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 19 Electric Vehicle Battery Charging Service Amendments	Rep. Arent	Changes the statute to allow commercial electricity resale at charging stations for electric car batteries. Passed House 64-0 on 2/28. In Senate Rules.	2	Support
HB 28 Wildlife License Expiration Amendments	Rep. Noel	Allows the Wildlife Board to set the terms and expiration dates for hunting and fishing licenses. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 29 County Recorder Index Amendments	Rep. Webb	Requires County Recorders to index deeds filed after May 13, 2014 listing the water right number associated with that property. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 31 Pollution Control Amendments	Rep. Wilcox	Cleans up the statute pertaining to sales tax exemptions for pollution control equipment and facilities. Passed House, on Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 37 Public Waters Access Act	Rep. Pitcher	Allows public access to waters and streams at or below the ordinary high water mark for boating, fishing, swimming, and wading. Allows reasonable portage across private property to avoid obstructions in the waterway. In House Rules and is dead for this Session (see HB 233).	1	Support

2 <sup>nd</sup> Substitute HB 38 Resource Stewardship Amendments	Rep. Arent	Requires the Governor to appoint a director of resource stewardship within the Department of Administrative Services to work with State agencies to implement best practices and stewardship efforts. Passed House, on Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 41 Clean Fuel School Buses and Infrastructure	Rep. Handy	Appropriates \$14 million for replacing high-emissions school buses. Passed House 73-1 on 2/25. In Senate NRAE Standing Committee.	2	Support
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 49 Water Rights Change Applications	Rep. McIff	Modifies the procedures for a change application filed on water rights held by water companies (shareholder change applications). A second substitute bill will be introduced and may satisfy objections. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
HB 55 Income Tax Credit for Purchase of a Transit Pass	Rep. Poulson	Enacts an individual income tax credit for the purchase of a transit pass. Passed House Revenue and Taxation 10-2 Committee on 2/24. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 57 Animal Shelter Amendments	Rep. Romero	Authorizes an animal shelter to euthanize an animal by use of carbon monoxide in limited circumstances. Passed House. On Senate 3rd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 61 Clean Air Programs	Rep. Arent	Modifies the process for DEQ to make loans or grants for a buyback/exchange incentive program and expands the eligible vehicles and equipment that may replace higher polluting vehicles and equipment. Appropriates \$200,000 to DEQ for the grant/loan pool. Passed House 72-1 on 2/26. In Senate NRAE Standing Committee.	2	Support
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 67 Political Subdivision Jurisdiction Amendments	Rep. Roberts	Substitute bill is a substantial re-write, which requires the Attorney General to intervene if a federal agency takes legal action against a chief executive officer of a political subdivision or county sheriff in disputes over jurisdiction	2	Oppose

		over federally managed national monuments and recreation areas. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar		
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 68 Protection of State Park Resources	Rep. Pitcher	Prohibits an individual from damaging or removing any geological site, feature or formation or any property or resource of the Division of Parks and Recreation, provides a method of calculating the value of these resources, authorizes cost recovery, and sets criminal penalties. Held in House NRAE Standing Committee 2/25 on 8-6 vote.	2	Support
HB 74 Energy Efficient Vehicle Tax Credits	Rep. Snow	Creates a state income tax credit for the purchase or lease of a new electric, plug-in electric hybrid, or CNG vehicle. Passed House 59-13. In Senate Revenue & Taxation.	2	Support
HB 86 Utah Energy Infrastructure Authority Act Amendments	Rep. Barrus	Addresses the purposes for which a bond may be issued under the Act. Passed House. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 110 Renewable Energy Amendments	Rep. Powell	Authorizes a municipality or county to qualify as a contract customer of a utility to purchase renewable energy. Returned to House Rules.	2	Support
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 120 Continuing Education on Federalism	Rep. Ivory	Requires the Commission on Federalism to develop a curriculum and requires all state agencies to designate at least one employee to attend seminar on federalism at least once every two years. Passed House. In Senate Rules.	3	Oppose
HB 121 Air Quality Revisions	Rep. Edwards	Authorizes the Division of Air Quality to create rules that are more stringent than federal rules. Passed House NRAE Standing Committee on 13-2 on 2/21. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	1	Support
HB 133 Contingency Plan for Federal	Rep. Liffert	Authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to prepare to operate and maintain national parks, monuments,	3	Oppose

Facilities – Long Term		forests, and recreation areas during a fiscal emergency. Will be heard in House NRAE Standing on 3/2.		
HB 135 Transportation Funding Amendments	Rep. Johnny Anderson	Increases the sales tax by .26% and cuts the gasoline tax in half and requires the State Tax Commission to increase the gas tax annually by less than 2%. Defeated in House Transportation Committee 3-6 on 2/21.	1	Oppose
HB 145 Privatization of State Golf Course Operations	Rep. Christofferson	Requires the Division of Purchasing and General Services to hire a golf consultant to help determine whether to privatize operations of state golf courses. In House Business and Labor Standing Committee.	3	Oppose
HB 147 Peace Officer Agreements with Federal Agencies	Rep. Greenwood	Specifies the terms under which a federal agency may enter into an agreement with a county sheriff to enforce federal, state, and local laws. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
HB 151 Commission on Stewardship of Public Lands	Rep. Stratton	Establishes a Commission to make recommendations on the transfer of federal public lands to the state. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
HB 154 Wood Burning Amendments	Rep. Arent	Requires the Division of Air Quality to create a public awareness campaign on the effects of wood burning on air quality and a program to assist in converting to natural gas dwellings using wood burning stoves as a primary heating source. In House NRAE Standing Committee 3/2.	1	Support
HB 158 Grazing and Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones in Utah	Rep. Noel	Establishes grazing and timber zones where those uses are encouraged and prioritized. Will be heard in House NRAE Standing Committee on 3/4.	3	Oppose
HB 160 Utah Wilderness Act	Rep. Handy	Predicated on the transfer of federal lands to state ownership, this bill establishes the process for creating	3	Oppose

		wilderness areas within the state. Will be heard in House NRAE Standing Committee on 3/4.		
HB 164 Interstate Compact on Transfer of Public Lands	Rep. Stratton	Enacts an interstate compact to establish a commission to consider mechanisms for securing the transfer of public lands to member states. In House Rules.	1	Oppose
HB 168 School and Institutional Trust Lands and Funds Management Provisions	Rep. Brown	Makes management and technical changes to the operations of SITLA and its relationship with the State Board of Education. Provides that the beneficiaries do not include the public at large or the general welfare of the state. In House Rules.	2	Oppose
HB 189 Inherent Risk of Recreational Activities Amendment	Rep. Stratton	Extends governmental immunity from liability for injury or property damage incurred by a person recreating on public waterways or lands. In House Rules.	3	Neutral
HB 210 Sales and Use Taxes for Transportation Amendments	Rep. Briscoe	Authorizes local governments to increase the sales tax rate for public transit by 0.25%. In House Transportation. This bill has been merged with HB 388.	1	Support
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 225 Primary Law Enforcement Duties for Sheriffs	Rep. Ray	Enacts language designating the county sheriff as the primary law enforcement authority of state law on federal lands. Passed House. Passed Senate 25-0 on 2/27.	3	Oppose
HB 229 Air Contaminant Definition Change	Rep. Jerry Anderson	Changes the definition of “air contaminant” to exclude natural components of the atmosphere. Held in House NRAE Standing.	2	Oppose
HB 233 Public Trust Obligations and Water Rights Protections	Rep. McIff	Limits the scope and use of the public trust doctrine in Utah. Clarifies that a water right is a property right that cannot be taken for public use without just compensation. In House Rules. Dead for this Session (see HB 37).	1	Oppose



2 <sup>nd</sup> Substitute HB 261 Domestic Horse Disposal	Rep. Anderegg	Allows the owner of farm animals to bury dead animals on his property. Substitute removes study requirement. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 271 Motor Vehicle Emissions	Rep. Perry	Substitute bill makes a first citation for violation of vehicle emissions standards a Class C Misdemeanor and subsequent violations a Class B Misdemeanor. Passed House 45-27. In Senate Transportation Standing Comm.	3	Neutral
HB 288 Division of Wildlife Amendments	Rep. Noel	Requires the Wildlife Board to set the terms and expiration dates for hunting and fishing licenses, allowing for multi-year license purchases. In House NRAE Standing Comm.	3	Support
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 293 Government Immunity Wildlife Amendments	Rep. McKell	Provides that the government is immune from lawsuit for injuries that arise due to actions by wildlife on a road. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 298 Water Conveyance Facility Amendments	Rep. Moss	Exempts small ditch companies from the requirement to have a management plan. Held in House NRAE Standing Committee.	3	Neutral
HB 341 Federal Lands Acquisition Amendments	Rep. Noel	Makes a minor change to the existing the statute requiring the Legislature's approval of conveyances of certain school trust lands. Passed House. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 353 Repeal of Agricultural Conservation Easement Account	Rep. Brown	Repeals the Account. Passed House. In Senate NRAE Standing Committee.	3	Neutral
HB 370 Canal Safety Amendments	Rep. Johnny Anderson	Requires the State Engineer to inventory by July 1, 2017 and to maintain a list of open canals. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 371 Water Reuse	Rep. Ivory	Modifies the Wastewater Reuse Act. In House NRAE	3	Neutral

Amendments		Standing Committee.		
HB 383 Restrictions on Sand and Gravel Extraction	Rep. Sagers	Prohibits a new sand, gravel or rock commercial enterprises from operating within 2000 feet of a residence, church or public building. In House Rules.	3	Support
HB 388 Amendments to Transportation Funding	Rep. Johnny Anderson	Authorizes local governments to increase the sales tax rate for public transit by 0.25%. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	1	Support
HB 395 Natural Gas, Oil, Pollutants, and Hazardous Materials Amendments	Rep. Handy	Addresses fines, penalties, duties and liabilities related to releases of oil, gas, pollutants, and hazardous materials. In House Natural Resources.		Studying
HB 412 State Transportation Plan for Dixie National Forest	Rep. Noel	Establishes a state Transportation Plan for the Dixie NF that requests federal agencies fully cooperate with the state and local counties to develop, amend and implement US Forest Service land and resource management plans and transportation plans, including agreements regarding roads in these ranger districts. In House Rules.		Studying
HB 416 Amendments to Procedures for Surface Leases	Rep. McKell	Provides that the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands may not issue to a private entity a lease for construction of a highway over sovereign lake bed lands unless it has the approval of the Transportation Commission. In House Rules.	2	Support
HB 421 Sovereign Lands Management Account Amendments	Rep. McKell	Clarifies that funds from the Sovereign Lands Management Account may only be expended to manage and benefit sovereign or state lands. In House Rules.	2	Support
HB 430 Revisions to Tax	Rep. Wilcox	Amends provisions related to income, gas, and sales taxes. In House Rules.		Studying
HB 432 Wildland Fire	Rep. Wheatley	Allows the use of certain kinds of ammunition under		Studying

Liability Amendments		certain conditions with the written permission of the director of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. In House Rules.		
HCR 4 Recognizing the 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SITLA	Rep. Brown	Honors the 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State Institutional Trust Lands Administration for increasing value of the Permanent School Fund. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Neutral
HCR 7 Resolution to Support Plans to Reduce Air Pollution in Utah	Rep. Briscoe	Urges support for the State Implementation Plan to address air pollution and promotes public awareness of the adverse effects of air pollution on human health and economic development. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HCR 10 Resolution on School and Institutional Trust Lands Exchange Act	Rep. Noel	Urges Congress to enact legislation affirming the federal land grant process and eliminating barriers to federal- state land exchanges. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	3	Studying
HCR 13 Resolution on Transfer of Public Lands Act	Rep. Noel	Calls on the federal government to live up to its promises and transfer title of public lands to all willing western states. In House Rules.	3	Oppose
HJR 6 Resolution Approving a Commercial Non-Hazardous Solid Waste Facility at a New Location	Rep. Hughes	Approves moving the Stericycle medical waste incinerator to Tooele County. Legislative approval is required under current law in order for the incinerator to relocate. Circled on House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HJR 16 Assessment of Land Subject to Conservation Easement	Rep. Pitcher	Urges the Legislature to pass a statute to assess lands put into conservation easements as agriculture lands. In House Rules.	3	Support
HJR 20 Resolution Recognizing the	Rep. Wiley	Recognizes the economic, recreational and natural significance of the Great Salt Lake, and urges continued	2	Support

Significance of the Great Salt Lake		research and implementation of the Integrated Water Resource Management Model. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.		
HJR 21 Resolution on the Sovereign Character of PILT	Rep. Ivory	Urges Congress to permanently fund the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program or cede title of federal lands to the states. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
HJR 23 Resolution Endorsing Tier III Standards for Air Quality	Rep. Arent	Urges the Utah Department of Environmental Quality and the Air Quality Board to expedite measures and work collaboratively with various private and public entities to bring Tier III compliant motor vehicles and low-sulfur fuels to Utah. In House Public Utilities and Technology.	2	Support
HR 5 Resolution on Clean-Burning Renewable Fuels	Rep. Johnny Anderson	Urges state and local government entities and the private sector to use biodiesel fuel. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
Trust Lands Amendments	Rep. Arent	No text available yet.		
Governmental Immunity for Trust Lands Administration	Rep. Ivory	No text yet.		
Joint Resolution on State's Water Rights	Rep. Ivory	No text yet.		
State Enforcement of Federal Constitution Requirement	Rep. Nielson	No text yet.		
Joint Resolution on Wilderness Amendments	Rep. Handy	No text yet.		

Distribution of Revenue from Sale of Public Lands	Rep. Hutchings	No text yet.		
Joint Resolution on Federal Lands Sale Revenues Distribution	Rep. Hutchings	No text yet.		
Government Immunity for Trust Lands Administration	Rep. Ivory	No text yet.		
Natural Resources Amendments	Rep. McIff	No text yet.		
Off Highway Vehicle Amendments	Rep. Noel	No text yet.		
Pipelines and Hazardous Materials	Rep. Handy	No text yet.		
Air Quality Amendments	Rep. Redd	No text yet.		
Wood Burning Stove Conversions	Rep. Arent	No text yet.		
Emissions Reduction Incentive Program	Rep. Kennedy	No text yet.		
Air Emissions Amendments	Rep. Hemingway	No text yet.		
Amendments to Air Quality	Rep. Briscoe	No text yet.		
Clean Fuel Amendments and	Rep. Handy	No text yet.		

Rebates				
Medical Waste Incineration Amendments	Rep. Edwards	No text yet.		
SB 17 Water and Irrigation Amendments	Sen. Dayton	Expands the State Engineer's powers to enforce actions against violators of laws requiring stream alteration permits, including ordering repair or restoration of illegally altered streambeds. Requires assignments of unperfected water rights be recorded with the County Recorder. Makes technical changes to the State Engineer's duties to divide and distribute water. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 26 Air Conservation Act Reauthorization	Sen. Jenkins	Reauthorizes the Air Conservation Act until July 1, 2019. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
SB 60 Fuel Excise Tax Amendments	Sen. Valentine	Reduces the gas tax by 10.5 cents and imposes a percentage tax per gallon on motor fuel and provides that the percentage will be adjusted annually. Passed Senate. In House Transportation Standing Committee.	2	Oppose
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 64 Air Quality Rules and Penalties	Sen. Robles	Authorizes the Division of Air Quality to make rules that are more stringent than federal regulations, increases civil penalties and the statute of limitations for violations, and prohibits medical waste incineration within a five-mile radius of a home after January 1, 2015. Failed in Senate NRAE.	1	Support
SB 73 Agriculture Environmental	Sen. Okerlund	States that the Water Quality Board may not require a holder of an Agriculture Certificate of Environmental	3	Neutral

Amendments		Stewardship to implement additional practices and shall consider compliance with a certificate a mitigating factor for any penalty purposes.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 99 Natural Gas State Vehicle Requirements	Sen. Jenkins	Requires that 50% of State vehicles used for the transportation of passengers are fueled by alternative fuels no later than July 1, 2018. Passed Senate, passed House.	2	Support
First Substitute SB 112 Game Fowl Fighting Amendments	Sen. Davis	Amended version makes it a Class A Misdemeanor to own and train game fowl to engage in fighting with another game fowl and a Class B Misdemeanor to attend a cock fight. Passed Senate. In House Judiciary Committee.	2	Support
SB 114 Canal Safety Act	Sen. Davis	Requires a canal owner to assess the level of risk of canal failure at least every five years, determine the need for repairs or improvements, and if the canal is “high risk”, prepare a remediation plan. The Division of Water Resources shall keep a list of high risk canals and require repairs and improvements be done. Remediation plans are not subject to GRAMA. Passed Senate, in House NRAE.	3	Support
2 <sup>nd</sup> Substitute SB 120 Animal Shelter Vaccine Amendments	Sen. Jenkins	Allows non-veterinarian staff of an animal shelter to administer rabies vaccines. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
3 <sup>rd</sup> Substitute SB 139 Transportation Funding Revisions	Sen. Harper	Latest substitute bill increases registration fees for clean fuel cars by a nominal amount. Passed Senate 22-4 on 2/21. In House Rules Committee.	3	Neutral
SB 164 Environmental Protection Amendments	Sen. Davis	Repeals provisions prohibiting the Division of Air Quality from adopting pollution rules that more stringent than the federal rules. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	1	Support
SB 165 Trial Hunting License	Sen. Okerlund	Creates a trial hunting license for youth 12 years of age or older, and under certain circumstances, allows a youth to	3	Support

		hunt without obtaining a hunter education certificate if accompanied by a qualified adult. Passed Senate. Passed House 62-9 on 2/26.		
SB 166 Energy Amendments	Sen. Madsen	Amends the definition of a renewable energy facility. Passed Senate. Passed House 69-1 on 2/26.	3	Support
SB 188 Local Option Sales Tax Amendments	Sen. Henderson	Allows local option sales tax receipts to be used for a variety of purposes related to roads and traffic. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
1 <sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 196 Medical Waste Incineration Prohibition	Sen. Weiler	Prohibits the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste from approving a new medical waste incineration facility within an area zoned residential. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Support
SB 200 Tax Credit for Employer Purchase of a Public Transit Pass	Sen. Weiler	Enacts a tax credit for an employer purchase of a public transit pass. In Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee.		Studying
2 <sup>nd</sup> Substitute SB 208 Public Utility Modifications	Sen. Bramble	Substitute bill requires a cost/benefit analysis before a monthly surcharge may be levied on power bills of those who contribute power back to the grid (“net metering”). On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Neutral
SB 211 Water Rights Amendments	Sen. Dayton	Requires a person who applies for a permanent or temporary change to a water right be the holder of that water right and allows the State Engineer to determine the quantity of water to be beneficially used under a change order. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
SB 212 Invasive Species Amendments	Sen. Knudsen	Authorizes the Division of Wildlife Resources to inspect boats for contamination by Driessena (quagga) mussels. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Support
SB 217 Public Utility	Sen. Van Tassel	Amends provisions related to an electrical corporation or	3	Support



Amendments		municipality providing electrical service. On Senate Consent Calendar.		
SB 224 Renewable Energy Tax Credit	Sen. Okerlund	Modifies tax credits related to renewable energy. May cost \$637,000 per year in Education Funds beginning in 2017. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
SB 242 Alternative Energy Amendments	Sen. Adams	Provides tax credits for use of waste heat from an industrial source for electrical production, and for biomass or bio-fuel production facilities. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading.	3	Support
SB 243 Air Quality Programs	Sen. Adams	Requires a participating utility to collect a charge of up to \$1 per month from all utility customers and remit the collection to an interlocal entity which will disburse these funds for public awareness, grant programs, research, or other purposes pertinent to improving air quality. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose (due to funding mechanism)
SCR 4 Concurrent Resolution on Wildlife Enhancement	Sen. Christensen	Supports hunting and outdoor economies, commends efforts to ensure healthy habitats and abundant herds, and encourages promotion of Utah outdoor recreation and tourism. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
SCR 7 Concurrent Resolution on Comprehensive Statewide Wildland Fire Prevention, Preparedness and Suppression Strategy	Sen. Vickers	Urges the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to implement recommendations in the Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy. On Senate 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
SCR 8 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Canyonlands National	Sen. Hinkins	Recognizes the anniversary of Canyonlands NP. On Senate 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support

Park's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary				
SCR 9 Resolution Concerning Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards	Sen. Hinkins	Calls upon the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue greenhouse gas New Source Performance Standards and to provide separate standards for "clean coal" power generating units. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
SJR 4 Resolution on Water Rights on Grazing Land	Sen. Van Tassel	Declares that Utah has a sovereign right to put the state's livestock water rights on public lands to beneficial use through development and maintenance and recognizes a stock owner's right to access watering facilities. Urges support for H.R.3189, Water Rights Protection Act. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
SJR 14 Resolution on Protection of Greater Canyonlands	Sen. Dabakis	Urges Congress and the President to protect the Greater Canyonlands region as a natural, undeveloped area for the recreational use and enjoyment of all. In Senate Rules.	2	Support
Environmental Defense Fund	Sen. Hinkins	Abandoned. Purposes of the bill may be partially fulfilled by appropriations to prevent listing of sage grouse.		
Ride-share Program Tax Incentive	Rep. Weiler	No text yet.		
Groundwater Quality Amendments	Sen. Bramble	No text yet.		
Air Quality Amendments	Sen. Weiler	No text yet (will address Stericycle issue).		
Energy Use Amendments	Sen. Bramble	No text yet.		
Wildfire Prevention Amendments	Sen. Vickers	No text yet.		

Hunting Licenses for Combat Veterans	Sen. Osmond	No text yet.		
Invasive Species Mitigation Amendments	Sen. Vickers	No text yet.		
Water Jurisdiction Amendments	Sen. Dayton	No text yet.		
Air Quality Amendments	Sen. Weiler	No text yet.		

## Important Dates

- January 27 **First day of session**
- February 6 Last day to request bills (by noon)  
Last day to approve bills for numbering (by noon)
- February 28 Last day for legislators to prioritize bills and other programs with fiscal impact
- March 6 Last day for the Executive Appropriations Committee to complete all budget decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bills
- March 7 Bonding bill available to legislators by noon and final action taken on it by calendared closing time.  
Last day to pass bills with fiscal note of \$10,000 or more
- March 10 Last day for a motion to reconsider previous actions  
Last day to consider bills from own house
- March 11 General appropriations bill, supplemental appropriations bill, and school finance bill available to legislators by calendared floor time and final action taken on each bill by calendared closing time
- March 13 Second supplemental appropriations bill available to legislators by calendared floor time and final action taken by noon
- Last day of session**
- April 2 Last day governor may sign or veto bills
- May 12 Last day a veto-override session may begin
- May 13 Normal effective date for bills  
First day to file bills for the 2014 General Session

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