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Welcome to the 2014 Legislative Update

This issue includes highlights of week six, 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.

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. 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!

Tell Executive Appropriations Committee members to place a high priority on funding for programs and initiatives that will help reduce air pollution!

Urge EAC members to reject funding for lobbying and litigation over the potential listing of Sage Grouse as an Endangered Species.

Contact members of the House and ask them to oppose SB 243, which enacts a \$1 charge on all households' utility bills to pay for undefined air quality improvement measures. This bill would direct funds to an unaccountable appointed quasi-governmental entity, duplicate other measures to combat pollution, and set a bad precedent of funding policy initiatives through our utility bills.

Phone messages can be left for legislators with staff:
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News of Week Six

Little progress made on the most contentious big issues is the big news of the last week – Medicaid expansion and new technology in the schools remain unresolved.

On the conservation front, the big controversy centered on the Senate vote that killed SB 164 – even though it got a ye aye vote from the majority of those present. The Senate NRAE Standing Committee then surprised everyone by voting down its compromise companion bill, HB 121, on a tie vote, with Sen. Dabakis casting the deciding no. Efforts are afoot to resurrect the bill in the Senate.

Other Air Quality bills fared better, as HB 41 (funding for clean school buses) and HB 61(clean air programs) marched forward toward enactment. HB 154 (funding to help replace wood burning home heating) also advanced, as did HJR 23 (endorsing Tier 3 standards). HB 55 (transit pass tax credit) failed, however.

HB 388, the bill that would allow local voters to raise sales taxes by 0.25% for transit and better bus service, advanced to the Senate. SB 60, a major change in how Utah taxes gasoline, cleared the Senate and is headed to House debate. A new effort to hike the gas tax, HB 430, emerged. This bill looks to win allies by tossing in a tax cut while redirecting road funds from a sales tax earmark to education. It may make as many enemies as it does friends. This should be worth watching.

The slew of “make a statement” federalism bills continued to receive approval. On a brighter note, HRJ 20,

Recognizing the Significance of the Great Salt Lake, passed the House.

Budget News

Stalemate over the big budget matters! Deadlines for budget decisions were not met, and as of this writing, it’s questionable whether there will be a budget without a Special Session. Most years, all the key budget decisions are made by the last Friday of the Session so that staff and EAC leaders can write the budget over the weekend. Not this year – leading some of us long-time observers to recall those years when the budget and bonding bills passed with minutes to spare before the final midnight gavel.

EAC is scheduled to meet Monday afternoon, but then again, they’ve cancelled all but one of their scheduled meetings this Session. This means that all of the decisions are being argued and made behind closed (Republican) doors. So not only is it hard to predict how this will all play out, it’s hard to figure out how to influence the outcome from the outside.

In spite of the murkiness, most of our conservation and air quality priorities are well-positioned to be funded. And we will take a stand to defeat the funding for lobbyists to block listing of sage grouse or redirect it to habitat conservation and improvement efforts.

What's Ahead

It's Floor Time all the time from here on out to sine die at midnight Thursday – no more committee meetings. Bills that haven't had Standing Committee approvals have a high hurdle to get to the floor and have any chance of passage. An extraordinarily large number of bills are on the calendars – both chambers have been unusually inefficient this year, with a record number of bills filed and, to date, fewer bills passed than in recent years.

The Senate is scheduled to complete work on all Senate bills on Monday and work on House bills on the Senate calendar on Tuesday. It's vice versa for the House. Of course, with the time running down, suspension of the rules will occur with regularity – if not be the rule!

Caucuses likely will meet every day during the lunch hour, and probably more frequently and impromptu as issues dictate. With so many important issues still up in the air at this late point in the Session, it's hard to predict how it will all play out.

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BILL TRACKING LIST

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

| Bill | Sponsor | Description/Status | Priority | Position |
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| 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. On Senate Consent Calendar. | 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, passed Senate 26-3 on 3/6. | 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 |

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| 2 nd 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 3 rd 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. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| 2 nd 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). Second substitute satisfies objections. Passed House 60-8 on 3/6. In Senate Rules. | 2 | Support |
| 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. Failed in the House 29-45 on 3/5. | 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 3 rd 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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| 1 st 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 over federally managed national monuments and | 2 | Neutral |

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| | | recreation areas. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | | |
| 1 st 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 | 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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| 1 st Substitute 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. Passed Senate. | 3 | Neutral |
| 1 st 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, is dead for this Session. | 2 | Support |
| 1 st 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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 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 54-18 on 3/4. Failed in Senate NRAE on 3-3 vote. Efforts to revive the bill are underway. | 1 | Support |
| HB 133 Contingency | Rep. Liffert | Authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to prepare | 3 | Oppose |

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| Plan for Federal Facilities – Long Term | | to operate and maintain national parks, monuments, forests, and recreation areas during a fiscal emergency. Passed House 64-0. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | | |
| 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. | 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. Passed House 72-0. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 149 | | | | |
| 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. Passed House 57-12. In Senate Rules. | 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. Amended House NRAE to eliminate additional personnel for enforcement of illegal burning. Passed House 43-28 on 3/6. In Senate Rules. | 1 | Support |
| HB 158 Grazing and Timber Agricultural | Rep. Noel | Establishes grazing and timber zones where those uses are encouraged and prioritized. On House 3 rd Reading | 3 | Oppose |

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| Commodity Zones in Utah | | Calendar. | | |
| HB 160 Utah Wilderness Act | Rep. Handy | Predicated on the transfer of federal lands to state ownership, this bill establishes the process for creating wilderness areas within the state. Passed House 69-3 on 3/7. In Senate Rules. | 3 | Oppose |
| 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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 1 | Oppose |
| 1 st Substitute 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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |
| HB 181 Medical Waste Incineration Amendments | Rep. Edwards | Prohibits a facility that opens after January 1, 2015, from incinerating medical or infectious waste unless there is no better alternative and if not required to use best available technology. In House Rules. | 2 | Support |
| 1 st Substitute HB 183 Federal Land Exchange and Sales Amendments | Rep. Noel | Encourages BLM and other federal agencies to expedite and lobby for exchange of federal and state lands. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Oppose |
| HB 187 Severance Tax Revisions | Rep. Briscoe | Increases the severance tax to 6% and provides that the revenue be deposited into the Education Fund and the permanent state trust fund. In House Rules. | 2 | Support |
| HB 189 Inherent Risk of Recreational | Rep. Stratton | Extends governmental immunity from liability for injury or property damage incurred by a person recreating on public | 3 | Neutral |

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| Activities Amendment | | waterways or lands. In House Rules. | | |
| 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 st 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. | 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, sent to Interim Study. | 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 nd 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 st 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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 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. Returned to House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| 1 st Substitute HB 293 Government Immunity | Rep. McKell | Provides that the government is immune from lawsuit for injuries that arise due to actions by wildlife on a road. | 3 | Support |

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| Wildlife Amendments | | Passed House 70-5 on 3/4. On Senate Consent Calendar. | | |
| HB 298 Water Conveyance Facility Amendments | Rep. Moss | Exempts small ditch companies from the requirement to have a management plan. Returned to House Rules and is likely dead for this Session. | 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. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| HB 353 Repeal of Agricultural Conservation Easement Account | Rep. Brown | Repeals the Account. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 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 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| HB 371 Water Reuse Amendments | Rep. Ivory | Modifies the Wastewater Reuse Act. Returned to House Rules at sponsor's request. | 3 | Neutral |
| 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%. Passed House 58-10 on 3/7. In Senate Rules. | 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. Returned to House Rules. | | Studying |
| HB 412 State Transportation Plan | Rep. Noel | Establishes a state Transportation Plan for the Dixie NF that requests federal agencies fully cooperate with the state | 3 | Oppose |

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| for Dixie National Forest | | 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. On House 2 nd Reading Calendar. | | |
| 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. Passed House 67-0. In Senate 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 | Increases the gas tax by 7.5 cents per gallon, eliminates the earmark of 30% (\$90 million) of new sales tax growth to roads and dedicates that to an income tax cut (\$72 million) and public education (18 million). On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |
| HB 432 Wildland Fire Liability Amendments | Rep. Wheatley | Allows the use of certain kinds of ammunition under certain conditions with the written permission of the director of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| HCR 4 Recognizing the 20 th Anniversary of SITLA | Rep. Brown | Honors the 20 th 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 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |

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| 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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Neutral |
| 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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 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. Passed House 73-0 on 3/3. On Senate 2 nd 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 and is likely dead for this Session. | 3 | Support |
| HJR 20 Resolution Recognizing the Significance of the Great Salt Lake | Rep. Wiley | Recognizes the economic, recreational and natural significance of the Great Salt Lake, and urges continued research and implementation of the Integrated Water Resource Management Model. Passed House 63-10 on 3/7. In Senate Rules. | 2 | Support |
| 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. Passed House 57-11. In Senate Rules. | 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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |

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| 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. Passed House 69-1. In Senate Rules. | 3 | Support |
| 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 st 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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |
| 1 st 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 |
| 1 st Substitute SB 73 Agriculture Environmental Amendments | Sen. Okerlund | States that the Water Quality Board may not require a holder of an Agriculture Certificate of Environmental Stewardship to implement additional practices and shall consider compliance with a certificate a mitigating factor | 3 | Neutral |

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| | | for any penalty purposes. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | | |
| 1 st 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 Rules. | 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 |
| 3 rd Substitute SB 120 Animal Shelter Vaccine Amendments | Sen. Jenkins | Allows non-veterinarian staff of an animal shelter to administer rabies vaccines. Passed Senate 26-1. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| 3 rd Substitute SB 139 Transportation Funding Revisions | Sen. Harper | Latest substitute bill increases registration fees for electric cars by a nominal amount. Passed Senate. 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. Failed on Senate 2 nd Reading, falling one vote short of the 15 votes required (14-11-4). | 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 hunt without obtaining a hunter education certificate if | 3 | Support |

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| | | 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. | 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 in Utah County only. Passed Senate 28-0 on 3/4. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| 1 st 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. Passed Senate 26-1 on 3/5. In House Rules. | 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 Rules. | 3 | Support |
| 2 nd 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”). Passed Senate 26-0. In House Rules. | 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. Passed Senate 23-1 on 3/6. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| SB 212 Invasive Species Amendments | Sen. Knudsen | Authorizes the Division of Wildlife Resources to inspect boats for contamination by Driessena (quagga) mussels. Passed Senate 25-0 on 3/5. In House Rules. | 2 | Support |
| SB 217 Public Utility Amendments | Sen. Van Tassel | Amends provisions related to an electrical corporation or municipality providing electrical service. Passed Senate | 3 | Support |

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| | | 24-0 on 3/6. In House Rules. | | |
| 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. Passed Senate 28-0 on 3/5. In House Rules. | 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. Passed Senate 27-0. In House Rules. | 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 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose (due to funding mechanism) |
| 1 st Substitute SB 274 Water Jurisdiction Amendments | Sen. Dayton | States that a federal agency may not transfer, forfeit or condition a renewal of a livestock watering right on federal land off that land. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| 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 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |

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| SCR 8 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Canyonlands National Park's 50 th Anniversary | Sen. Hinkins | Recognizes the anniversary of Canyonlands NP. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| 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 nd 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 nd 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. | | |

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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