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Welcome to the 2014 Legislative Update

This issue includes highlights of week seven, 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!

No legislative Action Alert this week ☺.

There is one Off-the-Hill alert, however. Two Texas oil and gas companies are seeking approvals from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to drill wells in Utah's Ouray National Wildlife Refuge. Two separate Environmental Assessments have been released for public comments to address plans by Ultra Resource Inc. to drill nine wells and by Thurston Energy for two wells in the 12,000 acre refuge along the Green River south of Vernal. The EAs can be found at www.fws.gov/ouray/. Comments can be sent to Sonja_jahrsdoerfer@fws.gov. **Comments are due April 8.**

News of the Final Week (# Seven)

Air Quality issues dominated the environmental agenda this year. The results were mixed but generally positive. Worthy bills like those that would have taken the foot off the brakes for tougher air quality standards (SB 64, SB 164, HB 121) and HB 41, which would have funded clean school bus purchases and conversions, failed. HB 388, the bill that would have allowed local voters to raise sales taxes by 0.25% for better bus service (and fewer car miles driven), failed to pass the Senate on the final night. SB 60, a major change in how Utah taxes gasoline, got no traction and died in the House sans debate.

But a number of bills and budgets did get enacted and funded. According to an analysis done by Rep. Patrice Arent, over \$4.6 million was dedicated to various efforts related to reducing air pollution. Top among those bills passed are HB 154 (funding to help replace sole-source wood burning home heating), HB 61 (clean air programs) and HJR 6 (relocating Stericycle). Clean technologies had an especially productive Session, as did the DEQ budget. None of these initiatives are “game changers”, but amount to a solid down-payment toward more far-reaching efforts to clear our air in future Sessions.

One gratifying last-night victory was the demise of SB 243. While well-intentioned, the House rejected funding programs through consumers’ utility bills.

Lastly, our favorite resolution, HRJ 20 - Recognizing the Significance of the Great Salt Lake - passed both Chambers!

Budget News

The budget impasse was finally resolved over the final weekend, allowing all the money bills to pass with little debate – and zero public input since the appropriations subcommittees last met on February 13! Contrary to the self-congratulations at the end, it was one of the most poorly managed budget processes in recent memory.

More budgetary mischief occurred in the last two days, as EAC grabbed another \$2 million from the Sovereign Lands Management Account to create a “discretionary” (aka slush) fund for the Stewardship of Public Lands Commission (HB 151) under the Public Lands Policy Office. It remains unclear if this money will be used to supplement the excessive \$2 million already approved in HB 3 for lobbying to keep the Greater Sage Grouse from being listed as an Endangered Species. (A brief debate in the House to take half of that allocation and redirect it to habitat conservation was the lone substantive policy debate on the floor of all the General Fund appropriations bills – predictably, it failed.)

Despite raids on the Sovereign Lands funds (mainly derived from brine shrimp royalties and other Great Salt Lake economic activities), FFSL Executive Director Brian Cottam assures us that the Integrated Water Resource Management Model will go forward with full funding! Snake Valley wells monitoring and phragmites mitigation efforts were also funded. And DEQ got \$400,000 for new employees, \$1.4 million for air pollution research, and \$500,000 on-going for public awareness campaigns.

What's Ahead

The Governor has until April 2 to sign or veto bills. I haven't heard of any movement to request a veto of one or more particular bills. While there are several federalism bills and a few budget items we'd love to see vetoed (e.g. \$2 m. for lobbying against sage grouse listing), the odds are too long to bother.

Though no schedule has been set yet, if the pattern of previous years continues, Interim meetings will likely be held on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning May 21 through November 19 (they will skip either July or August meetings). The Master Study Resolution (SJR 20) identifies the issues that committees may choose to prioritize for study. Here's a quick list of some of the more interesting and relevant topics:

Federal Shutdown

Federal Regulatory Overreach

Federalism and the "Police Power"

Definition of "Air Contaminant"

Clean Coal Power Plants

Disposition of Sovereign Lands Management Account
Funds

Creation of a State Environmental Policy Act

Tier III Fuel Production

Wild Animal Damage

Should make for an interesting "off season"!

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BILL TRACKING LIST

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

Bill	Sponsor	Description/Status	Priority	Position
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. Passed Senate 24-0 on 3/11.	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.	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. Failed.	1	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 38 Resource Stewardship	Rep. Arent	Requires the Governor to appoint a director of resource stewardship within the Department of Administrative	3	Support

Amendments		Services to work with State agencies to implement best practices and stewardship efforts. Passed House, passed Senate 21-5 on 3/13.		
HB 41 Clean Fuel School Buses and Infrastructure	Rep. Handy	Appropriates \$14 million for replacing high-emissions school buses. Passed House. Failed in Senate due to not being funded.	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. Died on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. Failed.	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.	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. Died on Senate 3rd Reading Calendar. Failed.	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, passed Senate 28-0 on 3/12..	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 recreation areas. Passed House, passed Senate.	2	Neutral

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. Failed.	2	Support
1 st Substitute 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. Passed Senate 18-10 on 3/12.	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. Failed.	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. Passed Senate 15-12 on 3/12.	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.	1	Support
HB 133 Contingency Plan for Federal Facilities – Long Term	Rep. Liffert	Authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to prepare to operate and maintain national parks, monuments, forests, and recreation areas during a fiscal emergency. Passed House. Passed Senate 27-0 on 3/13.	3	Oppose

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%. Failed.	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. Failed.	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. Passed Senate 25-0 on 3/13.	3	Neutral
HB 149 Amendments to Law Enforcement Limitations	Rep. Noel	Defines the exercise of law enforcement authority on state, private and federal lands. Passed House, passed Senate 26-0 on 3/12.	3	Neutral
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. Passed Senate 23-1 on 3/12. Funded with \$2 million in the last budget bill.	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. Amendment in House NRAE eliminated additional personnel for enforcement of illegal burning. Passed House. 43-28 on 3/6. Passed Senate 17-9 on 3/12.	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. Passed House 68-4 on 3/10, passed Senate 25-0 on 3/13.	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 wilderness areas within the state. Passed House. Passed Senate 28-0 on 3/13.	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. Passed House 59-13 on 3/10, passed Senate 28-3 on 3/11.	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. Passed House 72-0 on 3/10, passed Senate 25-0 on 3/11.	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. Failed.	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. Passed House 69-0 on 3/10, passed Senate 26-0 on 3/13.	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. Failed.	2	Support
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. Failed.	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%. Failed.	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. Failed.	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. Failed.	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. Died on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. Failed.	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. Failed.	3	Support
1 st Substitute HB 293 Government Immunity Wildlife Amendments	Rep. McKell	Provides that the government is immune from lawsuits for injuries that arise due to actions by wildlife on a road. Passed House. Passed Senate 28-0 on 3/12.	3	Support

HB 298 Water Conveyance Facility Amendments	Rep. Moss	Exempts small ditch companies from the requirement to have a management plan. Failed.	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. Passed House 73-0 on 3/10, passed Senate 23-0 on 3/13.	3	Support
HB 371 Water Reuse Amendments	Rep. Ivory	Modifies the Wastewater Reuse Act. Failed.	3	Neutral
HB 383 Restrictions on Sand and Gravel Extraction	Rep. Sagers	Prohibits a new sand, gravel or rock commercial enterprise from operating within 2000 feet of a residence, church or public building. Failed.	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. Died on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. Failed.	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. Failed.		Studying
HB 412 State Transportation Plan for Dixie National	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	3	Oppose

Forest		Forest Service land and resource management plans and transportation plans, including agreements regarding roads in these ranger districts. Passed House 68-0 on 3/10, passed Senate 26-0 on 3/13.		
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. Died on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. Failed.	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. Failed.	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). Failed.	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. Passed House 67-0 on 3/10. Died on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. Failed.	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. Passed House 65-6 on 3/10. Died on Senate	3	Support

		2 nd Reading Calendar. Failed.		
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. Passed House 61-0 on 3/10, passed Senate 26-0 on 3/13.	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. Passed House, passed Senate.	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. Passed Senate 27-1 on 3/12.	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. Failed.	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. Passed Senate 26-0 on 3/12.	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. Passed Senate 22-2 on 3/11.	3	Oppose
HJR 23 Resolution Endorsing Tier III Standards for Air	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	2	Support

Quality		bring Tier III compliant motor vehicles and low-sulfur fuels to Utah. Passed House 55-20 on 3/11. Died on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. Failed.		
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.	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. Died on House 3 rd Reading Calendar. Failed.	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.	1	Support
1 st Substitute SB 73	Sen. Okerlund	States that the Water Quality Board may not require a	3	Neutral

Agriculture Environmental Amendments		holder of an Agriculture Certificate of Environmental Stewardship to implement additional practices and shall consider compliance with a certificate a mitigating factor for any penalty purposes. Passed Senate 22-0 on 3/10, passed House 68-0 on 3/13.		
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. Amended and passed by the House 62-10, but failed when House and Senate couldn't concur.	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. Failed in House.	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. Passed House 70-0 on 3/13.	3	Support
3 rd Substitute SB 139 Transportation Funding Revisions	Sen. Harper	Fourth substitute bill dropped all mention of registration fees for electric cars and directed \$4 million in bond proceeds to road work in Salt Lake County. Passed Senate. Failed.	3	Neutral
SB 164 Environmental Protection	Sen. Davis	Repeals provisions prohibiting the Division of Air Quality from adopting pollution rules that more stringent than the	1	Support

Amendments		federal rules. Failed.		
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 accompanied by a qualified adult. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
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. Passed House 71-0 on 3/13.	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. Passed 44-28 on 3/11.	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. Failed.	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. Passed House 65-0 on 3/11.	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. Failed to pass the House.	3	Support
SB 212 Invasive	Sen. Knudsen	Authorizes the Division of Wildlife Resources to inspect	2	Support

Species Amendments		boats for contamination by Driessena (quagga) mussels. Passed Senate. Passed House 65-5 on 3/11.		
SB 217 Public Utility Amendments	Sen. Van Tassel	Amends provisions related to an electrical corporation or municipality providing electrical service. Passed Senate. Passed House 64-0 on 3/11.	3	Support
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. Passed House 67-6 on 3/13.	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. Passed House 67-5 on 3/13.	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. Passed Senate 15-11 on 3/10. Failed in the House.	2	Oppose
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. Passed Senate 26-0 on 3/10, passed House 68-0 on 3/13.	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	Sen. Vickers	Urges the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to implement recommendations in the Catastrophic Wildfire	3	Support

Comprehensive Statewide Wildland Fire Prevention, Preparedness and Suppression Strategy		Reduction Strategy. Passed Senate. Passed House.		
SCR 8 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Canyonlands National Park's 50 th Anniversary	Sen. Hinkins	Recognizes the anniversary of Canyonlands NP. Passed Senate, passed House.	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. Passed Senate. Passed House.	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. Passed Senate, passed House.	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. Failed.	2	Support
SJR 20 Master Study Resolution	Sen. Okerlund	Identifies issues that may be studied during Interim.	2	Support

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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