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Welcome to the 2015 Legislative Update

This issue includes highlights of week five, 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!

Contact members of Executive Appropriations and tell them that there should be no funding set aside for the Lake Powell pipeline and the Bear River diversion project! The need for these projects must be justified, environmental reviews completed and plans of financing made public before any money should be spent.

Let your Senators and Representatives know what you think about them recommending spending over \$10 million to fight sage grouse listing and sue the federal government over RS2477 roads, states' rights, and ownership of the public lands.

Don't forget to join in the big rally against the "Great Public Lands Gamble" tomorrow, Monday, 3/2, 4:30 pm at the Capitol Rotunda. See www.greatpubliclandsgamble.org

News of the Fourth Week (# 4)

HB 226 Air Quality Revisions, the bill to allow Utah to adopt standards “different” from those of the EPA passed the House. Prospects for Senate passage look fair. Other air quality bills have not fared as well - HB 295 and SB 87 failed to pass. Air quality advocates plan a press conference on Tuesday to scold the Legislature for posturing and foot-dragging on the issue.

You may have noticed that there are proposals to explore expanding one and creating two new state parks (Goblin Valley, Little Sahara, San Rafael Swell). Let me know what you think of these ideas so I can make our position heard!

There has been surprisingly little controversy on the water front so far (though that may change some – see What’s Ahead). HB 25, which addresses a long and bitter debate over change applications, is sailing through as a broadly welcomed compromise bill. The two most contentious water bills, HB 47 and HB 108, are wedded together and will die in Rules.

Unfortunately, all of the bad and needlessly expensive Sage Brush Rebellion III bills are also on track for passage.

Budget News

Week Five was a quiet week on the budget front, with no meetings of Executive Appropriations. That’s about to change later this coming week, as the House and Senate Republicans begin to firm up their positions on the top priorities for funding and tax policy. All of the big ticket

issues of the Session – Healthy Utah or other Medicaid expansion options, transportation funding, and criminal justice reform remain undecided.

There will need to be some tough decisions made by Friday, including which bills that have fiscal notes will be approved, because the top budget-makers will meet with staff over the next weekend to draft the final appropriations bills for consideration in the final week.

What’s Ahead

A passel of new bad bills has emerged in the past few days to add to the workload. SB 281 sets up a fund - likely in anticipation of a last minute infusion of new one-time or on-going appropriations - for the Lake Powell pipeline and Bear River diversion project.

HB 396 attempts to take advantage of the outcry over restricting wood burning by micromanaging the regulators.

As usual, the indefatigable Rep. Mike Noel leads the pack with hostile-to-the-environment and possibly even unconstitutional anti-federal government legislation (see HB 384, 393, 398, and 401 in the bill tracker below).

Unless things change, Standing Committees will continue to meet and hear bills throughout week 6 and even the through the last Tuesday, two days before the Session ends. This is most unusual and makes it unclear when the chambers will “wipe the boards” and send all bills back to Rules to be prioritized for floor debate (usually done on the last Friday).

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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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| Substitute HB 15 Clean Fuel Amendments and Rebates | Rep. Handy | The Substitute bill creates the Conversion to Alternative Fuel Grant Program, extends the credit for eligible vehicles and adds commercial vehicles, tractors and other vehicles to the eligible list. Passed House. Passed Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar 20-4-5. On Senate 3 rd Reading Cal. | 2 | Support |
| Substitute HB 17 Motor Vehicle Emissions | Rep. Perry | Amends the visible contaminant standard for certain diesel engines and sets fines of \$50 for a first violation and \$100 for a second violation within 3 years. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| HB 25 Water Law – Applications Revisions | Rep. Snow | Authorizes the State Engineer to determine whether a change application would impair another water right. Places upon the applicant the burden of proof that the proposed change will not result in a quantity impairment. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| Substitute HB 31 Natural Gas Amendments | Rep. Handy | Increases civil penalties for violations of rules and orders pertaining to intrastate pipeline transmission and requires an inspection plan. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| 3 rd Substitute HB 43 Water Rights - Change Application Amendments | Rep. McIff | Modifies the procedures for a change application filed on water rights held by water companies (shareholder change applications). 3 rd Substitute provides an option for court resolution of legal issues not within the purview of the State Engineer. Passed House 54-17-4 on 2/26. In Senate Rules. | 2 | Support |

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| HB 44 Surface Leases Procedure Amendments | Rep. McKell | Prohibits a lease to construct a highway over sovereign lakebed lands (Utah Lake). Passed House. Passed Senate. | 1 | Support |
| HB 47 Protection of Water Rights | Rep. McIff | Limits the public trust obligations and declares certain water rights as private property rights protected by the Utah Constitution. In House Rules. | 1 | Oppose |
| 2 nd Substitute HB 49 Clean Fuel School Buses and Infrastructure | Rep. Handy | Provides a one-time appropriation of \$20 million for replacing or retrofitting older, high-emissions school buses with new clean fuel buses or engines. Passed House. In Senate Education Committee. | 2 | Support |
| HB 58 Water Law – Change Application Amendments | Rep. Grover | Requires that a person applying for a change to a water right be a holder of an approved but unperfected water right, an owner of a perfected water right, or a shareholder in a water company. Passed House 64-0-11 on 2/27. In Senate Rules. | 3 | Support |
| HB 59 Agriculture Modifications | Rep. McKell | Regulates the killing of feral swine and prohibits the release of swine for hunting purposes. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 2 | Support |
| HB 78 Generator Site Access Permits Amendments | Rep. Dee | Modifies the criteria under which the director of the Department of Environmental Quality may grant a generator of radioactive material a site access permit. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| HB 80 Transportation Project Amendments | Rep. Snow | Authorizes the Utah Department of Transportation to assume federal responsibilities and liabilities for NEPA review of road projects. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 2 | Oppose |
| HB 95 Extension of Tax Credits for Energy Efficient Vehicles | Rep. Snow | Extends the credit through 2016. In House Revenue and Tax Committee. | 2 | Support |

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| HB 102 Agriculture Tourism | Rep. Perry | States that a participant in an agriculture tourism activity may not make a claim against or recover damages from an operator for injury resulting from inherent risk or failure to exercise reasonable care. Passed House. In House NRAE. | 3 | Studying |
| HB 108 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. | 1 | Support |
| 2 nd Substitute HB 110 Motor Vehicle Emissions Amendments | Rep. Arent | Provides authority to the Division of Motor Vehicles to revoke a vehicle's registration if notified by a county health department that the vehicle is not in compliance with air emissions standards. 2 nd Substitute exempts semi-trucks. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| HB 132 Interstate Compact on Public Lands Transfers | Rep. Stratton | Adds financing provisions to the Interstate Compact. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 2 | Oppose |
| Fourth Substitute HB 140 Sovereign Lands Around Bear Lake | Rep. Webb | Modifies requirements of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to issue permits to launch and retrieve boats on Bear Lake. Passed House. Passed Senate 22-4-3 on 2/27. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 161 Utah Revised Non Profit Corporation Amendments | Rep. McIff | Allows for the transfer of water shares in a mutual benefit corporation. In House NRAE Committee. | 3 | Studying |
| HB 169 Home Energy Rating Index Score Disclosure | Rep. Powell | Requires that new residential buildings have a home energy efficiency score available for the buyer. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |

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| HB 196 Wildfire Mitigation Amendments | Rep. Briscoe | Provides a tax credit for wildfire mitigation efforts by land owners. Returned to Rules. | 3 | Support |
| HB 212 Wildland Fire Liability Amendments | Rep. Wheatley | Allows a person to use certain ammunition on state lands if granted limited permission by the Director of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. Passed House 70-0-5 on 2/19. In Senate NRAE Committee. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 223 Little Sahara State Park Designation | Rep. Eliason | Authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with the BLM to use Little Sahara as a State Park and seek a land transfer or lease. Also would designate the Rockwell Outstanding Natural Area as the Bill Orton State Wilderness Area. In House NRAE. | 3 | Studying |
| HB 225 Goblin Valley State Park Expansion | Rep. Eliason | Requires the Division of Parks and Recreation to seek to expand Goblin Valley SP by entering into a transfer or lease agreement with BLM. In House NRAE. | 2 | Studying |
| HB 226 Air Quality Revisions | Rep. Edwards | Allows Utah to create state-specific rules to achieve EPA air quality standards by eliminating existing statutory language prohibiting standards more stringent than those of EPA. Amended to read “different” rather than “more stringent”. Passed House 58-14-3 on 2/24. In Senate NRAE. | 1 | Support |
| HB 229 Air Quality Modifications | Rep. Edwards | Modifies provisions related to asbestos testing, equipment and worker certification, fees provisions, and other technical changes. Passed House 71-2-2 on 2/24. In Senate NRAE Committee. | 2 | Support |
| HB 259 Amendments to Powers and Duties of State Parks | Rep. Powell | States the Division of Parks and Recreation permit of multiple uses of state parks includes camping. In House NRAE. | 3 | Support |

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| HB 265 Tire Fee Amendments | Rep. Chavez-Houck | Increases the tire recycling fee to raise \$1.5 million to fund the Division of Air Quality CARROT program (Clean Air Retrofit, Replacement and Off-Road Technology). Failed in House NRAE 4-10 on 2/25. | 2 | Support |
| 2 nd Substitute HB 285 Building Code Review and Adoption Amendments | Rep. Wilson | Substitute requires a study and report to legislative committee prior to adopting updated model building, fire and energy codes in Utah. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Oppose |
| HB 303 Legislative Approval of Land Transfers | Rep. Stratton | Substitute and committee amendments pared back this bill to apply only to SITLA land sales, exchanges or transfers. Requires notification. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| HB 317 Destruction of Livestock | Rep. Nelson | Establishes a guideline for a court to set the amount when ordering a person convicted of wanton destruction of sheep or cattle to pay restitution. Passed House 68-1-6 on 2/26. In Senate NRAE Committee. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 323 Resource Management Planning by Local Governments | Rep. Stratton | Requires counties to develop resource management plans as part of their General Plans and coordinate planning with other counties. In House NRAE Committee. | 3 | Oppose |
| HB 326 Federal Funds Commission Extension | Rep. Ivory | Extends the date that the Federal Funds Commission is authorized to 11/30/2019 and appropriates \$54,000 in on-going General Funds. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |
| HB 362 Transportation Infrastructure Funding | Rep. Anderson | Repeals the cents per gallon tax rate on motor and special fuels (including gasoline) and imposes a percentage tax per gallon. Authorizes a county to impose a local option sales tax for roads and public transit. In House Rules. | 2 | Oppose |
| HB 369 Sales and Use Taxes for Transportation | Rep. Briscoe | Authorizes certain cities, towns or counties to increase local option sales tax rates for public transit. In House Revenue and Taxation Committee. | 2 | Studying |

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| HB 374 San Rafael Swell State Park Designation | Rep. Eliason | Authorizes the Division of State Parks to enter into agreements with the BLM and SITLA to use the San Rafael Swell as a State Park. In House Rules. | 2 | Studying |
| HB 384 Grazing Zone Amendments | Rep. Noel | Establishes a Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zone in Washington County and authorizes the county to pursue grazing policies to mitigate fire threats on federal lands. In House NRAE Committee. | 3 | Oppose |
| HB 393 Energy Zone Amendments | Rep. Noel | Creates the San Juan Energy Zone and adopts exploration, access and development policies. In House NRE. | 2 | Oppose |
| HB 396 Solid Fuel Burning Amendments | Rep. Dee | Requires the Division of Air Quality to establish a solid fuel (wood) burning program, set parameters for no-burn periods, exempt stoves that meet EPA standards, and conduct a public education campaign. In House NRAE. | 1 | Oppose |
| HB 398 Obstruction of Roads in Dixie National Forest | Rep. Noel | Authorizes a County Sheriff to remove obstructions on certain roads under certain circumstances and requires the U.S. Forest Service to obtain County approval to close a road. In House NRAE. | 2 | Oppose |
| HB 401 Statute of Limitation Modifications | Rep. Noel | Eliminates the seven-year statute of limitations on actions against the federal government on real property issues in an ex post facto effort to avoid an adverse ruling in a RS 2477 state case. In House NRAE. | 1 | Oppose |
| HB 406 Natural Gas Vehicles | Rep. Handy | Provides an income tax credit for the purchase of a new natural gas heavy duty vehicle. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| HB 407 Scenic Byway Amendments | Rep. Noel | Requires the legislative body of a local government to segment a state or national Scenic Byway or All-American Road if requested by a property owner adjacent to that road. In House Transportation Committee. | 3 | Oppose |

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| HB 408 Catastrophic Wildfire and Public Nuisance Amendments | Rep. Christofferson | Defines a catastrophic wildfire public nuisance and authorizes the chief executive officer or sheriff of a local government to abate it under certain circumstances. In House Rules. | 3 | Oppose |
| HB 419 Public Highway Amendments | Rep. McCay | Modifies the Right-of-Way Act regarding the abandonment of a highway. In House Rules. | | Studying |
| HB 420 Revisions to Transportation Funding | Rep. Anderson | Changes the distribution formula of revenues from the county option sales tax for transit for FY 2015 only. In House Rules. | 2 | Studying |
| HB 421 Transportation Funding Modifications | Rep. Christofferson | Increases the sales tax revenues dedicated to roads. In House Rules. | 3 | Oppose |
| Motor Vehicle Registration Fee Amendments | Rep. Anderson | Allows an additional registration fee for electric vehicles to fund additional charging stations. In process. | | |
| Vapor Recovery Amendments | Rep. Eliason | Provides criminal penalties and fines for truck drivers who do not capture vapors from underground tanks when refilling them. In process. | | |
| HJR 3 Joint Resolution for a Constitutional Convention | Rep. Nelson | Joint Resolution Calling for a Constitutional Convention of the States for the Sole Purpose of Proposing a Countermand Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Held in House Judiciary Standing Committee 7-4 on 2/6. | 2 | Oppose |
| HJR 14 Joint Resolution Calling for a Convention to Amend the Constitution of the United States | Rep. Ivory | Calls for a Constitutional Convention to address any number of potential amendments. Failed 34-38-3 on 2/25. | 2 | Oppose |

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| HJR 15 Joint Resolution on Legislative Review | Rep. Ivory | Requires legislative general counsel to review jurisdiction and sovereignty when preparing a “Constitutional Note” for a bill that has implications on federalism related to the Tenth Amendment. Failed House 32-37-6 on 2/27. | 3 | Oppose |
| HJR 19 Joint Resolution Supporting Utah’s Response to EPA’s Clean Power Plan | Rep. Handy | Supports the State’s request that the EPA withdraw its proposal to set carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions limits. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Oppose |
| HJR 24 Joint Resolution Urging Settlement of RS2477 Rights of Way | Rep. Miller | Urges a negotiated resolution that settles RS 2477 disputes with priority consideration given to Class B roads over Class C routes. In House NRAE. | 2 | Support |
| HJR 25 Joint Resolution Regarding Analysis of Colorado River Management Strategies | Rep. Briscoe | Urges the National Research Council to conduct a scientific and economic review of Colorado River management needs and options that provide for the sustainable management of the river. In House NRAE. | 2 | Support |
| HCR 5 Concurrent Resolution Regarding Interlocal Agreement with the Jordan River Commission | Rep. Cunningham | Expresses support for a comprehensive management plan that addresses conservation, preservation, maintenance, access and responsible development of the Jordan River and its banks. Passed House 70-0-5 on 2/19. On Senate Consent Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| HCR 8 Concurrent Resolution on Carbon Sequestration on Rangelands | Rep. Noel | Calls on President of the United States to increase carbon sequestration in soils as the primary means of removing atmospheric carbon dioxide. Passed House 67-2-6 on 2/27. In Senate Rules. | 3 | Studying |
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| SB13 Income Tax Amendments | Sen. Henderson | Eliminates certain income tax credits, including the Non-Game Wildlife Check-Off, due to underuse. We will try to restore the check-off next legislative session. Passed Senate. Passed House. | 2 | Neutral |
| SB 14 Renewable Energy Tax Credit Amendments | Sen. Okerlund | Clarifies eligibility for renewable energy tax credits. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 2/17. Passed House 63-0-12 on 2/26. | 2 | Support |
| SB 15 Water Law – Forfeiture Exemptions | Sen. Dayton | Clarifies that forfeiture of water provisions to not apply to non-use while that water right is subject to an approved change application where the applicant is pursuing certification. Passed Senate. Passed House 69-0 on 2/27. | 3 | Support |
| SB 35 Water Rights Amendments | Sen. Dayton | Requires that a person applying for a change to a water right be a holder of an approved but unperfected water right, an owner of a perfected water right, or a shareholder in a water company. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| SB 40 Water Law – Application Withdrawal | Sen. Dayton | Requires that a person who wishes to withdraw an unperfected application to send a written notice to the State Engineer. Passed Senate. On House Consent Cal. | 3 | Support |
| SB 45 Crossbow Hunting Provisions | Sen. Jenkins | Allows use of a crossbow during an archery hunt. Senate struck enacting clause on 2/10. Failed. | 3 | Neutral |
| Substitute SB 48 Evaluation of Federal Lands | Sen. Osmund | Substitute directs the Commission for the Stewardship of the Public Lands to commission a study of federal lands in Utah, and including the property tax revenues that would be generated if those lands were privately owned. Appropriates \$500,000. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Oppose |
| Substitute SB 49 Bear Lake Sovereign Lands Amendments | Sen. Iwamoto | Amends provisions related to launching and retrieving a boat on Bear Lake. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |

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| SB56 Wildland Fire Policy | Sen. Vickers | Requires the director of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to coordinate a statewide wildland fire policy. Passed Senate. Passed House 72-0-3 on 2/25. | 2 | Support |
| SB 66 Unauthorized Activity on State Lands | Sen. Dayton | Prohibits campfires on the bed of a navigable lake or river, prohibits obstructing a public entry onto state land where it is authorized. Passed Senate. Passed House 68-0-7 2/25. | 3 | Support |
| SB 69 Clean-burning fuel for Motor Pools | Sen. Jenkins | Requires at least half of all new or replacement motor vehicles owned by government entities are alternative-fuel or high-efficiency vehicles by 8/30/19. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| SB 87 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 12-16-1 on 2/23. | 1 | Support |
| Substitute SB 89 Aquatic Invasive Species Fee | Sen. Jenkins | Imposes a fee on certain boats to be used for invasive species interdiction. Passed Senate. Passed House 68-4-3 on 2/25. | 3 | Support |
| SB 105 Public Lands Act Amendments | Sen. Dabakis | Requires the Attorney General to file a petition in federal court by June 30, 2016, (as amended) demanding a determination on the issue of ownership of public lands. Passed Senate 17-10-2 on 2/24. In House NRAE. | 2 | Support |
| SB 126 Water Amendments | Sen. Dayton | Requires the State Engineer to consider whether an application is detrimental to the public welfare. This bill will be sent to the Water Development Task Force. | 1 | Support |
| HB 134 Game Fowl Fighting Amendments | Sen. Davis | Amended to provide that it is a Class A Misdemeanor to own, possess, train or cause game fowl to fight, and that it is a Class B Misdemeanor to attend a game fowl fight. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |

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| SB 142 Water Rights – Change Application Revisions | Sen. J. Stevenson | Modifies procedures to file change applications, requires parties to mediate disputes. In Senate Rules. | 3 | Studying |
| SB 154 Coal Ash Regulation Amendments | Sen. Okerlund | Removes coal ash from the unregulated category of solid waste, making regulation of coal ash under a separate code possible. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 2/25. In House NRAE. | 2 | Support |
| SB 156 Clean Fuel Tax Exemptions for Motorcycles | Sen. Dayton | Provides a tax credit for electric motorcycles. Passed Senate. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| SB 160 Transportation Funding Amendments | Sen. Van Tassell | Raises the gas tax by 10 cents per gallon to 29 ½ cents per gallon. Tabled on Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar (due to Fiscal Note – meaning it can be revived if funded). | 2 | Support |
| SB 163 Wildlife Modifications | Sen. Dayton | Establishes criminal penalties for the release of wildlife that is listed or is a candidate for listing as threatened or endangered with intent to establish that species in an area of the state where it does not now reside. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 2/25. In House NRAE. | 2 | Neutral |
| SB 187 Development of Lands Around Bear Lake | Sen. Jenkins | Requires the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to designate areas around Bear Lake for development of recreational facilities, as funding allows. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 2/23. In House NRAE Committee. | 3 | Support |
| SB 188 Oil, Gas and Mining Amendments | Sen. Van Tassell | Allows the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining to permit more than one well to be drilled in a drilling unit, under certain circumstances. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 2/23. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Neutral |
| SB 189 Oil and Gas Conservation Account Amendments | Sen. Van Tassell | Modifies the Account balance limit. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 2/23. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Neutral |

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| SB 200 Environmental Quality Boards Amendments | Sen. Dayton | Changes qualifications for one board member to require that person represent special service districts (water treatment). Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 2/24. In House NRAE. | 2 | Neutral |
| SB 208 Air Quality Amendments | Sen. Escamilla | Increases air quality regulations and penalties for unlawful incineration and dedicates monies to the CARROT fund. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 1 | Support |
| SB 230 Utah Prairie Dog Management Appropriation | Sen. Vickers | Appropriates \$650,000 in one-time General Funds to the Division of Wildlife Services to fund implementation of the Utah Prairie Dog Management Plan. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Neutral |
| SB 231 Transportation Amendments | Sen. Harper | Increases registration fees for all cars and small trucks by \$10 and for alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles by \$60 to \$70. Increased revenues will be placed in the Transportation Fund. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |
| SB 244 Department of Environmental Quality Modifications | Sen. Dayton | Combines the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste and the Division of Radiation Control into a new Division of Waste Management, eliminates the Radiation Board, adds two members to the new Waste Board. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. (We will seek to amend or study this.) | 1 | Oppose |
| SB 248 Local Health Department Amendments | Sen. Okerlund | Establishes a committee within the Department of Environmental Quality that reviews matters affecting local health departments. In Senate Rules. | 2 | Studying |
| SB 280 Utah Energy Act Amendments | Sen. Hinkins | Modifies the duties of the governor's energy advisor. In Senate Rules. | 3 | Neutral |

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| SB 281 Water Infrastructure Funding | Sen. Adams | Creates the Water Infrastructure Fund to receive money for construction, operation and maintenance of water projects, including the Lake Powell pipeline and the Bear River diversion project. In Senate Rules. | 1 | Oppose |
| SJR 7 Joint Resolution on Wild Horses and Burros | Sen. Vickers | Urges Congress to create a process for transferring to Utah authority to protect and manage wild horses and burros within its borders. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 2/24. In House NRAE. | 3 | Neutral |
| SJR 12 Joint Resolution Urging Analysis of Colorado River Management | Sen. Dabakis | Urges the National Research Council to conduct a scientific and economic review of Colorado River management needs and options that provide for the sustainable management of the river. Failed. | 1 | Support |
| SCR 3 Concurrent Resolution Urging Congress to Support the State's Sage Grouse Plan | Sen. Van Tassell | Urges support for state plan and urges Congress to make no decision on listing the Sage Grouse as an endangered species for 25 years. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |
| SCR 4 Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Creation of National Monuments | Sen. Urquhart | Urges Congress to create a process for establishing national monuments that includes public participation and state and local government involvement. Urges that the Antiquities Act be amended to clarify its intent to establish small, discrete monuments or memorials. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |
| SCR 7 Concurrent Resolution Regarding a Military Test Site in Western Utah | Sen. Bramble | Expresses support for expanding the Utah Test and Training Range Expansion for a military test site, if certain conditions listed in the resolution are included in the final proposal. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |

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| <p>SR 3 Senate Resolution Encouraging Congress to Pass Recommended Legislation on National Parks</p> | <p>Sen. Dabakis</p> | <p>Urges approval of a bill to grant all children in the 4th grade and their families free admission to national parks during the 2015-16 school year, and invites President Obama and family to visit Utah's National Parks. In Senate Rules.</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>Support</p> |
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Important Dates

- January 26 **First day of session**
- February 5 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 9 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
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 12 Second supplemental appropriations bill available to legislators by calendared floor time and final action taken by noon
- Last day of session**
- April 1 Last day governor may sign or veto bills
- May 11 Last day a veto-override session may begin
- May 12 Normal effective date for bills
First day to file bills for the 2014 General Session

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