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Welcome to the 2015 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!

Contact Senators and Representatives and urge them to **oppose SB 281 – Water Infrastructure Fund!!** This bill would allow for funding to be targeted for construction 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.

News of the Sixth Week (# 6)

HB 226 Air Quality Revisions, the bill to allow Utah to adopt standards “different” from those of the EPA passed the House and is awaiting Senate action. Prospects for Senate passage look fair.

HB 396 (Dee) Solid Fuel Burning is still alive, circled on the House 3rd Reading Calendar. Advocates are working to defeat it or amend it so that it maintains the status quo – meaning there will be no seasonal ban on wood burning in non-attainment areas (Wasatch Front, Uintah Basin).

Proposals to explore expanding one and creating two new state parks (Goblin Valley, Little Sahara, San Rafael Swell) died quietly this week in committee.

HB 407 Scenic Byway Amendments (Noel) was altered to require approval of the legislative body of a local government and the Scenic Byway committee before billboards can be built along a state or national Scenic Byway or All-American Road. We will work for additional amendments to further minimize the damages of this wayward effort to accommodate the powerful billboard industry.

Budget News

Executive Appropriations finally met for the first time in weeks on Friday, and set the broad outlines of the new FY 2016 Budget and the uses of the current year (FY '15) surpluses. The good news on the Natural Resources budget is that \$500,000 (from the Sovereign Lands Account) has been reinstated for phragmites removal on the Great Salt

Lake! Thanks and congratulations to all who advocated for this budget line item.

There were no other changes to the DNR budgets. \$3.5 m. was allocated to air quality issues, with the largest amount - \$2 m. in on-going funds - set aside for clean school buses (HB 49 – which originally requested \$20 m.)

There are still moving pieces to the budget, and budget details to be filled in. Plus there remain to be made big decisions on funding for Utah Cares or Healthy Utah as well as transportation (gas tax hike/transit funding). The possible budget item we will watch mostly – and oppose most vigorously - is the Water Infrastructure Fund (SB 281). If enacted, this fund would be used to build the Lake Powell pipeline and the Bear River dams/diversions!

What's Ahead

Standing Committees will continue to meet Monday and Tuesday mornings and afternoons. Tuesday evening, the House is expected to “wipe the boards” and send all bills still on the 3rd Reading Calendar back to Rules to be prioritized for floor debate (known as “sifting”). The Senate may or may not move to sifting, depending upon progress on their current calendars.

Sine die is Thursday midnight (at the latest).

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BILL TRACKING LIST

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

Bill	Sponsor	Description/Status	Priority	Position
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 On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 3/6.	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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support

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
3rd Substitute HB 49 Clean Fuel School Buses and Infrastructure	Rep. Handy	Latest substitute reduces the one-time appropriation of \$20 million to \$2 million for replacing or retrofitting older, high-emissions school buses with new clean fuel buses or engines. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	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 Taxation Committee.	2	Support

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. Passed Senate.	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 3rd 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.	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

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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	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. Held 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. Held 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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	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. Passed House. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 2/6.	3	Support

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.	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. Passed House 60-1-5 on 3/2. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
2 nd Substitute 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. Passed House 60-12-3 on 3/3. On Senate 2 nd 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. Passed Senate.	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. Passed House 64-0-11. In Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions 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. Passed House 62-10-3 on 3/2. On Senate 2 nd 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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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. Returned to House Rules Committee.	2	Studying
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. Passed House 61-6-8. In Senate Rules.	3	Oppose
HB 393 Energy Zone Amendments	Rep. Noel	Creates the San Juan Energy Zone and adopts exploration, access and development policies. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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. Passed House 70-0-5 3/5. In Senate Rules.	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

2 nd Substitute HB 407 Scenic Byway Amendments	Rep. Noel	Substitute requires approval of the legislative body of a local government and the Scenic Byway committee before a state or national Scenic Byway or All-American Road may be segmented to allow for new billboards requested by a property owner adjacent to that road. Passed House 58-8-9 on 3/5. In Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee.	1	Oppose
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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
HB 419 Public Highway Amendments	Rep. McCay	Modifies the Right-of-Way Act regarding the abandonment of a highway. In House Transportation Committee.	3	Neutral
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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Studying
HB 421 Transportation Funding Modifications	Rep. Christofferson	Increases the sales tax revenues dedicated to roads. Returned to House Rules Committee.	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. Failed.	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.	2	Oppose
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.	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. Passed House 67-5-3 on 3/3. On Senate 2 nd 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. To be heard in House NRAE on 3/9.	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. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 3/4.	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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Studying
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. Passed House.	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.	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. Passed Senate. 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. Passed House.	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. Passed Senate 18-6-5 on 3/4. In House NRAE.	3	Oppose
Substitute SB 49 Bear Lake Sovereign Lands Amendments	Sen. Iwamoto	Amends provisions related to launching and retrieving a boat on Bear Lake. Passed Senate 17-10-2 on 3/2. In House Rules.	3	Support
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.	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.	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. Passed Senate 24-2-3 on 3/2. In House Rules due to Fiscal Note.	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.	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.	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. To be heard in House NRAE 3/9.	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. . Passed Senate 17-11-1 on 3/2. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
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. Passed House 73-0-2 on 3/4.	2	Support
SB 156 Clean Fuel Tax Exemptions for Motorcycles	Sen. Dayton	Provides a tax credit for electric motorcycles. Passed Senate. In House Rules due to Fiscal Note.	3	Support
Substitute SB 160 Transportation Funding Amendments	Sen. Van Tassell	Substitute raises the gas tax by 5 cents per gallon ver 4 years. Passed Senate. In House Rules due to Fiscal Note.	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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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. Passed House 69-0-6 on 3/4.	3	Neutral
SB 189 Oil and Gas Conservation Account Amendments	Sen. Van Tassell	Modifies the Account balance limit. Passed Senate. In House Rules due to Fiscal Note.	3	Neutral
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. On House 2 nd Reading Calendar.	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, which allows up to 6,000 dogs a year to be killed. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose

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. Passed Senate 19-6-4 on 3/6 In House Rules.	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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Studying
SB 280 Utah Energy Act Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Modifies the duties of the governor's energy advisor. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
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. On Senate Reading Calendar.	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. Passed House.	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. Passed Senate. Passed House 64-3-8 on 3/4.	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. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 3/3. On House Consent Calendar.	2	Oppose
SR 3 Senate Resolution Encouraging Congress to Pass Recommended Legislation on National Parks	Sen. Dabakis	Urges approval of a bill to grant all children in the 4 th 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.	3	Support
SCR 10 Concurrent Resolution Regarding Public Lands Initiative	Sen. Hinkins	Expresses strong support for the Public Lands Initiative and for locally driven land use planning over unilateral federal action regarding Utah's public lands. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose

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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