

# UTAH CONSERVATION COMMUNITY

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### Welcome to the 2016 Legislative Update

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

### About the Legislative Update

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

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

### ACTION ALERT!

Senate Bill 110, Water Quality Amendments, will be debated on the Senate floor Monday afternoon or Tuesday. Contact Senators – urge a NO vote on SB110.

SB 80, the Bear River development and Lake Powell pipeline funding bill, will be heard in House Revenue and Taxation Committee this week – either Wednesday or Friday morning (see below for more information). Contact members of that committee (also listed below) urge them to oppose these SB 80!!

## **News of the Fourth Week (Week # 4)**

In a small but possibly key tactical victory, conservation advocates helped get SB 80 - Water Infrastructure Fund - assigned to the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, where it will get much greater scrutiny than it would in the NRAE Standing Committee, and where it could be defeated. SB 80's twin, HB 257, has been assigned to House NRAE, where it will be approved. This sets up a big House floor fight - and funding fight - for later in the Session.

SB 115, Rocky Mountain Power's STEP proposal, cleared its first hurdle in the Senate, passing Senate PUT Committee on 2/12. It is well down on the calendar, and likely will be debated in the Senate in week 5.

Several public lands bills have emerged and will see committee action in week 5. The biggest lands bill, HB 276, which sets up an administrative structure for "when" Utah takes over the federal public lands, passed NRAE Standing Committee last Friday and will be debated on the House floor in the next two weeks.

There are a number of positive - and a few negative - air quality and clean energy bills still working through the process (see below). It remains to be seen if this will turn out to be a good or bad Session for these issues.

## **Budget News**

The surprising news is that there was no news this week about the new revenue projections for next Fiscal Year 2017 or the rest of the current year (FY 16). Executive

Appropriations Committee heard the reports from each of the Appropriations Subcommittees, but took no major actions. This is most unusual, as every year the projections are available sometime in mid-February. Hard to know what this means, but one would have to assume that the projections will be available next week (week 5), as major budget decisions loom with just 3 more weeks to go.

## **What's Ahead**

Major issues that have not been addressed in bills or the budget yet, but have to be resolved before the end of the Session include four bills addressing versions of Medicaid expansion, funding for homeless shelters, housing and services, two competing medical marijuana proposals, hate crimes and fair housing legislation, and of course, water v. transportation funding.

Rocky Mt. Power's STEP bill will be debated on the Senate floor this week. Watch for amendments that could fix, complicate or bring down this bill.

Both the House and Senate will spend more time on the floor this week to wade through the large number of bills accumulating on their calendars. Floor time will be from 10:00 to 12:00 each day, from 2:00 to 4:00 Monday through Wednesday, and from 2:00 to 5:00 on Thursday and Friday. Standing Committees meet from 8:00 to 10:00 each day, and from 4:00 to 6:00 Monday through Wednesday.

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## BILL TRACKING LIST

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

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Description/Status</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Position</b>
<a href="#">HB 5</a> Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Quality Base Budget	Rep. McKell	Appropriates funds for the operation of these agencies for FY 2017. The base budget will be augmented in separate legislation later in the Session. Passed House and Senate.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 52 Sub</a> Office of Outdoor Recreation Amendments	Rep. Arent	Modifies provisions of the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation, creates an Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Grant Program, and grants the Office rule-making authority. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 82</a> Property Tax Authority for Public Water Providers	Rep. Powell	Modifies the maximum property tax rate that the water districts served by Colorado River water and cuts that rate in half by 2021. This would force the districts to make up this decrease with higher water rates. In House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee.	1	Support
<a href="#">HB 84 Sub</a> Wildlife Amendments	Rep. McIff	States that a license, permit, tag, or certificate issues by the Division of Wildlife Resources is a privilege, not a right. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 87 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub</a> Clean Fuel Conversion Amendments	Rep. Handy	Creates the Conversion to Alternative Fuels Grant Program Fund, authorizing DEQ to make grants to persons who install conversion equipment to an eligible vehicle. Also extends the tax credit for energy efficient vehicles. Passed House 41-28 on 2/12. In Senate NRAE.	2	Support

<a href="#">HB 121</a> Building Code Amendments	Rep. Edwards	Updates the State Construction Code. In House Rules.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 130</a> Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Amendments	Rep. Arent	Authorizes an interlocal entity and other government entities to issue bonds for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 134</a> State Work of Art	Rep. Edwards	Designates the Spiral Jetty as the state work of art. Passed House. In Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 135</a> Sub State Parks Fees Amendments	Rep. Hemingway	Provides free admission to state parks for veterans with 50% or more disabilities. Passed House, in Senate NRAE.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 169</a> Little Sahara State Park Designation	Rep. Eliason	Requires the Division of Parks and Recreation to study transfer of Little Sahara to state ownership and authorizes the Division 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. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 213</a> Agriculture Modifications	Rep. Sandall	Amends composition of certain agricultural boards and commissions. Passed House. In Senate Rules.	3	Neutral
<a href="#">HB 218</a> Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act	Rep. McIff	Allows for the transfer of water shares in a mutual benefit corporation and clarifies the property rights of a member of a nonprofit corporation. In House NRAE.	3	Neutral

<a href="#">HB 219</a> Resource Management Planning	Rep. Stratton	Modifies requirements for a county resource plan and provides that the Commission on the Stewardship of Public Lands can pay counties for up to \$25,000 or half of the cost of completing the plan, under certain circumstances. Will be heard in House NRAE on 2/22.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 232</a> Scenic Byway Amendments	Rep. Noel	Requires segmentation of a Scenic Byway if requested by an adjacent property owner and the legislative body of the local government to allow billboards or other development. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 237</a> Income Tax Contribution for Clean Air	Rep. Arent	Creates an income tax check-off to contribute to a Clean Air Fund. Passed House Revenue and Taxation Committee 12-0-1 on 2/18. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 242</a> Alternative Energy Development Tax Amendments	Rep. Handy	Modifies an exemption from sales tax related to alternative energy. In House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 244</a> Independent Energy Producers Amendments	Rep. Gibson	Exempts from authority of the Public Service Commission an independent energy producer (Vivint) that provides electricity to a customer in a net metering program in an area served by an electric corporation (Rocky Mt. Power) with more than 200,000 customers. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 250</a> Air Quality Amendments	Rep. Redd	Requires the Air Quality Board to make rules regarding nitrogen oxide (NOX) limits for natural gas-fired water heaters and prohibits the sale or installation of a water heater that exceeds limits set by the AQ Board. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	2	Support

<a href="#">HB 253</a> Public Trust Amendments	Rep. Hawkes	Creates a presumption that when the State Engineer approves an application for a water right or change application, that approval is made with due regard to and in full compliance with the state's public trust obligation. In House Rules.	1	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 256</a> Net Metering of Electricity Amendments	Rep. Cox	Requires an electric corporation to pay cash to customers who produce electricity if they prefer that to credit toward their electric power bills. Caps an interconnection fee at \$2 per month. In House Rules.	2	Oppose unless amended
<a href="#">HB 257</a> Water Funding Revisions	Rep. Perry	This House version is identical to SB 80. It would shift the 1/16 cent sales tax now earmarked for roads to water infrastructure (Lake Powell pipeline and Bear River dam/diversion project). In House NRAE.	1	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 261</a> Wood Burning Stoves	Rep. Cox	Permits a person to transfer, sell, supply, or install a wood burning stove that is not certified by the EPA if it is accordance with the federal Clean Air Act. In House Rules.	2	Studying
<a href="#">HB 270</a> Constitutional Defense Fund Restricted Account Amendments	Rep. Noel	Provides that the Attorney General's Office or any other state or local government entity may bring an action to establish the right of a state or local government official to enter on to federal land or road when acting in his or her official capacity to protect the health, safety or welfare of a citizen of the state. Passed House NRAE 9-0-5 on 2/19. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 276</a> Utah Public Lands Management Act	Rep. Noel	Creates the Division of Land Management within the Department of Natural Resources and an administrative framework for management, planning, and financing state ownership of public lands to be put in place upon receiving title to federal public lands. Establishes the	2	Oppose

		Public Land Protection Fund, Public Land Management Fund, Timber Fund, and Grazing Land Fund, and a procedure for issuing a right-of-way on public land. Passed House NRAE 9-1-4 on 2/19. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> .		
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> Sub HB 284</a> Injured or Crippled Wildlife Amendments	Rep. Liffert	Substitute is a major improvement, limiting the circumstances in which a person may humanely kill an injured animal and claim defense to the crime of cruelty to animals for humane destruction of an animal injured in a motor vehicle accident. Substituted and held in House NRAE.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 287</a> Sub Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands and Private Donations for Public Lands Litigation	Rep. Christofferson	Creates the Public Lands Litigation Account, establishes its purposes and uses, and allows for contributions to the Account for litigation related to the public lands. The Substitute provides more control and accountability for the use of funds. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 305</a> Water Rights and Resources Amendments	Rep. Briscoe	Authorizes the Divisions of Water Rights and Drinking Water, in conjunction with the Division of Water Resources (DWRe) to collect and verify water use and supply data, and requires DWRe to validate the accuracy of water use data reported by public water suppliers. In House Rules	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 309</a> Sales and Use Tax Earmark Amendments	Rep. McCay	Repeals sales tax earmarks to water and wildlife projects and programs, including earmarks that could finance the Lake Powell pipeline and Bear River development. Would restore \$38+ million annually to the General Fund. In House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee.	1	Support



<a href="#">HB 327</a> Energy Tax Credit Amendments	Rep. Peterson	Reduces the tax credit for residential and commercial solar over time and repeals the credit on 1/1/2021. In House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> Sub. HB 316</a> Building Code Review and Adoption Amendments	Rep. Wilson	Pushes back the adoption of up-dated building codes that would incorporate new technologies that would improve air quality and produce consumer savings from energy efficiencies from 3 to 9 years. Passed House Business and Labor Committee 11-2-1 on 2/16. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading.	1	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 348</a> Mountainous Planning District Amendments	Rep. Dee	Removes the repeal date relating to mountainous planning districts. In House Rules.	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 356</a> Taxation of Solar Energy Devices	Rep. Knotwell	Creates a sales tax exemption for solar energy machinery, equipment, parts, and materials for residential solar. Will reduce General Fund revenue by \$500,000/year. In House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 361</a> Air Quality Modifications	Rep. Cox	Requires the Air Quality Board to make rules regarding nitrogen oxide limits for a natural gas-fired water heater by 1/1/17 and prohibits the sale of water heaters that exceed those limits after 6/30/18. In House Rules.	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 363</a> Grazing Zone Amendments	Rep. Noel	Adds lands in Beaver County to the Utah Grazing Agricultural Zones. In House NRAE.	3	Neutral
<a href="#">HB 367</a> National Forest Road Obstructions	Rep. Noel	Allows a County Sheriff to remove road obstructions under certain circumstances on roads in the Dixie National Forest in Kane, Garfield, Iron, and Wayne Counties. In House NRAE.	3	Studying

<a href="#">HB 372</a> Refiner and Importer Reporting Provisions	Rep. Ward	Requires that a refiner or importer of gasoline report annually to the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Interim Committee on progress in implementing Tier III sulfur standards. In House Rules.	2	Support
HB _ Local Government Water Conservation Plans	Rep. Wilson	Abandoned.		
HB _ Water Use Planning	Rep. Lifferth	Abandoned.		
HB _ Federal Reimbursement for National Parks Operations	Rep. Ivory	Abandoned.		
HB _ Wildfire Mitigation Amendments	Rep. Briscoe	Abandoned.		
<a href="#">HCR 1</a> Concurrent Resolution on Waters of the United States	Rep. Noel	Expresses disapproval of the EPA “Waters of the United States” rule, which was finalized last year. Passed House. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
<a href="#">HCR 5 Sub</a> Concurrent Resolution on the 100 Year Anniversary of the National Parks	Rep. Fawson	HCR recognizes the anniversary. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
<a href="#">HCR 8</a> Concurrent Resolution on the Bonneville Salt Flats International	Rep. Handy	CR calls attention to the deterioration of the Bonneville Salt Flats and International Speedway and urges the BLM to restore the Speedway to safe high-speed racing conditions. Passed House NREA. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	3	Studying

Speedway		Calendar.		
<a href="#">HCR 11</a> Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Repayment of Funds Used to Keep the National Parks, Monuments and Recreation Areas Open	Rep. Ivory	Urges the Utah congressional delegation to introduce new legislation to reimburse Utah \$1 million not yet repaid for costs incurred during the shut-down of the federal government in 2014. Passed House NRAE. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
<a href="#">HCR 13</a> Concurrent Resolution Urging Congress to Support the Implementation of Utah's Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan	Rep. Sandall	CR urges Congress to protect the state's plan and enact legislation recognizing and encouraging state primacy in long-term management of sage-grouse and sage-grouse habitat. In House Rules.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HJR 4</a> Joint Resolution on Water Infrastructure	Rep. McKell	Urges Utah's congressional delegation to secure title transfer of federal Bureau of Reclamation projects and associated water rights for Strawberry Valley, Moon Lake, and Emery County Projects. In House Rules.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HJR 8</a> Joint Resolution Calling for a Convention to Amend the Constitution of the United States	Rep. Ivory	Calls for a Constitutional Convention to amend the U.S. Constitution. Passed House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee 6-3-4 on 2/19. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HJR 13</a> Joint Resolution on Non-Hazardous Solid Waste	Rep. McKell	Urges DEQ to study the disparate fee structures for commercial and state and/or local government non-hazardous solid waste facilities. In House Rules.	2	Studying

<a href="#">SB 13</a> State Facilities Energy Efficiency Fund Amendments	Sen. Jenkins	Requires the Building Board to make rules to monitor financial savings from energy efficiency measures made using loans from the State Facility Energy Efficiency Fund. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
<a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute SB 17</a> Revenue and Tax Amendments	Sen. Van Tassell	Changes the formula for calculating the oil and gas severance tax. Will cost the Public Education Fund \$500,000 one-time and \$6.8 million on-going. Passed Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading 27-0. On Senate 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> Substitute SB 23</a> Water Law – Protected Purchaser Amendments	Sen. Dayton	Modifies the definition of a protected purchaser of a share of stock in a water company, requiring that purchaser to show that he or his predecessors in interest have paid assessments on and used that water share for four of the last seven years. Passed Senate. Circled on House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">SB 28</a> Water System Conservation Pricing	Sen. Jenkins	Requires that retail water providers establish an increasing (progressive) rate structure for culinary water. Passed Senate. Passed House.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 49</a> Statute of Limitations on Environmental Code Violations	Sen. Escamilla	Extends the statute of limitations for violations from 1 to 2 years. Passed Senate 23-5-1 on 2/16. Will be heard in House Judiciary on 2/21.	3	Support
<a href="#">SB 66</a> Environmental Code Fines	Sen. Escamilla	Increases penalties for violations of the Air Conservation Act. Held in Senate NRAE.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 72</a> SITLA Management Act Amendments	Sen. Dayton	Makes technical changes regarding the withdrawal of State land from public target shooting. Passed Senate. In House Education Standing Committee.	3	Neutral

<a href="#">SB 75</a> Water Rights Adjudication Amendments	Sen. Dayton	Makes several changes to the general adjudication statutes. Passed Senate. Passed House NRAE. Will be held in House Rules due to \$507,000 (Gen. Fund) Fiscal Note.	3	Studying
<a href="#">SB 80</a> Infrastructure Funding Amendments	Sen. Adams	Would divert an existing 1/16 cent sales tax earmark for transportation to water development – mainly the Lake Powell pipeline and Bear River dam(s) and diversions. This bill would double the existing revenue to the Water Resources Board, about \$35 million per year. Passed Senate 19-10 on both 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> . In House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee.	1	Oppose
<a href="#">SB 102</a> High Cost Infrastructure Tax Credit	Sen. Okerlund	Allows a qualifying business to apply to the Utah Energy Infrastructure Board to receive a tax credit for retrofitting a refinery to produce Tier III gasoline, makes other changes to the credit. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">SB 109</a> SITLA Amendments	Sen. Milner	Makes technical changes related to distributions to the Uniform School Fund and creates a Trust Distribution Account. Passed Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar 25-2-2. On Senate 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
<a href="#">SB 110 Sub</a> Water Quality Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	This bill, promoted by the Publicly Owned Water Treatment (sewer) facilities, would establish an independent peer review process for challenges made to proposals from the Division of Water Quality. EPA has expressed concerns that the bill violates provisions of the Clean Water Act, including its restrictions on public input. Conservation organizations will petition EPA to withdraw its delegation of authority (primacy) for Utah to administer the Clean Water Act if the bill passes. Passed Senate NRAE Standing Committee 6-0 on 2/4. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	1	Oppose

<a href="#">SB 115</a> Sustainable Transportation and Energy Program	Sen. Adams	Requires the Public Service Commission to authorize Rocky Mountain Power to divert \$10 million in ratepayer funds to a 10 year pilot project to fund various programs that RMP touts will improve air quality. This bill is opposed by a broad coalition of environmental, mining, manufacturing, and independent producers groups. Passed Senate Transportation, Public Utilities and Technology Committee on 5-12/11. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	1	Oppose
<a href="#">SB 116</a> Water Law – Nonprofit Corporation Amendments	Sen. Bramble	Allows for the transfer of water shares in a mutual benefit corporation and clarifies the property rights of a member of a nonprofit corporation. In Senate Rules.	3	Studying
<a href="#">SB 118</a> Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project	Sen. Van Tassell	Creates the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project and requires it be conducted by the Utah State University Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Studying
<a href="#">SB 122</a> Wildfire Fire Policy Updates	Sen. Vickers	Requires a municipality to abate uncontrolled wildfire within its boundaries in certain circumstances, and authorizes a local government or special district to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to be eligible for reimbursement of costs of suppression of a catastrophic wildfire. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">SB 134</a> Oil and Gas Conservation Account Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	Changes the balance limit in and the amount of money that is transferred to the General Fund from the Oil and Gas Conservation Account. There is no fiscal impact from this bill. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Studying
<a href="#">SB 159</a> Severance Tax Exemption Extension	Sen. Van Tassell	Extends for 10 years the exemption for the state severance tax on oil and gas and for oil and gas produced by coal-to-liquids technology, oil sands and oil shale. Passed Senate	2	Oppose

		Revenue and Taxation Committee 4-1-2. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.		
<a href="#">SB 186</a> Air Quality Incentives	Sen. Bramble	Authorizes the use of funds from the Industrial Assistance Account to help a company in a non-attainment area to purchase and install best available air quality control technologies. Will be heard in Senate Business and Labor Committee on 2/23.	2	Studying
<a href="#">SB 196</a> Retail Bag Impact Reduction Program	Sen. Iwamoto	Creates the Retail Bag Impact Reduction Program and Fund and imposes a fee of 10 cents on single use retail bags. Revenues go into the Fund, which can be used by the Dept. of Environmental Quality and local governments for educating consumers, promoting use of re-usable bags, preventing litter, and encouraging environmental sustainability. In Senate Rules.	2	Support
SB _ Repeal of Hunting Guides and Outfitters Licensing Amendments	Sen. Stephenson	No text yet.		
<a href="#">SCR 1</a> Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Universal Metering of Water Systems	Sen. Jenkins	CR encouraging public water suppliers to meter all retail public and private water systems, including secondary water systems, which encourages voluntary conservation. Passed Senate. Passed House 59-3-13 on 2/17.	2	Support
<a href="#">SCR 4</a> Concurrent Resolution - Old Spanish Trail Designation	Sen. Okerlund	Urges the National Park Service to include the Fish Lake Cutoff in the official designation of the Old Spanish Trail. Passed Senate. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support

<p><a href="#">SCR 8</a> Concurrent Resolution Approving the Test and Training Range Land Expansion</p>	<p>Sen. Stevenson</p>	<p>Approves exchange of lands proposed in Congress by Senator Orrin Hatch in S. 2383 – Utah Test and Training Range Encroachment Prevention and Temporary Closure Act. Passed Senate NRAE Standing on 2/1, on Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
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## Important Dates

### January 25 **First day of session**

February 4 Last day to request bills (by noon)

Last day to approve bills for numbering (by noon)

March 4 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

Last day for a motion to reconsider previous actions

Last day to consider bills from own house

March 8 Last day for legislators to prioritize bills and other programs with fiscal impact

March 8 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 10** Second supplemental appropriations bill available to legislators by calendared floor time and final action taken by noon

### **Last day of session**

March 30 Last day governor may sign or veto bills

May 9 Last day a veto-override session may begin

May 10 Normal effective date for bills

First day to file bills for the 2014 General Session

## Executive Appropriations Committee

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