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Welcome to the 2016 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!

SB 80, the Bear River development and Lake Powell pipeline funding bill, will be debated in the House this week. This is our last chance to stop funding for these unnecessary and destructive water development boondoggles. Contact House members and urge them to oppose these SB 80!!

Substitute SB 110, Water Quality Amendments, will be heard in the House NRAE Committee on Tuesday morning. Ask House members to vote NO on this bill.

The Utah Wilderness Coalition will hold a "Citizens' Hearing" on Congressman Rob Bishop's "Public Lands Initiative" draft bill on Wednesday, 3/2, from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. at Orson Spencer Hall at the University of Utah. Voice your opinion on this flawed bill and public process!

News of the Fifth Week (Week # 5)

Conservation advocates just missed stopping SB 80 - Water Infrastructure Fund - in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, where it passed narrowly by a 7-5-1 vote. We are expecting some floor amendments to the bill as the proponents work to get enough votes to pass it. There will be a lively House floor debate this week.

SB 115, Rocky Mountain Power's STEP proposal, is circled (awaiting action) near the top of the Senate 2nd Reading Calendar. We expect a substitute bill and a Senate vote on the bill this week.

HB 276, which sets up an administrative structure for "when" Utah takes over the federal public lands, passed the House Friday. An amendment to increase the trigger point for setting up this new bureaucracy from 100,000 acres deeded to Utah to 1 million acres failed on a voice vote.

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 bad news is that the February revenue projections for the General Fund were below previous expectations, which puts additional pressure on the budget going forward. Requests for General Funds greatly exceed the funds available, so it will be a scramble to the end to find money to finance high priority programs and services.

Executive Appropriations will meet at least once this week. EAC has to have some key decisions made so that leaders can guide staff in preparing the final budget bills over the next weekend (March 5-6).

What's Ahead

Floor time will be from 10:00 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 4:00 each day. Standing Committees meet from 8:00 to 10:00 and from 4:00 to 6:00 all week. All bills will need at least one committee hearing to have a chance of passage, so committee agendas will be very full. It's likely the House will work late Friday, and possibly other days as well.

The parties in both chambers will caucus during the lunch hours (12:00 to 2:00) Thursday through 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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| HB 5 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 |
| HB 52 Sub 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. Passed House 73-0-2 on 2/22. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| HB 82 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 |
| HB 84 Sub 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 |
| HB 87 2nd Sub 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. Passed Senate 2 nd Reading 16-4-9 on 2/24. Tabled on Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar due to \$500,000 Fiscal Note of one-time General Funds. | 2 | Support |

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| HB 121 Building Code Amendments | Rep. Edwards | Updates the State Construction Code. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| HB 130 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Amendments | Rep. Arent | Authorizes an interlocal entity and other government entities to issue bonds for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Passed House 57-16-2 on 2/23. In Senate Transportation and Public Utilities Committee. | 3 | Support |
| HB 134 State Work of Art | Rep. Edwards | Designates the Spiral Jetty as the state work of art. Passed House. Returned to Senate Rules Committee. | 3 | Support |
| HB 135 Sub State Parks Fees Amendments | Rep. Hemingway | Provides free admission to state parks for veterans with 50% or more disabilities. Passed House. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 2/22. | 3 | Support |
| HB 169 Sub - Little Sahara State Park Designation | Rep. Eliason | Substitute authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with the BLM to acquire Little Sahara and would designate the Rockwell Outstanding Natural Area as the Bill Orton State Wilderness Area. Passed House 71-0-4 on 2/25. In Senate NRAE. | 2 | Neutral |
| HB 213 Agriculture Modifications | Rep. Sandall | Amends composition of certain agricultural boards and commissions. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 218 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 |
| HB 219 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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |

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| HB 232 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. Passed House 71-2-2 on 2/22. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Oppose |
| HB 237 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. Passed House 61-6-8 on 2/25. In Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. | 3 | Support |
| HB 242 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 | Support |
| HB 244 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. Passed House 72-0-3 on 2/22. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| HB 250 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 purchase of a water heater that exceeds limits set by the AQ Board. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| HB 253 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 |

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| HB 256 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 |
| HB 257 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 |
| HB 261 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 |
| HB 270 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 60-7-8 on 2/26. In Senate Rules Committee. | 3 | Studying |
| HB 276 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 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 60-7-8 on 2/26. In Senate Rules Committee. | 2 | Oppose |

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| 3rd Sub HB 284 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 |
| HB 287 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. Passed House 54-12-9 on 2/24. In Senate NRAE Committee. | 2 | Oppose |
| HB 305 2 Sub - Water Rights and Resources Amendments | Rep. Briscoe | Substitute authorizes the Divisions of Water Rights 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. On House Consent Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| HB 309 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 |
| 6th Sub. HB 316 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 40-22-13 on 2/26. In Senate Rules. | 1 | Oppose |
| HB 327 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 |

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| HB 348 Mountainous Planning District Amendments | Rep. Dee | Removes the repeal date relating to mountainous planning districts. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| HB 356 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 |
| HB 361 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 |
| HB 363 Grazing Zone Amendments | Rep. Noel | Adds lands in Beaver County to the Utah Grazing Agricultural Zones. Passed House 66-0-9 on 2.25. In Senate NRAE Committee. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 367 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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Studying |
| HB 372 Sub - 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. Failed 1-9-4 in House NRAE on 2/26. | 2 | Support |
| HB 385 Petroleum Vapor Recovery Amendments | Rep. Eliason | Requires an operator of a gasoline cargo tank with a capacity of 250 gallons or more to control emission of vapors, and sets fines. In House Public Utilities and Transportation Committee. | 3 | Support |

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| HB 430 Hole in the Rock State Park Designation | Rep. Stratton | Authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with the U.S. BLM and National Park Service to acquire the Hole in the Rock area as a State Park. In House Rules. | 3 | Studying |
| HB 451 Solar Access Protection Amendments | Rep. Snow | Provides that a community association may not prohibit or unreasonably restrict a lot owner from installing or operating a solar energy system on the owner's lot. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| HCR 1 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 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Oppose |
| HCR 5 Sub Concurrent Resolution on the 100 Year Anniversary of the National Parks | Rep. Fawson | HCR recognizes the anniversary. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| HCR 8 Sub Concurrent Resolution on the Bonneville Salt Flats International Speedway | 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 71-1-3 on 2/22. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Neutral |
| HCR 11 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Repayment of Funds Used to Keep 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 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Neutral |

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| HCR 13 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 Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee. | 3 | Studying |
| HCR 16 Concurrent Resolution on Utah Public Lands | Rep. Stratton | Encourages legal action against the United States to obtain control of public land within Utah. In House Rules. | 3 | Oppose |
| HJR 4 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. Passed House 69-0-6 on 2/26. In Senate Rules. | 3 | Studying |
| HJR 8 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 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |
| HJR 13 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 |
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| SB 13 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 |

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| 2nd Substitute SB 17 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. In House Revenue and Taxation Committee. | 3 | Oppose |
| 1st Substitute SB 23 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. Passed House. | 3 | Support |
| SB 28 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 |
| SB 49 Statute of Limitations on Environmental Code Violations | Sen. Escamilla | Extends the statute of limitations for violations from 1 to 2 years. Passed Senate. Passed House 63-9-3 on 2/24. | 3 | Support |
| SB 66 Environmental Code Fines | Sen. Escamilla | Increases penalties for violations of the Air Conservation Act. Held in Senate NRAE. | 2 | Support |
| SB 72 SITLA Management Act Amendments | Sen. Dayton | Makes technical changes regarding the withdrawal of State land from public target shooting. Passed Senate. Passed House 69-0-6 on 2/26. | 3 | Neutral |
| SB 75 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 |
| SB 80 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 | 1 | Oppose |

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| | | Resources Board, about \$35 million per year. Passed Senate. Passed House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee 7-5-1 on 2/24. Floor amendments or a substitute bill are anticipated. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | | |
| SB 102 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. Circled on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| SB 109 SITLA Amendments | Sen. Milner | Makes technical changes related to distributions to the Uniform School Fund and creates a Trust Distribution Account. Passed Senate. In House Education Committee. | 3 | Neutral |
| SB 110 Sub 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. The Substitute attempts to address EPA 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 18-2-9 on 2/24. In House NRAE Standing Committee on 2/29 at 8 AM in Capitol 445. | 1 | Oppose |
| SB 115 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, | 1 | Oppose |

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| | | manufacturing, and independent producers groups. Passed Senate Transportation, Public Utilities and Technology Committee on 5-1 2/11. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | | |
| SB 116 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 |
| SB 118 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. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 2/24. In House Public Utilities and Transportation Committee. | 3 | Studying |
| 2 nd Sub SB 122 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. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 2/25. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| SB 134 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. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 2/24. In House Rules. | 3 | Studying |
| SB 159 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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |
| SB 186 Sub - 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 | 2 | Studying |

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| | | technologies. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | | |
| SB 196 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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| SB 200 Compensatory Mitigation Program for Sage Grouse | Sen. Van Tassell | Creates the Sage Grouse Mitigation Program to avoid, minimize, rectify, reduce, or eliminate impacts on sage grouse habitat through conservation and conservation banks. Provides for the administration of the program. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Studying |
| SB 231 Waste Management Amendments | Sen. Adams | Modifies the Radiation Control Act to define an “unlicensed facility” and establish financial assurance requirements for closure and post-closure care of an unlicensed facility. In Senate NRAE on 2/29 at 8 AM. | 2 | Studying |
| SB _ Repeal of Hunting Guides and Outfitters Licensing Amendments | Sen. Stephenson | No text yet. | | |
| SCR 1 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. | 2 | Support |
| SCR 4 Concurrent Resolution - Old Spanish Trail | Sen. Okerlund | Urges the National Park Service to include the Fish Lake Cutoff in the official designation of the Old Spanish Trail. Passed Senate. Passed House 72-0-3 on 2/24. | 3 | Support |

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| SCR 8 Concurrent Resolution Approving the Test and Training Range Land Expansion | Sen. Stevenson | 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 24-0-5 on 2/22. On House Consent Calendar. | 1 | Oppose |

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

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