

# UTAH CONSERVATION COMMUNITY

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### Welcome to the 2017 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!

New bills emerged that deserve our support. See SB 214, SB 217 and SB 218 in the bills tracking list below. Two bad bills that escaped attention up until now are HB 280 and SB 189 (also below).

For Actions on the climate change resolution (SJR 9), HB 11, and on the inappropriate proposals endorsed by NRAE Appropriations to fight all things federal, see below.

Calls/emails to members of the Executive Appropriations Committees) will be needed throughout the remainder of the Session (see Budget News, below).

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

The Logan students behind SJR 9 - Joint Resolution on Climate Change (Sen. Dabakis) - have called their own hearing on the bill, since it may not be put on an agenda for a hearing before Senate NRAE Committee. The hearing/ press event will be on Thursday, 2/23 at 4:45 in Capitol 445. They've also posted a petition here:

[https://www.change.org/p/62nd-legislature-of-the-state-of-utah-support-utah-s-student-led-climate-change-resolution?recruiter=1411301&utm\\_campaign=signature\\_receipt&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=share\\_petition](https://www.change.org/p/62nd-legislature-of-the-state-of-utah-support-utah-s-student-led-climate-change-resolution?recruiter=1411301&utm_campaign=signature_receipt&utm_medium=email&utm_source=share_petition)

HB 11 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub., the bill that takes out the requirement for a measure of partisan balance on 29 Boards and Commissions, passed the Senate on Friday. It is now on the House Concurrence Calendar. The House will vote Tuesday on whether or not to agree with the Senate version of the bill. If you receive this newsletter in time, contact representatives to ask them to refuse to concur with the Senate. Should the motion to concur fail on the House floor, as we hope, the bill would go to a conference committee of members from both chambers to seek a compromise.

## Budget News

The latest revenue projections came out (late) last week. The news was fairly positive, with income taxes for the Education Fund up significantly above previous estimates (\$97 million in new money). Sales taxes for the General Fund were mainly flat, with a reduction of \$10 million in one-time money and an increase of \$13 million in on-going

money available to spend. This puts a premium on wise decision-making, as there are many important unmet needs to be met with these GF dollars – competing with some really bad ideas on how to spend that money.

Last week we reported on proposals before the NRAE Appropriations Subcommittee to steer millions of taxpayer's dollars to cronies to fight the feds on sage grouse, national monuments, wild horses, and wolves, and to revise curriculum for studying federalism. For an excellent article on these questionable efforts, see: <https://shar.es/19ITqb>

Some funding proposals worthy of support that are still in play are \$2 million for the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program, \$2.4 m. for bus rapid transit routes in Davis County and Taylorsville, as well as the previously reported \$1.45 m. for air quality monitoring equipment.

## What's Ahead

It appears that legislative leaders are gearing up for a late-in-the-Session push for “tax reform”, which could dominate much of the discussions heading into the appropriations deliberations. While DNR and DEQ budgets are not likely to be affected by this push to blunt the initiative for an across-the-board hike in the income tax, any “reform” effort that reduces or diverts General Fund revenues could impact programs and services we support.

Schedules for Week 5 include more floor time - from 2:00 to 5:00 - on Thursday and Friday. Standing Committee meetings will run from 8:00 to 10:00 all week, and from 2:00 to 4:00 and 4:00 to 6:00 Monday through Wednesday.

# Rules Committees

## Senate Rules Committee:

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## BILL TRACKING LIST

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

Bill	Sponsor	Description/Status	Priority	Position
<a href="#">HB 11</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Substitute State Boards and Commissions Amendments	Rep. Thurston	Removes the requirement for balance in the party affiliation for the membership of numerous boards and commissions, including DEQ boards and several DNR boards. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Substitute restored those boards and commissions deleted from the original bill the Public Service Commission, Air Quality Board and Water Quality Board. Passed House. Passed Senate 22-7 on 2/17. On House Concurrence Calendar.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 23</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. Income Tax Credit Modifications	Rep. Peterson	Phases out the individual income tax credit for residential solar and other renewable energy systems by \$400 per year until there is zero credit given after 2021. Passed House 60-14-1 on 2/13. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 29</a> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sub. Energy Efficient Vehicle Tax Credit	Rep. Handy	Extends the income tax credits for the purchase of energy efficient vehicles. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Substitute restricts the credit to taxpayers residing in non-attainment counties. Passed House Rev & Tax Committee 11-0-1 on 2/15. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 33</a> Mercury Switch Removal Act Reauthorization	Rep. Perry	Extends the repeal date of the Act until July 2027. Passed House. Passed Senate. Enrolled.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 48</a> Wildlife Species Introduction Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	Prohibits release or transplantation of wildlife into the wild without a certificate of registration from the Division of Wildlife Resources and states the conditions that must be met in order to obtain approval. Passed House 74-0-1 on 2/13. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support

<a href="#">HB 51</a> Off-Highway Vehicle Amendments	Rep. Owens	Modifies provisions related to safety requirements and safety courses for use of off-highway vehicles. Passed House. Passed. Enrolled.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 63</a> 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. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 65</a> Air Conservation Act Amendments	Rep. Schultz	States that the Division of Air Quality should allow burning of solid fuel if the primary purpose is to cook food. Opposed by clear air advocates. Passed House. Passed Senate 25-3-1 on 2/16.	3	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 67</a> Wildlife Amendments	Rep. McKell	Prohibits an individual from acquiring or possessing a hunting license or permit unless that person has completed a DWR-approved hunting and fur-harvester education course. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 84</a> Water Law – Nonuse Applications	Rep. Hawkes	Modifies provisions relating to nonuse applications. Passed House 71-0-4 on 2/13. In Senate NRAE.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 85</a> Quality Growth Commission Amendments	Rep. Froerer	Requires the Quality Growth Commission to provide an annual written report on its activities to the Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 95</a> Little Sahara State Park Designation	Rep. Eliason	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. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Neutral

<a href="#">HB 96</a> Petroleum Vapor Recovery Amendments	Rep. Eliason	Requires the operator of a gasoline cargo tank to meet certain requirements to control vapor emissions, and establishes penalties. Passed House. Passed Senate 28-0-1 on 2/17.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 115</a> Solid Waste Revisions	Rep. McKell	Requires the approval of the Director of the Division of Solid Waste of an operating plan for construction or operation of a nonhazardous solid waste facility or site. In House Business and Labor Committee.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 118</a> Authority of the State Engineer	Rep. Hawkes	States that the State Engineer shall make rules regarding the duty of water. Passed House 71-0-4 on 2/13. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 134</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. Emissions Testing Amendments	Rep. Arent	Restricts the authority of a county to exempt motor vehicles from emissions testing requirements. Targets deliberate disabling of a vehicle's pollution control equipment. Circled on House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 166</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration Amendments	Rep. J. Moss	The Substitute bill removes the exemption SITLA from Utah Procurement Code and the requirement that the agency create rules to ensure competitive procurement of goods and services, and modifies the number of annual meetings of the Board of Trustees. Passed House. Passed Senate 73-0-2 on 2/17.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 180</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. Water Rights <del>Addendum</del> Transfer Amendments	Rep. Wilde	Substitute bill changes the title and provides that a transfer or assignment of a water right will be done on a form that that the state engineer provides and must consider. Passed House 73-0-2 on 2/17. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 181</a> State Engineer Fee Applications Amendments	Rep. Wilde	Clarifies that the state engineer shall charge a fee for a nonuse application. Passed House 73-0-2 on 2/13. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Support

<a href="#">HB 183</a> Emissions Settlement Amendments	Rep. Hawkes	Establishes the Environmental Mitigation and Response Act and Fund, which may use monies from the Volkswagen settlement and other funds to address contaminants in the environment. Passed House 70-0-5 on 2/17. In Senate Rules Committee.	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 203</a> Open Burning of Yard Waste	Rep. Froerer	States that the Division of Air Quality may not prohibit rural cities and towns from open burning of yard waste under certain circumstances. In House Rules.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 207</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. Federalism Amendments	Rep. Ivory	Modifies the duties of the Commission on Federalism. Amended to make it voluntary for legislators to attend a seminar on federalism, and appropriates \$350,000 in General Funds to the Commission. Passed House 44-25-6. In Senate Rules Committee.	3	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 211</a> State Work of Art	Rep. Edwards	Designates the Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art. Passed House 48-23-4 on 2/14. In Senate Economic development and Workforce Services Committee.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 225</a> Water Commissioner Amendments	Rep. Chew	Requires the Division of Finance to establish a rule for governing and providing reimbursement for damages and wear and tear on a water commissioner's personal vehicle incurred when the commissioner is fulfilling his duties. Passed House NRAE 10-0-3 on 2/17. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 228</a> Nonprofit Code Amendments	Rep. Noel	Allows for the transfer of water shares in a mutual benefit corporation and clarifies the property rights of a member of a nonprofit organization. In House Rules Committee.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 244</a> General Fund Budget Reserve Account Amendments	Rep. Ivory	Authorizes the Legislature to appropriate monies from the General Fund Budget Reserve Account to finance an existing federally funded program or activity in certain circumstances. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral



<a href="#">HB 269</a> Conservation Commission Board Amendments	Rep. Christofferson	Reduces the Conservation Commission Board membership from 16 to 7 members. Held in House NRAE 9-0-4 on 2-10.	3	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 280</a> Agriculture Regulation Preemption Amendments	Rep. Handy	Prohibits and voids local government ordinances that seek to regulate commercial feed, fertilizer, pesticides, or seeds. An ALEC bill to stop local governments from curtailing objectionable Big Ag practices. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 293</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. Mountainous Planning District Amendments	Rep. Schultz	Substitute extends the repeal date for the Mountainous Planning District to 6/1/20 and clarifies that the district applies to the Wasatch Range and the National Forest therein. Passed House Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee 8-1-2 on 2/13. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 296</a> Radioactive and Hazardous Waste Account Amendments	Rep. Wilson	Exempts funds in the Radioactive Waste Perpetual Care and Maintenance Account from the State Money Management Act and requires the state treasurer to report to Legislative Management Committee on the status of the fund every five years. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 297</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. Renewable Energy Amendments	Rep. Handy	Decreases and limits the amount of electricity that qualified utility may deliver to contract customers at any one time under all renewable energy contracts, and allow the public service commission to approve contracts that exceed that limit under certain circumstances. Passed House Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee 10-0-1 on 2/13. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 304</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. Water Conservation Amendments	Rep. Froerer	Substitute removes the 5% landscaping maximum requirement and clarifies that the local government conservation plan pertains to municipal, commercial and industrial water uses. Passed House NRAE 11-0-2 on 2/17. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support



<a href="#">HB 307</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. Energy and Innovation Research Grant Program	Rep. J. Peterson	Establishes the Energy and Innovation Research Grant Program. In House Public Utilities, Energy and Transportation Committee.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 317</a> Antelope Island State Park	Rep. Lisonbee	Creates the Antelope Island State Park Improvement restricted account and requires that proceeds from big game hunting permits or fees for a hunt on the island be put into the account. In House NRAE Committee.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 341</a> State Park Name Protection Amendments	Rep. Perry	Prohibits an individual or entity from using a commercial name that is substantially similar to the name of a State Park. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 344</a> Utah Agricultural Code Amendments	Rep. Perry	Recodifies and modifies the Title 4, Utah Agricultural Code. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 357</a> Public Utility Easement Amendments	Rep. Handy	Provides that two private persons may create a public utility easement by contract under certain circumstances. In House Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Comm.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 385</a> State Monuments Act	Rep. Eliason	Requires the Division of State Parks to regularly evaluate state property for state monuments, create rules for management of state monuments, and outlines the process for designating a state monument. In House Rules.	2	Studying
<a href="#">HB 392</a> Air Quality Policy Advisory Board	Rep. Hawkes	Creates the Air Quality Policy Advisory Board, establishes board membership and designates board responsibilities. In House Rules Committee.	2	Studying
<a href="#">HCR 1</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. CR on to Secure the Perpetual Health and Vitality of Utah's Public Lands	Rep. Stratton	Changes the name of the resolution. Dilutes language encouraging the state to pursue legal action to obtain state control over public lands within Utah, adds window-dressing. Held in NRAE 11-0-2 on 2/17, but will be heard	2	Oppose

and Its Status as a Premier Public Lands State		in its new glory this week.		
<a href="#">HCR 5</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. CR on Clean Fuel School Buses	Rep. Handy	Urges the state to use \$20 million of the approximately \$32 million from the Volkswagen settlement to begin replacing dirty diesel school buses with clean energy school buses. Passed House. Passed Senate NRAE Committee 7-0 on 2/17. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">HCR 6</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. CR Supporting the Re-Empowerment of the States Amendment	Rep. Nelson	Supports the Re-Empowerment of the States Amendment before Congress (HJ Res. 100 – Reps. Bishop and Rodgers), which allows repeal of any Presidential executive or regulatory action if two-thirds of the states agree. Passed House. Passed Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee 3-1-3 on 2/16. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HCR 7</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. CR Supporting Ranchers Grazing Livestock on Public Lands	Rep. Westwood	Expresses support of Utah ranchers grazing livestock on public lands. Passed House 73-0-2 on 2/13. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Support
<a href="#">HCR 11</a> CR Urging the President to Rescind the Bears Ears NM Designation	Rep. Hughes	Expresses strong opposition to the Bears Ears National Monument designation and urges the President of the United States to rescind it. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HCR 12</a> CR Urging Federal Legislation to Reduce or Modify the Boundaries of the Grand Staircase – Escalante NM	Rep. Noel	Identifies benefits that could result from modified or reduced boundaries of the GSENM and urges Utah’s congressional delegation to support legislative actions to reduce or modify the boundaries of GSENM. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Oppose

<a href="#">HCR 14</a> CR on Wildfire Issues	Rep. Perry	Urges the Utah congressional delegation to develop and support legislation to improve federal wildfire funding and management of the nations’ forests. Passed House. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
<a href="#">HCR 15</a> CR on Sustainable Management of Utah’s Water Quality	Rep. Hawkes	Expresses support for managing waste water treatment in a holistic, collaborative and sustainable manner with standards based on best available research and cost benefit analyses. Passed House. On Senate Consent Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">HCR 18</a> CR Encouraging Utahns to Consider Smog Ratings When Purchasing a Vehicle	Rep. Arent	Encourages Utahns to consider smog ratings and other environmental impacts when purchasing a new vehicle. Passed House 65-3-7 on 2/15. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Support
<a href="#">HCR 21</a> CR Encouraging NASA to Consider Tooele County for a Test Facility	Rep. Sagers	Supports building of a NASA drone testing facility and Command and Control Center in Tooele County. In House Political Subdivisions Committee.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HCR 22</a> CR on Wild Horses and Burros	Rep. Ivory	Demands the federal government takes steps to humanely preserve the wild horse and burro populations in the state, either by relinquishing control to the state or completely fulfilling the mandate of the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HCR 23</a> CR Promoting Continued Access and Recreation on Lands Managed by the BLM	Rep. Noel	Supports expanding state and local influence over motorized access and recreation on lands managed by the BLM, supports a “no net loss” policy for current and future roads and trails planning, and supports funding a full-time employee to work on behalf of the counties that new travel plans affect. In House Rules Committee.	3	Oppose

State Park Development and Improvement	Rep. Perry	Abandoned.		
Public Water Supplier Modifications	Rep. Nelson	No text yet.		
Criminal Penalties for Land Designation	Rep. Ivory	No text yet.		
Transparency in Funding Litigation	Rep. Ivory	No text yet.		
Building Code Amendments	Rep. Redd	Abandoned.		
Clean Fuel School Buses and Infrastructure	Rep. Handy	Abandoned.		
DNR Amendments	Rep. Perry	Abandoned.		
Private Property Rights Amendments	Rep. Wilson	No text yet.		
<a href="#">SB 5</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Quality Base Budget	Sen. Hinkins	Appropriates funds for the operation of these agencies for FY 2018. The base budget will be augmented in separate legislation later in the Session. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
<a href="#">SB 11</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sub. Water Development Commission Amendments	Sen. Dayton	Renames and modifies the membership of the Legislative Water Development Commission to be 5 Senators and 8 House members and makes terms 2 years long. Passed Senate. In House Rules.	2	Oppose

<a href="#">SB 23</a> Sales Tax Exemption for Guides and Outfitters	Sen. Dayton	Provides a sales tax exemption for purchases of hunting guides and services. Failed Senate Rev & Tax 2-5-1 on 2/10.	3	Oppose
<a href="#">SB 63</a> Nonprofit Corporation Amendments - Water	Sen. Dayton	Permits the transfer of water shares under certain circumstances, and clarifies rights of a shareholder in a water company. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 2/17. In House Rules Committee.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 79</a> Waste Management Amendments	Sen. Adams	Defines an unlicensed facility as a structure or road on property adjacent to but outside of a licensed or permitted waste management or disposal area that is not used for waste management or disposal. Establishes financial assurance requirements (surety bond) for closure and post-closure of an unlicensed facility. Passed on Senate 25-0-4 on 2/15. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Oppose
<a href="#">SB 105</a> Sale of State Lands Amendments	Sen. Davis	Establishes a preference for leasing over selling of state lands, and establishes approval requirements for the sale of state land. Failed.	3	Support
<a href="#">SB 113</a> Natural Resources Modifications	Sen. Dayton	Decreases the percentage of sales tax revenue earmarked to the Division of Water Resources and shifts that percentage of revenue to the Division of Water Rights. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 122</a> Wildfire Suppression Fund Amendments	Sen Vickers	Clarifies that the amount of General Fund surplus that is transferred to the Wildfire Suppression Fund is \$4 million or the amount necessary to make the Wildfire Suppression Fund balance \$12 million. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">SB 151</a> Property Tax Relief Modifications	Sen. Dabakis	Caps the percentage of property tax collections of certain water conservancy districts at 15% of a district's total annual revenues by July 1, 2020 and prohibits affected	1	Support

		water districts from issuing bonds secured by property tax revenue levied under this bill beginning July 1, 2017. In Senate NRAE Standing Committee.		
<a href="#">SB 154</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sub. Solar Access Amendments	Sen. Fillmore	Provides that a homeowners association may not prohibit or restrict an owner's installation of a solar energy system except under certain circumstances. Passed Senate Transportation, Public Utilities & Technology 7-0-2 on 2/17. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 171</a> State Rock Art Designation	Sen. Hinkins	Designates Native American rock art as state works of art. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">SB 189</a> Oil and Gas Operations Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Prohibits a political subdivision from regulating oil and gas operation, except in certain circumstances. An ALEC bill to stop local governments from banning fracking. On Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">SB 214</a> Public Water Supplier Amendments	Sen. Iwamoto	Authorizes a public water supplier to file a change application to provide water for in-stream flow. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 217</a> Environmental Impact Mitigation Regarding New Prison Project	Sen. Escamilla	Requires the Division of Air Quality, the Department of Administrative Services and the Prison Development Commission to report on monitoring and mitigation efforts in connection with the new prison project. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 218</a> Air Quality Board Membership Amendments	Sen. Dabakis	Modifies the membership of the Air Quality Board, reducing its size from 9 to 7 members, shrinks oil, gas, mining, and manufacturing representation from 3 to 1, adds positions for two scientists, one physician and one public health professional. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Support

<a href="#">SB 228</a> Water Infrastructure Amendments	Sen. Adams	Requires that a water infrastructure loan applicant submit a design for project approval that has received an independent value engineering review. In Senate NRAE.	2	Support
<a href="#">SCR 3</a> Concurrent Resolution Requesting the U.S. Department of Energy to Adequately Fund the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Program	Sen. Hinkins	Urges the U.S. Department of Energy to adequately fund the removal of the remaining 8 million tons of uranium mill tailings from the Atlas Mill site on the Colorado River and to complete the project by 2025. Passed Senate. On House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	Support
<a href="#">SJR 9</a> Joint Resolution on Climate Change	Sen. Dabakis	Expresses the commitment to create and support solutions and studies to address the causes and effects of climate change. In Senate NRAE Standing Committee.	2	Support
<a href="#">SJR 11</a> JR Urging Congress to Provide the Necessary Funding for the Completion of the Central Utah Project	Sen. Bramble	Urges Congress to provide sufficient funding for the completion of the remaining portions of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 2/14. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Studying
Energy Development Amendments	Sen. Adams	No text yet.		
Energy Policy Amendments	Sen. Bramble	No text yet.		
Water Development Amendments	Sen. Dayton	No text yet.		



## Important Dates

### **January 23** First day of session

February 2 Last day to request bills (by noon)

Last day to approve bills for numbering (by noon)

March 3 Last day for the Executive Appropriations Committee to complete all budget decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bills

March 6 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 7 Last day for legislators to prioritize bills and other programs with fiscal impact

March 7 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

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

### **March 9** Last day of session

March 29 Last day governor may sign or veto bills

May 8 Last day a veto-override session may begin

May 9 Normal effective date for bills

First day to file bills for the 2014 General Session

### **Executive Appropriations Committee**

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