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Welcome to the 2017 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!

Call and email Senators to urge them to not pass SCR 11. While just a resolution with no force of law, SCR 11 sends the wrong message to hunters that using lead bullets is good practice and policy. It is not. Two million of birds die every year due to lead poisoning. The state should be eliminating use of lead shot, not promoting it (see Bill Tracking List, below).

An environmental message we can support is HJR 18, which calls on the Legislature and the Utah congressional delegation to work constructively to address the causes and effects of climate change. That would be a refreshing "first" Utah could be proud of!

Veto calls for HB 165 and HB 11 are still in order. Call the Governor's Office at 801-539-1000.

News of the Sixth Week (Week # 6)

SB 197 – Refinery Sales and Use Tax Exemption began as a $60 m. tax break for manufactures, but has morphed into a positive bill for urban air quality. It would provide incentives for Utah's refineries to produce clean Tier III gasoline.

Rep. Briscoe introduced an intriguing bill (HB 457) to create a state carbon emissions tax and tax credit program. It is headed for Interim Study, where it will lead – hopefully – to some healthy discussions during the rest of the year on how Utah can clean the air, address climate change, raise funds for education, and improve the economy.

One of the two bills that appear to be ALEC bills (to protect big oil and big ag interests) was derailed this week. SB 189 was held at the sponsor's request, due to concerns of some rural landowners and the Farm Bureau. The other, HB 280, is still working its way through the Senate.

HB 134 - Emissions Testing (for Utah County) appears on track to pass, as is HB 293, the Mountainous Planning District bill. Unfortunately, more bad public lands bills are moving toward enactment, including HB 407, HCR 1, and HB 385.

Budget News

Executive Appropriations Committee met Friday afternoon and adopted the outlines of the 2018 budget bill, detailing where all new revenue growth will be spent. Audubon's Conservation Budget (attached with this mailing), was circulated to some members of EAC ahead of their Friday meeting. Our items did not do well.

Funding for the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program was reduced from $2 m. to $500,000. No funds were provided for air quality monitoring equipment or research.

However, of course, funds were lavished on Big ~~Game~~ Bucks Forever ($2 m. one-time), revised curriculum for legislators to study federalism ($350,000 one-time), and FIRM's anti-federal agenda ($400,000 one-time). Funds for suing the feds were approved ($500,000 for sage grouse litigation, $300,000 for the Constitutional Defense Fund), as was $1.15 m. for taking over management of wild horses in Utah's West Desert.

What's Ahead

The caucuses will prioritize fiscal note bills (for the "Bill of Bills") Monday and Tuesday. All budget and bonding bills must be approved no later than Tuesday. EAC may meet one last time on Wednesday if needed. Monday is also the last day to consider bills from own house. Still to be worked out is action on a proposed "revenue neutral tax reform", aka a tax increase on groceries. A decision on whether to pursue a bill on that may happen in House Republican caucus Monday.

Schedules for Week 7: On Monday, the last committees meet from 8:00 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 4:00, with floor time from 6:00 on. The rest of the week will be spent on the floor. Sine die is midnight on Thursday.

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BILL TRACKING LIST

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

Bill	Sponsor	Description/Status	Priority	Position
HB 11 2nd 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 2nd 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. Awaiting the Governor's signature.	2	Oppose
HB 23 1st 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. Passed Senate.	2	Oppose
HB 29 4th Sub. Energy Efficient Vehicle Tax Credit	Rep. Handy	Extends the income tax credits for the purchase of energy efficient vehicles. 3rd Substitute restricts the credit to taxpayers residing in non-attainment counties. Failed on House 3rd Reading Calendar 37-38 on 2/28.	2	Support
HB 33 Mercury Switch Removal Act Reauthorization	Rep. Perry	Extends the repeal date of the Act until July 2027. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 48 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. Passed Senate.	3	Support

HB 51 Off-Highway Vehicle Amendments	Rep. Owens	Modifies provisions related to safety requirements and safety courses for use of off-highway vehicles. Passed House. Passed.	3	Support
HB 63 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
HB 65 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.	3	Oppose
HB 67 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
HB 84 Water Law – Nonuse Applications	Rep. Hawkes	Modifies provisions relating to nonuse applications. Passed House. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 85 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. Passed House. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 95 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. Passed Senate 25-0-4. On House Concurrence Calendar.	2	Neutral

HB 96 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.	3	Support
HB 115 3rd Sub. 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. Passed House 42-27-6. Held in Senate Business & Labor Committee 3-0-5 on 3/3.	3	Support
HB 118 Authority of the State Engineer	Rep. Hawkes	States that the State Engineer shall make rules regarding the duty of water. Passed House. Passed Senate 22-0-7.	2	Support
HB 134 2nd 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. Passed House. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 166 1st 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.	3	Neutral
HB 180 2nd Sub. Water Rights 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. Passed Senate 21-0-8 on 3/3. On House Concurrence Calendar.	3	Support
HB 181 State Engineer Fee Applications Amendments	Rep. Wilde	Clarifies that the state engineer shall charge a fee for a nonuse application. Passed House. Passed Senate 22-0-7 on 3/2.	3	Support

HB 183 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. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 203 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	Oppose
HB 207 1st 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. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar. This bill will pass as it has been funded in the FY 2018 budget bill.	3	Oppose
HB 211 State Work of Art	Rep. Edwards	Designates the Spiral Jetty as the State Work of Art. Passed House. Passed Senate 23-3-3 on 3/3. On House Concurrence Calendar.	3	Support
HB 225 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. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
HB 228 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
HB 244 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. Passed House. On Senate 2nd Reading.	3	Neutral

HB 269 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
HB 280 Agriculture Regulation Preemption Amendments	Rep. Handy	Prohibits and voids local government ordinances that seek to regulate commercial feed, fertilizer, pesticides, or seeds. Passed House. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
HB 293 2nd 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 63-12 on 2/28. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 296 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. Passed House. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
HB 297 1st 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. On Senate Consent Calendar.	3	Support
HB 304 1st 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 68-3-4 on 3/3. In Senate Rules Committee.	3	Support

HB 307 1st Sub. Energy and Innovation Research Grant Program	Rep. J. Peterson	Establishes the Energy and Innovation Research Grant Program. Held in House Public Utilities, Energy and Transportation Committee.	3	Studying
HB 315 1st Sub. Aquaculture Amendments	Rep. Froerer	Creates the Private Aquaculture Advisory Council, states that the Dept. of Agriculture and Food shall consider their recommendations when adopting aquaculture rules, and states that the Division of Wildlife Resources may authorize aquaculture facilities under certain circumstances. Passed House 69-0-6 on 3/1. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Neutral
HB 317 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. Held in House NRAE Committee.	2	Oppose
HB 341 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. Passed House. On Senate 3rd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 344 1st Utah Agricultural Code Amendments	Rep. Perry	Recodifies and modifies the Title 4, Utah Agricultural Code. Passed House. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 357 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
HB 385 2nd Sub. 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. Substitute 2 requires counties' approval. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose

HB 392 Air Quality Policy Advisory Board	Rep. Hawkes	Creates the Air Quality Policy Advisory Board, establishes board membership and designates board responsibilities. Passed House 72-0-3 on 3/1. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 407 Utah Public Land Management Act Amendments	Rep. Noel	Creates a new Department of Land Management if the state receives title to 250,000 acres of land or more from the federal government. (Legislation passed last Session made this a division within the Department of Natural Resources.) Makes the new Department Director an elected office. States that a county sheriff is the primary law enforcement authority on public lands and describes the process to sell or exchange a parcel of public land. Passed House 54-12-9 on 2/28. In Senate NRAE Committee on Monday at 8:00 A.M. in Capitol #415.	1	Oppose
HB 408 State Property and School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments	Rep. Noel	Clarifies that the Mountainous Planning Commission does not have jurisdiction over state (SITLA) properties. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.	2	Studying
HB 423 Utility Tariff Revisions	Rep. Noel	Modifies provisions related to electric utilities' charges to power producers to pay for transmission or distribution systems. In House Public Utilities and Energy Committee.	3	Studying
HB 444 Water Appropriations Amendments	Rep. Nelson	Describes the process by which the state of Utah, through one of its departments or entities, may file an application to appropriate water. In House Rules Committee.	3	Support
HB 454 Non - Attainment Area Pollution Reduction Amendments	Rep. Eliason	Creates the Vehicle Repair Assistance Grant Program and Restricted Account, appropriates $100,000 in General Funds to the Account, and authorizes the Division of Air Quality to establish program rules. In House Rules.	2	Support

HB 457 Carbon Emissions Tax Act	Rep. Briscoe	Imposes a tax on emissions from carbon based fuels. In House Rules.	2	Support
HCR 1 1st Sub. CR on to Secure the Perpetual Health and Vitality of Utah's Public Lands and Its Status as a Premier Public Lands State	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. This concession made in order to work with Trump Administration to achieve state control without lawsuit. Passed House. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
HCR 5 1st 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.	3	Support
HCR 6 1st 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.	2	Oppose
HCR 7 1st Sub. CR Supporting Ranchers Grazing Livestock on Public Lands	Rep. Westwood	Expresses support of Utah ranchers grazing livestock on public lands. Passed House. Passed Senate 23-0-6 on 3/2.	3	Support
HCR 11 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
HCR 12 CR Urging Federal Legislation to Reduce or Modify the	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	2	Oppose

Boundaries of the Grand Staircase – Escalante NM		reduce or modify the boundaries of GSENM. Passed House. Passed Senate.		
HCR 14 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. Passed Senate.	3	Neutral
HCR 15 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. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HCR 18 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. Passed Senate 21-1-7 on 3/2.	3	Support
HCR 21 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. Passed House 73-0-2. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
HCR 22 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 Rules Committee.	3	Neutral
HCR 23 CR Promoting Continued Access and Recreation	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	3	Oppose

on Lands Managed by the BLM		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.		
HCR 24 CR on Native American Recreation and Public Purposes Grant	Rep. Noel	Encourages the state of Utah to seek acquisition of the Bears Ears National Monument through the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and supports a governance and management plan that includes southwestern Native American Tribes. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
HCR 26 CR Urging Restoration of Utah Lake	Rep. McKell	Urges speedy and comprehensive solutions to restore Utah Lake and improve its water quality. In House Rules Committee.	3	Support
HJR 18 Joint Resolution on Economic and Environmental Stewardship	Rep. Edwards	Expresses a commitment to create and support a solution that addresses the causes and effects of climate change. Will be heard in House Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee on Monday, 3/6 at 2:00 in House Bldg. #20.	2	Support
SB 5 1st 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
SB 11 2nd 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. Passed House.	2	Oppose
SB 23 Sales Tax Exemption for Guides and Outfitters	Sen. Dayton	Provides a sales tax exemption for purchases of hunting guides and services. Failed.	3	Oppose

SB 63 1st Sub. 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. Passed House 68-0-7 on 3/1.	2	Support
SB 79 1st Sub. 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 Senate. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
SB 105 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
SB 113 1st Sub. 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. Passed Senate. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
SB 122 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. Passed Senate. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
SB 151 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 water districts from issuing bonds secured by property tax revenue levied under this bill after July 1, 2017. In Senate Rules Committee.	1	Support

SB 154 2nd 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 23-2-4 on 3/1. In House Rules Committee.	2	Support
SB 171 State Rock Art Designation	Sen. Hinkins	Designates Native American rock art as state works of art. Passed Senate 28-0-1 on 2/17. Passed House 57-12-6 on 3/1.	3	Support
SB 189 2nd Sub. 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. Passed Senate 27-2 on 2/27. Held in House NRAE and will be sent to Interim Study.	2	Oppose
SB 197 3rd Sub. Refinery Sales and Use Tax Exemption Amendments	Sen. Adams	Provides a sales tax exemption for amounts paid on purchases of machinery, parts or equipment by refiners. Refiners qualify for the exemption if they produce Tier III gasoline. Passed Senate 24-1-4 on 3/3. In House Rules.	2	Support
SB 214 1st Public Water Supplier Amendments	Sen. Iwamoto	Authorizes a public water supplier to file a change application to provide water for in-stream flow. The Substitute guts the bill and urges the Water Development to study the issues raised by this bill. Passed Senate 23-0-6 on 3/1. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
SB 217 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. Held in Senate NRAE Committee on 2/21.	2	Support

SB 218 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
SB 228 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
SB 244 Retail Bag Impact Reduction Program	Sen. Iwamoto	Creates the Retail Bag Impact Reduction Program, imposes a 10 cent fee on single-use plastic or paper retail bags, and provides for allocation of the funds to reduce use these bags. In Senate Rules Committee.	2	Support
SB 253 Energy Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Gives the Governor's Office of Energy Development the authority to charge application, filing and processing fees under certain circumstances. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 3/1. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Neutral
SB 264 Outdoor Recreation Grant Program	Sen. Okerlund	Creates the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program, Advisory Committee and Infrastructure Account and imposes a new transient room tax to distribute the revenues collected (approx. $5 million/year). Passed Senate 18-6-5 on 3/1. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
SB 267 1st Sub. Utah Rural Jobs Act	Sen. Okerlund	Provides a tax credit for investments in eligible small businesses in rural counties, and authorizes the state to approve up to $24 million in tax credits if $30 million is invested. On Senate 3rd Reading Calendar.	2	Studying
SB 268 Waste Amendments	Sen. Knudson	Provides that certain nonhazardous waste entering Utah from other states for disposal or treatment shall be treated according to standards provided in Utah law. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Studying

SB 271 Canal and Ditch Modifications	Sen. Hinkins	Establishes the requirements by which a property owner may modify a water channel that penetrates the property owner's property. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Studying
SB 273 Energy Development Amendments	Sen. Adams	Enacts the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Act or "C-PACE" Act. A complex bill that would govern and streamline energy assessments. On Senate 3rd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
SCR 3 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. Passed House.	3	Support
SCR 11 CR on the Preservation of State Authority to Regulate Use of Ammunition Containing Lead	Sen. Vickers	Recommends that the Division of Wildlife Resources and the Wildlife Board protect the state's authority to regulate lead shot to ensure that Utah hunters may continue to use it, notwithstanding limited instances of valid federal oversight. In Senate Rules Committee.	2	Oppose
SJR 9 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
SJR 11 JR Urging Congress to Provide the Necessary Funding for 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. Passed House.	3	Studying

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

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