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### **Welcome to the 2017 Legislative Update**

This issue includes highlights of week seven, 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!**

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

## News of the Seventh Week (Week # 7)

As in most recent years, a few good bills and budgets for the environment were enacted, but overall not enough to outweigh the bad. It was mostly a quiet year for water issues.

On the positive side, SB 197 – Refinery Sales and Use Tax Exemption, passed and will provide about \$2 million/year in a tax break/ incentive for Utah’s refineries to produce clean Tier III gasoline. So was the passage of HB 293, the Mountainous Planning District bill.

A big disappointment was that HB 134 - Emissions Testing (for Utah County), did not pass. As was the phasing out of solar tax credits (HB 23) and tax credits for energy efficient vehicles (HB 29).

Unfortunately, more bad public lands bills were enacted, including HB 407, HCR 1, and, of course HCRs 11 and 12.

HB 280 - which appears to be an ALEC bill (to protect big ag interests) - passed.

### Budget News

The best budget news of the final week was that funding was found for new air quality monitors to replace old, deteriorating monitors (\$1.3 m. one-time, \$150,000 on-going) and for air quality research (\$200,000 one-time).

Nearly as good was the unexpected news that the Senate defeated HB 207 (for studying federalism), which freed up \$350,000 one-time for other more important expenditures.

Funds for Big Game-Bucks Forever to lobby for state control over sage grouse restoration/protection were reduced from \$2 m. to \$1.5 m. one-time. FIRM’s anti-federal agenda received \$400,000 one-time. Funds for suing the feds were approved (\$500,000 for sage grouse litigation and \$300,000 for the Constitutional Defense Fund).

Funding for taking over management of wild horses in Utah’s West Desert was reduced from \$1.15 m. to \$650,000 (on-going).

The Division of Water Resources received a last minute appropriation (in SB 3) of \$750,000 for an on-going rebate program for water reduction devices, which they intend to use to encourage folks to install smart timers and/or secondary meters to conserve water.

Funding for the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program held firm at \$500,000.

### What’s Ahead

Interim Study days, usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, will begin in May and run through November. A schedule has not been set yet. A few Interim items we hope may be studied are “issues pertaining to Great Salt Lake, including a Great Salt Lake Commission”, a state carbon emissions tax and tax credit program, reducing property taxes for water districts, and state responses to climate change, as well as several air quality and emission reduction initiatives.

# Rules Committees

## Senate Rules Committee:

Sen. Deidre Henderson [dhenderson@le.utah.gov](mailto:dhenderson@le.utah.gov)  
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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 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. Awaiting the Governor's signature.	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. Passed Senate.	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. Failed on House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar 37-38 on 2/28.	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.	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. Passed Senate.	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.	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.	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. Passed Senate.	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. Passed House. Passed Senate.	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. Passed Senate.	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.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 115</a> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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. Passed Senate 27-1-1 on 3/9.	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. Passed Senate.	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 134</a> 2 <sup>nd</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. Passed House. Died in Senate Rules.	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.	3	Neutral
<a href="#">HB 180</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.	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. Passed Senate.	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. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 3/7.	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. Failed.	3	Oppose
<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. Failed in Senate 11-17-1 on 3/8!	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. Passed Senate.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 225</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sub. 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. Failed in Senate.	3	Neutral
<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. Failed.	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. Passed House. Passed Senate 20-4-5 on 3/8.	3	Neutral

<a href="#">HB 269</a> Conservation Commission Board Amendments	Rep. Christofferson	Reduces the Conservation Commission Board membership from 16 to 7 members. Failed.	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. Passed House. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 3/7.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 293</a> 2 <sup>nd</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. Passed Senate 23-4-3 on 3/9.	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. Passed House. Passed Senate 23-0-6 on 3/8.	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. Passed Senate 23-0-6 on 3.8.	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. Amended to remove exemption for water districts. Passed House. Failed.	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. Failed.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 315</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> 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. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 3/9.	2	Neutral
<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. Failed.	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. Passed House. Failed.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 344</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sub. Utah Agricultural Code Amendments	Rep. Perry	Recodifies and modifies the Title 4, Utah Agricultural Code. Passed House. Passed Senate 22-0-2 on 3/9.	3	Support
<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. Failed.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 385</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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. Failed.	2	Oppose

<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. Passed House. Passed Senate 21-5-3 on 3/8.	2	Support
<a href="#">HB 407</a> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sub. 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. Passed 23-4-2 on 39.	1	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 408</a> 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. Passed House 38-36-1 on 3/6. Failed.	2	Studying
<a href="#">HB 423</a> Utility Tariff Revisions	Rep. Noel	Modifies provisions related to electric utilities' charges to power producers to pay for transmission or distribution systems. Failed.	3	Studying
<a href="#">HB 444</a> 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. Failed.	3	Support
<a href="#">HB 454</a> 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. Failed.	2	Support

<a href="#">HB 457</a> Carbon Emissions Tax Act	Rep. Briscoe	Imposes a tax on emissions from carbon based fuels. Failed.	2	Support
<a href="#">HCR 1</a> 4 <sup>th</sup> 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. Passed Senate 22-4-3 on 3/9.	2	Oppose
<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.	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.	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. Passed Senate.	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	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.		
<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. Passed Senate.	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. Passed Senate.	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. Passed Senate.	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. Passed House. Passed Senate 70-0-5 on 3/8.	3	Neutral
<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. Failed.	3	Neutral
<a href="#">HCR 23</a> 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. Failed.		
<a href="#">HCR 24</a> 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. Failed.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">HCR 26</a> CR Urging Restoration of Utah Lake	Rep. McKell	Urges speedy and comprehensive solutions to restore Utah Lake and improve its water quality. Passed House 74-1 on 3/6. Passed Senate 28-0-1 on 3/9.	3	Support
<a href="#">HJR 18</a> 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. Failed in House Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee 5-5 on 3/6.	2	Support
<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. Passed House.	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.	3	Oppose

<a href="#">SB 63</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> 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.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 79</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> 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. Passed House 62-0-13 3/7.	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> 1 <sup>st</sup> 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. Passed House 62-3-10 on 3/7.	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. Passed Senate. Passed House 64-0-10 on 3/7.	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 water districts from issuing bonds secured by property tax revenue levied under this bill after July 1, 2017. Failed.	1	Support

<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. Passed House 53-15-7 on 3/9.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 171</a> State Rock Art Designation	Sen. Hinkins	Designates Native American rock art as state works of art. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
<a href="#">SB 189</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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. Failed.	2	Oppose
<a href="#">SB 197</a> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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. Passed House 72-0-3 on 3/8.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 214</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> 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. Passed House 71-0-4 on 3/7.	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. Failed.	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. Failed.	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. Failed.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 244</a> 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. Failed.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 253</a> 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. Passed House 65-0-10 on 3/7.	3	Neutral
<a href="#">SB 264</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sub. 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. Passed House 44-29-2 on 3/7.	2	Support
<a href="#">SB 267</a> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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. Passed Senate 28-0-1 on 3/16. Passed House 63-6-6 on 3/8.	2	Studying
<a href="#">SB 268</a> 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. Passed Senate 26-1-2 on 3/6. Passed House 70-2-3 on 3/9.	3	Studying
<a href="#">SB 273</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sub. 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.	3	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. Passed House.	3	Support
<a href="#">SCR 11</a> 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. Failed.	2	Oppose
<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. Failed.	2	Support
<a href="#">SJR 11</a> 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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