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Welcome to the 2018 Legislative Update

This issue includes highlights of week two, 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!

Contact your Senator and Representative – as well as legislative leadership - especially the House Speaker and Senate President – and let them know that the state needs to protect the shore of Great Salt Lake and be mindful of Salt Lake City's role in the creation of an “inland port” in the City's Northwest Quadrant (see News of the week below).

The Energy Solutions tax break bill (HB 169) will be voted on in the House as early as Monday. The “Extraterritorial Jurisdiction” bills (HB 124, HB 135) that would reduce Salt Lake City's role in protecting the Cottonwood Canyons watersheds haven't moved yet, but may do so if legislators and their leadership don't hear public opposition. Voice your opinions on these concerns!

News of the Second Week (Week # 2)

Audubon and allies have worked with Salt Lake City for the past couple of years to assure that the zoning around the new prison and in the City's larger "Northwest Quadrant" will protect the bird habitats on the shore of Great Salt Lake. Now a push by key legislators to expedite creation of an "inland (freight) port" in the NWQ may preempt collaborative efforts to devise a governing structure for the port - and even threaten to usurp the City's zoning authority in the NWQ. An inland port bill may emerge this week.

Several non-controversial water bills moved quickly through the approval process (SB34, SB 45, SB 61, SB 96, HB 103), while a few troubling public lands bills also progressed towards enactment (HB 96, HJR 1, HJR 2, SCR 8).

Another new bill we are quite concerned about is HB 272 - Utah Lake Amendments, which appears to be designed to fast-track approval of a proposed, massive "island development" on the lake. We will keep you posted as we learn more about this potential boondoggle.

On a lighter (?) note, our dark skies resolution (SCR 2) advanced to the floor of the Senate and should be up for passage this coming week (3).

Budget News

The NRAE Appropriations Subcommittee concluded its work on the base budget with no major cuts of concern. Appropriations Subcommittees will now begin considering requests for new money for FY19 and additional supplemental requests for the current fiscal year (FY 18).

The Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) is requesting \$500,000 for funding for phragmites removal and nearly \$20 million for money already spent on last summer's Brian Head Fire and other fire-related costs.

We are asking appropriators to consider investing \$100,000 one-time in research on salinity in Great Salt Lake and \$50,000 on-going for staffing the GSL Salinity Advisory Committee. We will be working for new investment in the Le Ray McAllister open space fund (\$500,000 one-time in both FY 18 and FY 19). Rep. Sue Duckworth is sponsoring both requests. Lastly, we will work to protect the Sovereign Lands Restricted Account (royalties on GLS mineral extraction and brine shrimp harvesting – see HB 274 below) from diversions to inappropriate and unrelated purposes.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking funding (\$500,000 total) for work on habitats to prevent species from being "listed" as threatened or endangered under the ESA, and \$40,000 for a rare plant database.

What's Ahead

The floor and committee meetings schedule changes this week from what it's been for the first two weeks. Appropriations Subcommittees will meet every morning and floor time will be from 11:00 to 12:15, as before, but there will be an additional hour of floor time from 2:00 to 3:30, with Standing Committees beginning at 3:40. Parties in both chambers caucus 12:30 – 1:45 Tuesday and Thursday.

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BILL TRACKING LIST

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

Bill	Sponsor	Description/Status	Priority	Position
HB 5 Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Quality Base Budget	Rep. Barlow	This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; and appropriates funds for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Must be passed by both chambers no later than Tuesday.	1	Support
HB 27 Underground Storage Tank Amendments	Rep. Eliason	Requires an applicant for a loan to upgrade or replace an underground storage tank to participate in the Environmental Assurance Program, and increases the maximum loan amount. Passed House 68-0-7 on 1/23. On Senate Consent Calendar.	2	Support
HB 33 Energy States Agreement Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	Modifies a reporting requirement for legislators appointed to work on an energy producers states agreement. Passed House NRAE 7-0-6 on 1/25. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	
HB 38 Fireworks Restrictions	Rep. Dunnigan	Amends and clarifies the dates on which a person may legally discharge fireworks, increases the fine for discharging fireworks outside the permitted dates and times, and makes other changes. Passed House 69-3-3 on 1/24. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
Substitute HB 59 Unmanned Aircraft Revisions	Rep. Pitcher	Prohibits flight of unmanned aircraft within a certain radius of a correctional facility. Passed House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Standing Committee 9-0-2 on 1/31. On House Consent Calendar.	2	Support

HB 60 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 Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Standing Committee 10-0-3 on 2/2. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
HB 73 Instream Flow Water Rights Amendments	Rep. Hawkes	Removes the sunset from the existing instream flow water right for trout habitat, making it permanent. Will be held all Session in House NRAE Standing Committee. SB 35 will be enacted instead.	2	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 74 Emissions Inspections Modifications	Rep. Sandall	Exempts from an emissions inspection a motor vehicle owned and operated by a canal or irrigation company that is used solely for canal or irrigation purposes. Held in House Transportation Standing Committee.	3	Studying
HB 76 Tire Recycling Amendments	Rep. Sandall	States the director of the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control may authorize 100% reimbursement of a waste tire transporter's or recycler's cost if requested by a rural county or small town. Has a fiscal note of \$120,000/year. Passed House NRAE 8-0-5 on 1/31. On House 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
HB 93 Agricultural Commodity Zone Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Expands the Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones in Garfield County. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
HB 96 Amendment to the Constitutional and Federalism Defense Act Repealer	Rep. Ivory	Extends the repeal date for the Constitutional and Federalism Defense Act. Passed House 66-7-2 on 1/29. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose

Substitute HB 97 Local Food Advisory Council Amendments	Rep. Handy	Modifies the membership of the Local Food Advisory Council. Passed House NRAE Standing Committee 10-0-3 on 1/30. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 101 Air Quality Emissions Testing Amendments	Rep. Arent	Restricts the authority of a county to exempt motor vehicles from emissions testing requirements. Requires emissions testing of certain diesel powered vehicles and exempts fully electric powered vehicles. In House NRAE.	2	Support
Substitute HB 103 Water Conservation Revisions	Rep. Froerer	Modifies provisions related to water conservation plans, and requires that plans include conservation measures for residential, commercial and industrial uses, including landscaping. Passed House NRAE 8-0-5 on 2/2. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 114 Street-Legal ATV Amendments	Rep. Noel	Modifies provisions related to street-legal all-terrain vehicles. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	3	Neutral
HB 124 Water Holdings Accountability and Transparency Amendments	Rep. Coleman	Requires a city or special service district that supplies municipal water outside the city or special service district's jurisdictional boundaries to post certain information publicly and provide it to the state engineer. In House Rules.	1	Oppose
HB 130 Resource Conservation Amendments	Rep. Sandall	Modifies the membership and duties of the Conservation Commission. Modifies the procedure for making loans or grants from the Agriculture Resource Development Fund, and modifies the duties of a conservation district to include responsibility for planning watershed and flood control projects. Passed House NRAE 12-0-1 on 1/25. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 135 Extraterritorial Jurisdiction	Rep. Noel	Restricts a city's jurisdiction beyond its own boundaries to protect a source of its water supply. This bill is targeted at Salt Lake City's regulation of development to protect the	1	Oppose

Amendments		Cottonwood Canyons watershed. The bill transfers that authority to the DEQ and the local health department, and allows livestock grazing and stock driving on highways through the watershed canyons. In House NRAE..		
HB 136 Federal Designations	Rep. Noel	States that a governmental entity may not advocate or lobby for a federal designation of land within the state unless the Legislature passes a concurrent resolution in favor of the proposed federal designation. In House NRAE.	1	Oppose
HB 140 Air Quality Technical Amendments	Rep. Hawkes	This technical corrections bill moves two sections of the Environmental Quality Code; and creates a new chapter in the Environmental Quality Code. On House 3 rd Reading.	3	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 143 Off Highway Vehicle Amendments	Rep. Noel	Modifies the registration fee and uniform statewide fee for all-terrain vehicles, certain motorcycles, snowmobiles, and street-legal all-terrain vehicles. Passed House NRAE 11-0-2 on 1/31. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Studying
Substitute HB 169 Commercial Waste Fee Amendments	Rep. Knotwell	Requires that the annual fee (approximately \$1.7 million) paid by Energy Solutions for permitting and oversight by the State Division of Solid of commercial radioactive waste treatment or disposal be paid by the State General Fund. This would amount to a fee reduction for Energy Solutions. Passed House NRAE Standing Committee 11-0-2 on 1/25. On House 3 rd Reading.	2	Oppose
HB 171 Motor Vehicle Emissions Amendments	Rep. Romero	Increases the penalties for a vehicle that violates emission standards because of deliberate disabling of its pollution control equipment from \$50 to \$100 for a first offense. The fine for a second offense is \$500, and a second offense requires a peace officer to report repeat offenders of emission standards to the local health department which	2	Support

		is then required to report repeat offenders to the Motor Vehicle Division. In House Transportation Committee.		
HB 172 Greenbelt Amendments	Rep. Wilde	Amends property tax provisions related to property assessed under the Farmland Assessment Act when bona fide range improvement efforts are undertaken. Held in House NRAE.	3	Support
HB 182 Local Option Sand and Gravel Tax	Rep. Nelson	Authorizes a county or municipality to impose a tax on certain sand and gravel that is extracted and then sold or transported. In House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee.	3	Support
HB 203 Construction Noise Amendments	Rep. Christofferson	Expands the definition of noisy activities allowed that occur between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that are related to and necessary for highway construction, including the preparation and transportation of equipment or materials and the manufacture of materials at a gravel pit, mixing plant, or similar site. In House Transportation.	2	Oppose
HB 211 Freight Switcher Emissions Mitigation	Rep. Handy	Appropriates \$2,000,000 one-time from the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2019 to the Department of Environmental Quality for grants to reduce freight switcher emissions. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	3	Support
HB 214 Agricultural Advisory Board Amendments	Rep. McKell	Modifies the duties of the Agricultural Advisory Board relating to best management practices for certain agricultural industries. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	3	Support
HB 215 Navajo Trust Fund Amendments	Rep. Westwood	Requires that the chair of the Diné Advisory Committee or the chair's designee be a member of the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board, addresses appointments to the Diné Advisory Committee, and makes technical changes. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	3	Studying

HB 216 Jordan River	Rep. Winder	Authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the Jordan River Commission and the relevant land owning jurisdiction, to expend money as appropriations allow on projects around a segment of the Jordan River. The bill appropriates \$500,000 in one-time and \$500,000 on-going General Funds to the Division of Parks and Recreation. In House NRAE Committee.	2	Support
HB 242 Local Animal Control Regulation Amendments	Rep. Roberts	Allows an individual to keep one or more animals on the individual's property unless the presence of the animal or animals violates certain standards established by the municipality or county. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Studying
HB 244 Culinary Water Discount	Rep. Daw	Provides that a retail water provider may offer a discount water rate to a culinary water customer that uses culinary water for irrigation or landscaping purposes, if the customer meets certain conservation best practices or irrigation efficiencies prescribed by the retail water provider. In House Rules Government Operations Committee.	2	Oppose
HB 249 Statewide Resource Management Plan Adoption	Rep. Stratton	Adopts the statewide resource management plan, which incorporates RMPs compiled by all counties, and requires the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, as funding allows, to monitor the implementation of the statewide resource management plan at the state and local levels. These local plans are inadequate and were required largely to justify the kind of public lands management preferred by the Constitutional Defense Council and the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands. In House Rules.	2	Oppose
Substitute HB 253 Trust Lands	Rep. Snow	States that the director of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration may make determinations on	1	Studying

Amendments		state lands regarding the management, protection, and conservation of plant species proposed for designation as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and modifies the procedure for the sale of trust lands. The substitute withdraws the authorization for the director of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration to enter into an agreement with a county or a municipality concerning the applicability of a local ordinance to trust lands. Passed House Political Subdivisions Committee 9-0-4 on 2/2. On House 3 rd .		
HB 255 Extra-jurisdictional Municipal Property	Rep. Coleman	Limits the circumstances in which a municipality may own property outside the municipality's boundaries. In House Rules.	1	Oppose
HB 261 Renewable Energy Amendments	Rep. Knotwell	Permits a qualified utility to apply to the commission for approval of a rate adjustment clause to acquire or construct a photovoltaic or thermal solar energy resource using a rate based on the prevailing market for solar energy projects under certain circumstances. In House Public Utilities and Technology Committee.	2	Studying
HB 267 Oil, Gas and Mining Amendments	Rep. Chew	Modifies the duties of an owner or operator in regard to a surface land owner. In House NRAE Committee.	2	Studying
HB 272 Utah Lake Amendments	Rep. McKell	Creates a review panel to review and evaluate proposals for the comprehensive restoration of Utah Lake; establishes review panel authority, membership, and duties; provides a process and criteria for evaluating proposals to restore Utah Lake; and gives the panel exclusive authority to evaluate proposals and authorizes the panel to accept a proposal. In House Rules.	1	Oppose

HB 274 Brine Shrimp Royalty Amendments	Rep. Barlow	Reduces the royalty rate by \$1.00 per pound on the total number of pounds of unprocessed brine shrimp eggs that a person harvests within the state during a tax year. In House Rules.	2	Studying
HB 275 State Monuments Act Amendments	Rep. Eliason	Requires the Division of State Parks and Recreation to annually evaluate and report on state property for state monument status; and create rules for the management of prospective state monuments. In House Rules.	2	Studying
HB 303 Drinking Source Sizing Amendments	Rep. Sandall	Requires the Drinking Water Board to withhold approval of plans for the substantial addition to a community water system under certain circumstances; requires certain public water systems to provide certain water use data; and requires the director of the Division of Drinking Water to establish water source sizing requirements for certain public water systems. In House Rules.	2	Studying
HB 314 Class B and Class C Road Funds Amendments	Rep. Noel	Amends provisions to allow a certain amount of class B and class C road funds for maintenance and development of additional roads that may be added to class B and class C inventory, and administering, managing, and planning for new class B, class C, or class D roads and adjacent lands. In House Rules.	2	Studying
HB 318 Stray Current Remediation Act	Rep. Handy	Enacts the Stray Current or Voltage Remediation Act, including: providing legislative findings; defining terms; establishing the scope of the act; addressing filing of a notice, testing, and reporting related to stray current and voltage; providing for remediation of stray current and voltage under certain circumstances; and addressing liability and resolution of disputes. In House Rules.	3	Studying
Bills Requested:				

Right of Way Amendments	Rep. McCay			
Transient Room Tax Amendments	Rep. Noel			
Office of Energy Development Reporting Requirements	Rep. Handy			
Beekeeping Amendments	Rep. Roberts			
Non-Attainment Area Pollution Reduction Amendments	Rep. Arent			
Waste Management Amendments	Rep. Perry			
Energy Zone Tax Credit Amendments	Rep. Sagers			
Trust Lands Zoning Policy Amendments	Rep. Nelson			
CR on Impact of Wildfires on Air Quality	Rep. Ivory			
JR Commending Jordan School District on its Fleet of Natural Gas School Buses	Rep. Acton			

<p>HCR 1 Concurrent Resolution on Global Warming and Climate Change</p>	<p>Rep. Ward</p>	<p>Acknowledges that average global temperature and average Utah temperature have increased substantially over recent decades, and that scientific consensus is that a substantial cause for these increases is human-caused emissions; and commits that the Legislature and Governor will base decisions regarding state energy policies on the best scientific evidence available and urges individuals and corporations to conserve energy. In House NRAE.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>HCR 4 Concurrent Resolution on Economic and Environmental Stewardship</p>	<p>Rep. Edwards</p>	<p>Expresses commitment to conservative environmental stewardship; acknowledges Utah's existing commitment to reduce emissions and improve air quality; recognizes that climate disruption poses a potential threat to our national security; recognizes that good stewardship of the economy and environment fosters security, sustainability, and independence. In House Rules. Replaced by HCR 7.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>HCR 7 Concurrent Resolution on Environmental and Economic Stewardship</p>	<p>Rep. Edwards</p>	<p>Encourages the responsible stewardship and management of natural resources; reduction of emissions through incentives and support of the growth in technologies and services that will enlarge the economy; recognizes the impacts of a changing climate on Utah citizens; expresses commitment to create and support economically viable and broadly supported solutions; and encourages the understanding and use of available information to address the causes and effects of changes to our local and regional climates. In House NRAE Committee.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>HCR 9 Concurrent Resolution Supporting Rural Development of Wind, Solar and Geothermal Energy</p>	<p>Rep. Arent</p>	<p>Supports the development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy in rural areas of the state as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system and supports the export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other states. In House NRAE Committee.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Support</p>

HCR 10 Concurrent Resolution Approving the State Resource Management Plan	Rep. Stratton	Approves the statewide resource management plan and expresses appreciation and gratitude for the collaboration between the state and local government entities that contributed to the statewide resource management plan. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Oppose
HJR 1 Joint Resolution Urging Exemption from the Antiquities Act	Rep. Albrecht	Encourages Congress to pursue legislation exempting Utah from the Antiquities Act. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	2	Oppose
HJR 2 Joint Resolution Urging Congress to Relocate Federal Land Management Agency Headquarters	Rep. Albrecht	Encourages the federal government to consider moving the headquarters for the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to Utah. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	3	Oppose
HJR 8 Joint Resolution Honoring Utah's Sportsmen and Sportswomen	Rep. Hawkes	Recognizes the impact Utah's sportsmen and sportswomen have on our state's natural resources and economy; urges Congress to protect and enhance federal lands for Utah's sportsmen and sportswomen to advance the goals of hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and others; and urges Congress to respect the historic and current use of Utah's public land by sportsmen and sportswomen, and respect the administration of wildlife conservation through the sound science delivered by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and science-based policies developed by the Utah Wildlife Board. In House NRAE Standing.	3	Support
HJR 10 Joint Resolution Approving a Class VI Commercial	Rep. Froerer	Gives provisional legislative approval for the construction to expand the existing Class VI commercial nonhazardous solid waste landfill in western Weber County. Describes the proposed landfill and states that the operation plan will	2	Studying

Nonhazardous Solid Waste Landfill		be submitted to the director of the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control for approval. In House Rules.		
SB 15 Environmental Health Scientist Act Amendments	Sen. Christensen	Clarifies the qualifications for licensure for an environmental health scientist and an environmental health scientist-in-training. Passed the Senate 29-0 on 1/22. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
SB 22 Mineral Lease Distribution Amendments	Sen. Van Tassell	Provides that federal mineral lease royalties from extraction of minerals on federal lands within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument be distributed to certain government entities. Passed Senate 29-0 on 1/22. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	2	Studying
SB 34 Legislative Water Development Commission Amendments	Sen. Dayton	Removes the sunset, making the LWDC permanent, and authorizes the Commission to meet up to 6 times per year. Passed Senate. Passed House 71-0-4 on 1/31. Enrolled.	3	Neutral
SB 35 Water Right for Trout Habitat Repeal Date Extension	Sen. Christensen	Extends for 1 year the repeal date of the instream flow water right for trout habitat. Passed Senate. Passed House NRAE on 11-0-2 on 1/31. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
Substitute SB 43 State Fossil Amendment	Sen. Bramble	Substitute Designates the Utahraptor as the state dinosaur. Passed Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Standing Committee on 2/2. On Senate 2 nd .	3	Support
SB 45 Water Law Amendments – Diligence Claims	Sen. Dayton	Requires the state engineer to include an evaluation of an asserted beneficial use in the report of a field investigation for a diligence claim. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 1/31. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Support

SB 52 Sale of State Lands Act	Sen. Davis	Establishes a preference for leasing state land over selling state land and establishes approval requirements for the sale of state land. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
Substitute SB 61 Water Rights Adjudication Amendments	Sen. Dayton	Requires the state engineer to include an evaluation of an asserted beneficial use in the report of a field investigation for a diligence claim. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 1/31. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Support
SB 67 Fireworks Amendments	Sen. Weiler	Requires the Utah Fire Prevention Board to create a uniform statewide policy regarding a government entity's seizure, storage, and disposal of certain explosives. Passed Senate. On House Consent Calendar.	3	Support
SB 69 State Sovereign Lands Amendments	Sen. Dayton	Modifies trespassing provisions on state lands repeals the "Leaf It To Us Children's Crusade for Trees" program; and makes technical changes. Passed Senate 22-0-7 on 1/31. In House Rules.	2	Support
2 nd Substitute SB 96 Canal Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Provides a process for a property owner and the owner of a water conveyance facility to approve and move forward with a plan to modify a water conveyance facility; defines a water conveyance facility, and states that the Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman shall provide mediation and arbitration services when requested by either a property owner or a facility owner. Passed Senate 29-0 on 2/2. In House Rules Committee.	2	Support
SB 98 Ratification of the Ute Indian Water Compact	Sen. Van Tassell	Ratifies the Ute Indian Water Compact, providing approximately 100,000 acre feet/year of Colorado River water to the tribe to settle claims under the Winters Doctrine. In Senate Rules Committee.	1	Support

SB 141 Electric Energy Amendments	Sen. Bramble	Extends for two more years the periods during which installation of a residential photovoltaic energy system qualifies for a specified tax credit, and provides for the repeal of provisions relating to net metering of electricity in 2036. In Senate Rules Committee.	2	Studying
Bills Requested:				
Secondary Water Metering Requirements	Sen. Anderegg			
Energy User Fee Regulation	Sen. Anderegg			
Energy Balancing Account Sunset Removal	Sen. Adams			
Substitute SCR 2 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging the Use of Shielded Light Fixtures on Outdoor Lights	Sen. Vickers	Recognizes the harmful effects of light pollution; identifies the benefits of shielded outdoor lighting and dark skies; and encourages the transition from unshielded to shielded outdoor lighting. Passed Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Standing Committee 6-0-2 on 1/30. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
SCR 7 Concurrent Resolution Honoring Firefighters and Fire Prevention Efforts	Sen. Iwamoto	Highlights the ways in which fire prevention, fire suppression, and fire investigation protect the physical and economic health of the state and its citizens; and acknowledges the work of, and expresses gratitude for, the sacrifice of the men and women working in fire prevention, fire suppression, and fire investigation. Passed Senate NRAE on 2/2. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support

<p>SCR 8 Concurrent Resolution in Support of the Creation of a New National Park</p>	<p>Sen. Okerlund</p>	<p>Supports United States House of Representatives bill H.R. 4558, the "Grand Staircase Escalante Enhancement Act," introduced by United States Representative Chris Stewart to establish the Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve, Grand Staircase National Monument, Kaiparowits National Monument, and Escalante Canyons National Monument. Passed Senate NRAE Standing Committee 6-1-0 on 1/31. On Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
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Important Dates

January 22 First day of session

February 1 Last day to request bills (by noon)

Last day to approve bills for numbering (by noon)

March 2 Last day for the Executive Appropriations Committee to complete all budget decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bills

March 5 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 6 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 8 Last day of session

March 28 Last day governor may sign or veto bills

May 7 Last day a veto-override session may begin

May 8 Normal effective date for bills

First day to file bills for the 2014 General Session

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