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Welcome to the 2020 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.

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!

No Action Alert this week. We are not calling on the Governor to veto any bills this year.

Here's to hoping against hope that the Council on Environmental Quality follows suit by choosing the No Action Alternative in their new rule-making to "streamline and modernize" (aka gut) the National Environmental Policy Act.

With this space available, just spreading the good news that Great Basin Water Network, White Pine County and their many friends and allies had another huge win in Nevada District Court against SNWA, the Nevada State Engineer and the Las Vegas Water Grab. It looks increasingly unlikely that the massive, destructive and expensive scheme to drain rural groundwater for real estate development can survive this latest legal setback.

News of Week Seven (Week # 7)

SB 250, bill that would have eased the path for permitting of the Promontory Point landfill to receive solid and hazardous wastes, was tabled in committee in a big win for Great Salt Lake advocates. Failures of HB 133 and HJR 21 were also wins for Team GSL, though not HB 296. The Senate revived and passed a 3rd Substitute of HB 233, creating the Natural Resources Legacy Fund, without the depleted uranium funding source. Key water bills we supported fared well this year, as most were well vetted in advance. Water banking, split season leasing, and several technical bills addressing long-standing, thorny issues were resolved. HB 328 and HCR 22 addressing Colorado River system development were an exception, though neither have much teeth.

Inland Port Bills (HB 347, SB 112) passed as expected. SB 92, which would have financed a comprehensive, statewide rail transit and heavy rail plan died due to its cost. No climate change bills (SCR 12, HCR 11, & HB 465) passed. Mining bills SB 131 and HB 296 passed, as did oil and gas bills HB 129 and SB 148, though SB 41 failed. A final insult was the failure to recognize the 50th anniversary of Earth Day April 22.

Budget News

The appropriations acts included all of the funding for conservation-related programs listed in last week's Budget

News. In addition, the final budget action, HB 3 - the "bill of bills", included funding for HBs 27, 39, 197, 255, 278, SBs 26 and 148, and HJRs 3 and 15.

The results on air quality-related bills and budgets were a bit disappointing, given the lofty goal of \$100 m. in new AQ investments at the start of the Session. The final total was \$9,800,000 which includes the previously reported \$5 m. for electric vehicle research and recharging infrastructure projects, and \$200,000 for Uintah Basin ozone research. New appropriations include \$1.6 m. for increasing Front Runner train service, \$2 m. for carbon capture efforts, and \$50,000 for energy efficiency (HB 235). The sales tax exemption for Tier 3 gasoline production was extended for 18 months, though that was a mixed-bag result.

Lastly, of critical interest to all, the Legislature put up \$19 m. for coronavirus emergency response, with \$16 m. going to the Division of Finance, \$2 m. for local health departments, and \$1 m. for meals programs for seniors and for testing and in-home services. They also authorized \$4. To be draw from the Disaster Recovery Restricted Account. Another \$6 m. in federal funds are expected.

What's Ahead

Most new laws will be signed by the Governor between now and April 1, and will go into effect on May 12. Interim Committees will begin meeting in May. We expect that, as in past years, committee meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, with the last Interim Day in November and no interim meetings in July.

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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	Supplements or reduces appropriations for the operation of the Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Quality for fiscal years 2020 (July1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) and 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021). Passed House. Passed Senate.	1	Support
HB 26 Jordan River Recreation Area Funding Management	Rep. Winder	Clarifies that the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands manages the money appropriated to programs related to the Jordan River Recreation Area; provides that the money appropriated to programs related to the Jordan River Recreation Area are non-lapsing; and makes technical changes. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 27 Waste Tire Recycling Amendments	Rep. Chew	Modifies definitions related to waste tire piles; increases the number of whole waste tires a person may transfer at one time to a landfill or any other location in the state authorized by the director to receive waste tires; addresses storage of whole waste tires; and extends the relevant sunset date. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 28 Legislative Water Development Commission Sunset Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Extends the sunset date of the Legislative Water Development Commission to January 1, 2031. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Neutral
HB 39 Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force	Rep. Snider	Expands the membership of the task force. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support

Substitute HB 40 Water Loss Accountability Act	Rep. Ballard	Substitute refers the bill to study by the Utah Water Task Force and others, and specifies the components of the study. Passed House. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 3/11.	3	Support
HB 41 State Water Policy Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Outlines the water policies of the state. Passed House. Passed Senate.	1	Oppose
HB 56 Fuel Sales Tax Amendment	Rep. Shipp	The original bill would codify current Tax Commission rules in assessing for tax purposes delivery of electrical, gasoline or natural gas through a single meter for both commercial and residential use, basing that assessment on the predominant use. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Oppose if amended
HB 59 Tax Credit for Alternate Fuel Heavy Duty Vehicles	Rep. Stoddard	Extends the availability of the income tax credit related to certain alternative fuel heavy duty vehicles. Passed House. Passed Senate 16-11-2 on 3/10.	3	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 62 Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Amendments	Rep. Sagers	Authorizes enterprise zone income tax credits for certain investments in and creation of certain full-time jobs in a business that produces, processes, distributes, or dispenses hydrogen fuel. Passed House. Failed.	3	Support
3 rd Substitute HB 66 Wildland Fire Planning and Cost Recovery Amendments	Rep. Albrect	Enacts and modifies provisions relating to wildland fire planning and cost recovery. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 85 Federal Designations Amendments	Rep. Albrect	Amends the definitions related to federal designations, removing the Governor's Office agencies from the list of governmental entities required to report to intent to advocate for federal land designations. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Neutral

Substitute HB 92 Fire Amendments	Rep. Snider	Prohibits a governmental agency from prohibiting pile burns or prescribed fires being started when the United States National Weather Service clearing index for the area where the fire is to occur is above a certain level. Passed House. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 3/11.	3	Support
HB 94 Water Applications Amendments	Rep. Hawkes	Allows the state engineer to issue a certificate meeting certain requirements before evaluating a claim in a general adjudication for small amounts of water. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 95 General Water Adjudication Amendments	Rep. Snider	Addresses objections to state engineer determinations of claims to water. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 96 Water Forfeiture Amendments	Rep. Ferry	Modifies exemption related to a lease and modifies exemption for a water right in a surface reservoir if storage is limited by safety, regulatory, or engineering restraints. Addresses the requirement that a public water supplier meets the reasonable future water requirement. Passed House. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 3/11.	3	Support
HB 105 Water Facilities Amendments	Rep. Wilde	Defines prohibited acts related to water facilities or rights of way, including obstruction, damage or changes that result in actual blockage or diversion of water, storm water, wastewater, or sewage. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Studying
Sub HB 125 Division of Wildlife Resources Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	Requires the Director of DWR to take immediate action to reduce the number of predators under certain circumstances. Passed House. Passed Senate.	1	Oppose
HB 129 Natural Gas Amendments	Rep. Watkins	Amends the definition of rural gas infrastructure development to include the acquisition, extension, or expansion of natural gas utility facilities to	3	Support

		serve previously unserved rural areas of the state. Passed House. Passed Senate.		
HB 130 Water Use Amendments	Rep. Hawkes	Makes changes to water law to allow for a “split season change” change in use when the holder of a perfected right grants to a water user the right to make sequential use of a portion of the water right. Passed House. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 3/11.	1	Support
HB 133 Trail Improvement Amendments	Rep. Winder	Allows for use of eminent domain for a regionally significant trail system under certain circumstances. Failed.	1	Oppose unless amended
HB 156 Water Amendments and Educational Entities	Rep. Handy	Adds institutions of higher learning to the list of public entities that qualify as public water suppliers under Utah’s non-use statute. Failed.	3	Neutral
HB 166 Watershed Councils	Rep. Hawkes	Provides for the creation of a state water watershed council and local watershed councils to facilitate collaborations among stakeholders and advise policy-makers. Participation in these councils is voluntary and the councils have advisory power only. Passed House. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 3/12.	3	Support
Substitute HB 168 Public Water Supplier Relocation Amendments	Rep. Hawkes	Requires reimbursement of costs by the Department of Transportation for to a public water utility for relocation of a water line to accommodate the construction of a state highway project. Passed House. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 3/12.	3	Support
HB 176 Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program	Rep. Stenquist	Creates the Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program to provide financial assistance in the purchase of a newer, lower emissions motor vehicle, under certain conditions. Failed.	3	Support

HB 179 Recycling Market Development Zone Tax Credit Amendments	Rep. Christofferson	Allows and limits a carry forward for the amount of the credit that the claimant did not use during the taxable year for purchases of machinery in a recycling market development zone. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Neutral
HB 180 Emissions Inspection Revisions	Rep. Maloy	Exempts electric motor vehicles from local emissions compliance fees. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 182 Noise Pollution Amendments	Rep. Wheatley	Requires vehicles subject to an emissions inspection also be inspected for compliance with noise suppression equipment requirements. Imposes fines on an individual for a violation of muffler and noise suppression equipment requirements. Failed.	2	Support
HB 194 Clean and Renewable Energy Requirement Amendments	Rep. Ward	Requires that, beginning July 1, 2030, at least 50% of the total kilowatt-hours of a large-scale electric utility's annual retail electric sales to customers in the state in a calendar year shall consist of qualifying clean electricity or renewable energy to the extent that it is cost effective to do so. Failed.	2	Support with Amendments
Substitute HB 197 Fishing and Hunting Restrictions for Non-payment of Child Support	Rep. Lisonbee	Prohibits the issuance of a hunting or fishing license, permit, or tag to an individual who is delinquent in child support. Passed House. Passed Senate 26-1-2 on 3/10.	3	Oppose
2 nd Substitute HB 226 Storm Water Permitting Amendments	Rep. Snider	2 nd Substitute puts the burden of analysis on the applicant for a discharge permit, addresses rule-making and appeals of post-construction retention requirements Passed House. Passed Senate 21-0-8 on 3/12.	3	Neutral
HB 228 Livestock Predators Removal Amendments	Rep. Snider	Allows a livestock owner, an immediate family member, or an employee of the owner to kill predators that harasses, chases, disturbs, harms, attacks, or kills livestock, subject	1	Oppose

		to the requirements of this section, including issuance of a permit from the Director of the Division of Wildlife Resources. Passed House. Passed Senate.		
2 nd Substitute HB 233 Natural Resources Legacy Funding Amendments	Rep. Snider	Creates the Utah Natural Resources Legacy Fund and Board, outlines the uses of the legacy fund. 3 rd Substitute removed depleted uranium as a funding source, and states that the Fund and Board will not be activated until the Fund receives at least \$200,000. Passed House. Revived in Senate NRAE and passed Senate 21-8 on 3/12.	1	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 235 Voluntary Home Energy Information Pilot Program	Rep. Arent	Creates the Voluntary Home Energy Information Pilot Program under the Office of Energy Development and the 2 nd Substitute requires OED to develop rules for the program. Passed House. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 3/10.	3	Support
HB 237 Change to Effective Date of Water-related Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Modifies effective date from H.B. 31, Water Supply and Surplus Water Amendments, passed during the 2019 General Session, to refer to a proposed constitutional amendment (see HJR 3, below). Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 245 Dogs in Watershed Areas	Rep. Acton	Prohibits restricting a dog in watershed areas that under certain circumstances never leaves a motor vehicle. Passed House. Held in Senate NRAE. Failed.	3	Oppose
2 nd Substitute HB 248 Agriculture Revisions	Rep. Wilde	Addresses a wide variety of regulation of agriculture related activities. Passed House. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 3/12.	3	Support
4 th Substitute HB 255 Boat Fees Amendments	Rep. Waldrip	4 th Substitute drops resident fee and assesses a \$20 annual fee for nonresident boaters for aquatic invasive species mitigation. Passed House. Passed Senate 28-0-1 on 3/12.	2	Support

HB 259 Electric Vehicle Charging Network	Rep. Spendlove	Requires the Department of Transportation to lead in the creation of a statewide electric vehicle charging network plan to provide electric vehicle charging facilities along certain state highways. Passed House. Passed Senate 27-1-1 on 3/10.	2	Support
Substitute HB 261 Eminent Domain Revisions	Rep. Lyman	Excludes certain uses for which the eminent domain right may be exercised. Failed.	2	Oppose
HB 266 Water Conservancy District Amendments	Rep. Handy	Establishes a process for filling a vacancy on the board of a water conservancy district located in more than one county, including providing notice, nominating candidates, and appointing an individual to fill the vacancy. Passed House. Died on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. Failed.	3	Support
Substitute HB 278 Jordan River Amendments	Rep. Acton	Requires the Jordan River Commission to work with state and local highway authorities to identify opportunities to have consistent, attractive signs, barriers, and fences where a highway crosses or runs adjacent to the Jordan River, and to provide safe access from a highway to the trails along the Jordan River. Passed House. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 3/12.	3	Support
HB 281 Tax Credit for Alternative Fuel Vehicles	Rep. Harrison	Creates nonrefundable corporate and individual income tax credits for the purchase or lease of certain alternative fuel vehicles. Failed.	2	Support
4 th Substitute HB 283 Outdoor Adventure Commission	Rep. Stenquist	4 th Substitute makes further changes to Commission membership, creates the Outdoor Adventure Commission, directs the commission to develop a strategic plan and designates what the plan shall address. Passed House. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 3/11.	3	Neutral

HB 294 Mining Operations Amendments	Rep. Brooks	Modifies definitions under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act; and adds basalt to the definition of “rock aggregate” for regulatory purposes. Passed House. Passed Senate 23-5-1 on 3/12.	2	Oppose
HB 296 Limitations on Landowner Liability Amendments	Rep. Snider	Extends the limitation of liability for an owner of Migratory Bird Production Areas (e.g. duck clubs, bird sanctuaries) if the owner allows a guest of the owner or a guest of a shareholder or member of the owner to engage a recreational activity and if the guest is not charged a fee. Passed House. Died on Senate 2 nd Reading. Failed.	2	Support
4 th Substitute HB 297 Yurt Amendments	Rep. Brammer	Exempts remote yurts from needing a permit under the State Construction Code, from the State Fire Code and water quality provisions under certain conditions. 4 th Substitute allows exemptions unless required by local ordinances. Passed House. Passed Senate 29-0 on 3/12.	3	Neutral
Substitute HB 317 Nonroad Engine Study	Rep. Handy	Directs the Division of Air Quality to conduct a study into the number and type of nonroad compression-ignition engines in nonattainment areas of Utah. Failed.	3	Support
Substitute HB 322 Utahraptor State Park	Rep. Eliason	Authorizes the Division of State Parks to create the Utahraptor State Park in the Dalton Wells area of Grand County. Passed House. Failed.	2	Support
Substitute HB 326 Energy Efficiency Amendments	Rep. Stenquist	Modifies the definition of "demand side management" in the context of an authorized tariff relating to energy efficiency and conservation, to include the use of heat pumps. Failed.	3	Support
Substitute HB 328 Division of Water Resources Study Update	Rep. Ferry	Substitute requires the Division of Water Resources to update the 2002 Study to provide current cost estimates related to the feasibility of diverting Green River water to the Wasatch Front through the Bear River or the Weber	2	Oppose

		River. Passed House. Passed Senate 20-4-5 on 3/12.		
2 nd Substitute HB 331 Water Infrastructure and Maintenance	Rep. Coleman	Requires a large urban water supplier to report annually to the NRAE Interim Committee on its plans to stay current on water infra-structure repair and replacement. Passed House. Failed.	3	Support
HB 335 Illegal Activities on Trust Lands Amendments	Rep. McKell	Increases civil and criminal penalties for illegal activities on SITLA property under certain circumstances. Passed House. Passed Senate 21-7-1 on 3/12.	3	Oppose
HB 339 Clean Air Special Group License	Rep. Handy	Creates the Clean Air Support special group license plate and requires recipients be deposited into the Clean Air Fund to fund education, awareness, and other programs to promote cleaner air. Passed House. Passed Senate 23-4-2 on 3/12.	3	Support
Substitute HB 347 Inland Port Modifications	Rep. Gibson	Amends the existing Utah Inland Port Authority statute, including changes tax increment income distribution, restores land use appeal authority to Salt Lake City, <i>may</i> allow funds for mitigation of environmental impacts, and locks in existing zoning and development rights. Passed House. Passed Senate 25-2-2 on 3/12.	1	Oppose
HB 388 Land Use Development and Management Revisions	Rep. Wilde	Revises provisions applicable to municipal and county land use development and management, clarifies the powers of certain public utilities, and limits the right to appeal the decision of a land use authority to certain persons. Passed House. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 3/12.	3	Studying
2 nd Substitute HB 396 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Amendments	Rep. Snow	2 nd Substitute authorizes a large-scale electric utility to establish a vehicle charging infrastructure program with a \$50 m. maximum investment through a transitional rate and recovery structure. Passed House. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 3/11.	2	Studying

HB 398 Plant Pest Emergency Control	Rep. Owens	Expands the scope of the insect infestation emergency control chapter and creates the Plant Pest Fund. Passed House. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 3/11.	3	Support
HB 415 Construction Code Amendments	Rep. Potter	Permits the use of a water heater that exceeds certain emission limits under certain circumstances. Failed.	3	Oppose
Substitute HB 417 Wildlife Amendments	Rep. Lyman	Requires DWR to notify a landowner prior to taking wildlife on the landowner's property under certain conditions. Passed House 71-0-4 on 3/9. Failed.	3	Neutral
2 nd Substitute HB 431 Energy Rebates Amendments	Rep. Handy	2 nd Substitute amends provisions related to large scale natural gas and electrical utilities and modifies the definition of "demand side management" in the context of an authorized tariff relating to energy efficiency and conservation, to include the use of heat pumps. Passed House. Passed Senate 23-0-6 on 3/12.	3	Studying
HB 465 Climate and Air Quality Task Force	Rep. Briscoe	Creates the Climate and Air Quality Task Force; provides that the task force shall study and make recommendations on ways to address air quality and climate change; and the recommendations in the Utah Roadmap. Failed.	3	Support
HB 467 Aquatic Invasive Species Amendments	Rep. Wilde	Requires a person to remove all plugs and, to the extent feasible, drain all water from live wells, bilges, ballast tanks, or similar compartments of a boat before transporting the boat on a roadway or other conveyance. Makes it a Class C misdemeanor to fail to do so. Failed.	3	Neutral
HB 480 Water Source Protection Zone Amendments	Rep. Waldrip	Addresses the processes, including public notices and hearings, related to water source protection zones and related ordinances. Failed.	3	Neutral

HB 489 Wind Energy Facility Siting Amendments	Rep. Ray	Requires the owner of a wind turbine or wind energy facility to file official proofs that the wind turbine or wind energy facility does not encroach upon or otherwise have a significant adverse impact on the mission, training, or operations of any military installation or branch of the military as determined by the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse. Failed.	3	Neutral
HCR 2 Concurrent Resolution Creating the Old Iron Town State Monument	Rep. Duckworth	Creates the Old Iron Town State Monument, to be managed by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HCR 11 Supporting the Utah Roadmap for Positive Solutions and Leadership on Climate and Air Quality	Rep. Briscoe	Supports the 59 recommendations made in the Utah Roadmap as guiding principles for leadership in seeking and encouraging solutions to improve air quality and reduce emissions. Failed.	2	Support
HCR 13 Encouraging Studies of Wildlife Corridors	Rep. Schultz	Expresses the state's support for protecting wildlife and improving motorist safety through continued support for wildlife corridors and encourages studies related to wildlife migration corridors within the state. Passed House. Passed Senate 28-0-1 on 3/11.	2	Support
HCR 16 CR Calling for the Creation of a National Federalism Task Force	Rep. Christofferson	Calls for the creation of a National Federalism Task Force for the purpose of convening a series of federalism summits. Passed House. Passed Senate 21-4-4 on 3/12.	3	Oppose
HCR 19 Opposing the Introduction of Wolves	Rep. Wilde	States that the Legislature and Governor oppose the “artificial” human introduction of wolves into the Southern Rockies and calls upon governmental entities to block efforts to force wolves on Utah. Passed House.	2	Oppose

		Passed Senate 21-4-4 on 3/12.		
HCR 21 Celebrating the 50 th Anniversary of Earth Day	Rep. Hawkins	Recognizes the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Passed House. Failed.	3	Support
HCR 22 Concerning the Protection, Development, and Beneficial Use of Utah's Colorado River Compact Allocation	Rep. Last	Encourages the state to expeditiously develop and place to beneficial use, the water apportioned to Utah under the Compacts, consistent with the Law of the River. Passed House. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 3/12.	3	Oppose
HCR 23 Encouraging a Balanced Approach to Release of Water from Flaming Gorge Reservoir	Rep. Chew	Supports a new dam management plan that would end current flow requirements and yearly flushes imposed to protect and re-establish native fish in the lower sections of the Green River and instead promote an "aqua culture" system in which endangered fish species could grow. Failed.	3	Oppose
HCR 24 Concurrent Resolution on Quagga Mussels	Rep. Wilde	Recognizes the harm of quagga mussels within the state, especially the impact on Lake Powell. Recognizes the need for partnerships and continued cooperation with federal agencies, in particular the National Park Service, to prevent the spread of invasive quagga mussels. Passed House 72-0-3 on 3/9. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 3/12.	3	Support
HCR 25 Encouraging Development of a Statewide Anti-littering Campaign	Rep. Acton	Encourages implementation of a statewide, long-term anti-littering campaign. Passed House 56-16-4 on 3/9. Failed.	3	Support

HJR 3 Resolution to Amend the Utah Constitution – Water Resources of Municipalities	Rep. Stratton	Proposes to amend the Constitution to specify the circumstances under which a municipality may supply water outside its boundary or commit to supply water outside its water service area. Passed House. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 3/10.	3	Support
Substitute HJR 15 Proposal to Amend the Utah Constitution – the Right to Hunt, Fish and Harvest Wildlife	Rep. Snider	This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to enact language relating to a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife and species what that right includes and limitations it is subject to. Passed House. Passed Senate 21-7-1 on 3/10.	2	Neutral
HJR 21 Antelope Island Scenic Loop	Rep. Barlow	Requests that the Utah Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources conduct a joint study of the feasibility of creating a scenic loop through Antelope Island. Failed.	1	Oppose
SB 19 Land Exchange Distribution Account Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	Removes air quality monitoring in the West Desert from eligible LEDA funding. Passed Senate. Passed House. Enrolled.	3	Neutral
SB 26 Water Banking Amendments	Sen. Iwamoto	Enacts the Water Banking Act, including outlining how statutory and contractual water banks are established and regulated. Passed Senate. Passed House.	2	Support
SB 41 Sales and Use Tax Modifications	Sen. Winterton	Enacts a sales and use tax exemption for the purchase or lease of machinery, equipment, normal operating repair or replacement parts, or materials, by an oil and gas extraction establishment, a pipeline transportation establishment, or an electric generation and transmission facility. Failed.	2	Oppose

SB 50 Clean Energy Act Amendments	Sen. Anderegg	Clarifies definitions of qualifying clean energy vehicles in the commercial property clean energy program (C-PACE). Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
2 nd Substitute SB 51 Secondary Water Requirements	Sen. Anderegg	The Substitute removes the requirement to meter all secondary water by the end of 2040. Alters financing options and requirements, and exempts water providers in rural counties. Passed Senate. Passed House.	1	Support
SB 52 Agricultural Water Use Amendments	Sen. Anderegg	Requires the Division of Water Rights to prepare a detailed report about agricultural use of water. Failed.	3	Studying
2 nd Substitute SB 63 Recreational Activities Related to Public Waters	Sen. Sandall	Makes provisions for public access for recreational uses on a 40 mile stretch of the Weber River above Echo Reservoir, and provides for penalties for trespass on private lands along the river. Passed Senate. Failed.	2	Support
5 th Substitute SB 77 Electric Energy Storage Tax Credit	Sen. Kitchen	Latest Sub creates an income tax credit or refundable gross receipts tax refund for the purchase of an electricity storage battery or other technology. Passed Senate. Failed.	2	Support
SB 78 Energy Storage Innovation, Research, and Grant Program	Sen. Fillmore	Creates a grant program to advance energy storage research and technology development and deployment, and appropriates \$5 million in one-time funds. Passed Senate. Failed.	3	Support
SB 84 Public Entity Water Users Amendments	Sen. Anderegg	Requires a public entity water user to develop a plan for metering water it uses and adopt a conservation plan that applies to its efficient water, including appropriate timing for the watering of land. Failed.	2	Studying
SB 88 Environmental Quality Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	Makes changes throughout the Environmental Quality Code and all DEQ divisions, including provisions addressing fees, violations, permitting, powers and duties	2	Support

		of DEQ Boards, standards, and definitions under the Water Quality Act and the Solid and Hazardous Waste Act. Passed Senate. Passed House.		
Substitute SB 92 Statewide Rail Plan	Sen. Anderegg	Requires the Department of Transportation to develop a statewide comprehensive plan for public transit, freight, and any other use of fixed rail to fully and efficiently integrate all uses of rail within the state. Allows the department to contract with a consultant to assist in the development of the plan. Appropriates \$1,050,000 in FY 21 and FY 22. Passed Senate. Failed.	2	Support
SB 100 SITLA Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	Expands the circumstances for when a meeting of the board of State Institutional Trust Lands Administration may be closed. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Oppose
SB 101 Construction or Demolition Materials Amendments	Sen. Escamilla	Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to develop model ordinances related to diversion rates for construction or demolition materials. Failed.	3	Support
SB 106 Agricultural Amendments	Sen. Sandall	Expands the scope of the Agricultural Operations Nuisance Act by stipulating ordinances, regulations, policies, and actions that may not be enacted, established or taken in rural counties. Failed.	2	Oppose
2 nd Substitute SB 112 Inland Port Amendments	Sen. Escamilla	Sub allows the Utah Inland Port Authority to use authority money to support enhancements in adjacent communities to offset impacts. Drops changes to the UIPA Board. Passed Senate. Passed House 70-1-4 on 3/11.	2	Support
Substitute SB 131 Small Mining Operations	Sen. Hinkins	Changes the definition of small mining operations, doubling the acreage for qualifying. May allow small mines to avoid or reduce public notice, assessment and mitigation requirements. Passed Senate. Passed House.	2	Oppose

SB 134 Property Tax Exemption for Wildfire Prevention	Sen. Hemmert	Enacts a property tax exemption that reduces a property owner's property tax liability for expenses paid or incurred for wildfire prevention. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 3/9. Failed in House 20-52-3 on 3/11.	3	Neutral
SB 144 Water Related Process Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	Addresses judicial review of a state engineer order and certificates of appropriation, provides for the effect of the filing of a proof, and establishes that filing a protest or judicial review action is not required to bring a judicial interference claim. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
SB 148 Oil and Gas Modifications	Sen. Okerlund	Requires review of rules made related to bonding requirements, modifies the process for imposing and collecting administrative penalties, and creates the Oil and Gas Administrative Penalties Account. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
SB 239 Refinery Sales Tax Exemption	Sen. Okerlund	Extends for 5 years the sales tax exemption for purchase of certain equipment, parts and supplies by refineries as an incentive to switch to refining for Tier 3 gasoline. Passed Senate. 20-7-2 on 3/9. Passed House 50-18-7 on 3/12.	2	Oppose
SB 250 Needs Assessment Amendments	Sen. Anderegg	Excludes from a needs assessment review requirements a commercial solid waste facility that a local government has determined is necessary and complies with local zoning requirements. Held in Senate Business & Labor Committee. Failed.	1	Oppose
SCR 1 CR Creating the Danger Cave State Monument	Sen. Sandall	Creates the Danger Cave State Monument, to be managed by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
SCR 12 Resolution Concerning Climate Action	Sen. Cullimore	Recognizes the risks to the state, its economy and citizens, of growing global carbon emissions and outlines the benefits to the state of encouraging federal action to	2	Support

		reduce carbon emissions. Urges Utah's federal delegation to the United States Congress to consider a bipartisan national solution and nationwide plan to address climate change through a carbon dividends solution. Failed.		
2 nd Substitute SJR 10 Proposal to Amend the Utah Constitution – Property Tax Exemption for Wildfire Prevention	Sen. Hemmert	Proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to enact a provision relating to a property tax exemption for wildfire prevention efforts. Passed Senate 26-1-2 on 3/9. Failed.	3	Oppose

Important Dates

January 27 First day of session

February 6 Last day to request bills or appropriations (by noon)

Last day to approve bills for numbering (by noon)

March 6 Last day for the Executive Appropriations Committee to complete all budget decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bills

March 9 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 10 Last day for legislators to prioritize bills and other programs with fiscal impact

March 12 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 12 Last day of session

April 1 Last day governor may sign or veto bills

May 11 Last day a veto-override session may begin

May 12 Normal effective date for bills

First day to file bills for the 2020 General Session

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