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Welcome to the 2020 Legislative Update

This issue includes highlights of week three, 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!

The much-anticipated Inland Port modifications bill, HB 347 was released publicly last Friday. The bill was touted by sponsor and Utah Inland Port Authority board member Rep. Frances Gibson and Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall as “a big win” and “a major step forward”, but denounced as “window dressing and tinkering” by opponents seeking to “Repeal the Port”.

The bill encourages but fails to require sustainable development or impact avoidance or mitigation, and retains most of the tax increment income and power for the UIPA. We will work to amend, but will oppose it.

Urge legislators to oppose HB 347!

Also, contact members of the NRAEQ Appropriations Subcommittee before 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday and ask them to **support funding for a Great Salt Lake Coordinator** position. (See Budget News below.)

News of Week Three (Week # 3)

HB 125, the predator removal bill, was amended before passing the House, significantly lessening its arbitrary mandate to kill predators if ungulate herds drop below targets. We remain opposed and will try to amend it further. HB 228 also passed the House – it is unlikely we can derail it. HB 41-State Water Policy-passed the House after an amendment acknowledging climate change was defeated. SB 100, the bill to allow SITLA to hold more closed doors meetings, was also improved by amendment in committee. SB 41, the sales tax exemption for the oil and gas sector, appears dead. HB 233, using a tax on depleted uranium disposal at Energy Solutions' landfill to fund a Natural Resources Legacy Fund, won NRAE committee approval Friday, despite strong objections from conservationists.

New: HB 328 would require an update of an old study that rejected diversion of Green River water to the Wasatch Front via either the Bear or Weber Rivers. It seems wasteful to pursue another complex, expensive project to pull water from the drought-stricken Colorado River system while resisting stronger conservation efforts. HCR 13 Supporting Protection and Restoration of Wildlife Corridors and the need for wildlife over and underpasses, deserves our full support. And SB 112 would require the Inland Port to study creating a fund to mitigate development impacts.

Budget News

Budget committees completed review of new money requests for FY 2021 and FY 2020. Prioritization of funding requests will be finalized Wednesday 2/19. The updated revenue estimates will be out the 19th or 20th, so we'll know how much new money budgeters will have to spend. Then the scramble for dollars begins in earnest!

NRAEQ Appropriations Co-Chair Rep. Stewart Barlow's request for the Great Salt Lake Coordinator position was well received on Wednesday 2/12. The prospects for this \$110,000 ongoing funding look good, as there are just 3 other requests for funds from the SLRA, all in the Governor's budget for FFSL - those amount to \$270,000 in ongoing funds and \$185,000 in one-time funding.

For the first time in years, no funding is being proposed for Big Game Forever to continue their work (?) to delist and keep wolves out of Utah. We'll keep a close eye out for any midnight rider to funnel money their way.

What's Ahead

Executive Appropriations will meet to adopt the revenue estimates on Thursday. There is more Standing Committee meeting time this week. Both chambers will be on the floor from 11:00-12:00 daily, and from 2:00-4:00 on Thursday. Here are the calendars for the 4th week:

House: <https://le.utah.gov/~2020/schedule/h4.pdf>
Senate: <https://le.utah.gov/~2020/schedule/s4.pdf>

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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 27-0-2 on 2/13.	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 NRAE Standing Committee 7-0-2 on 2/13. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	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 68-0-7 on 2/11. In Senate NRAE Standing Committee.	3	Neutral

HB 39 Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force Amendments	Rep. Snider	Expands the membership of the task force. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 40 Water Loss Accountability Act	Rep. Ballard	Enacts the Water Loss Accounting Act, providing for a technical advisory committee; requiring water loss accounting reports, providing for technical assistance; and appropriating \$1.8 m. one-time and \$300,000 on-going. Held in House NRAE Standing Committee.	2	Support
HB 41 State Water Policy Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Outlines the water policies of the state. Passed House 70-0-5 on 2/11. In Senate NRAE Standing Committee.	1	Amend, likely oppose
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. In House Rules Committee.	3	Support
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. In House Rules Committee.	3	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 66 Wildland Fire Planning and Cost Recovery Amendments	Rep. Albrect	Enacts and modifies provisions relating to wildland fire planning and cost recovery. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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 28-0-1 on 2/14.	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 NRAE Committee 10-0-3 on 2/14. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Studying
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 26-0-3 on 2/14.	3	Support
HB 95 General Water Adjudication Amendments	Rep. Snider	Addresses objections to state engineer determinations of claims to water. Passed House. Passed Senate NRAE Committee 6-0-3 on 2/10. On Senate Consent Calendar.	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 NRAE Standing Committee 11-1-1 on 2/11. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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 NRAE Standing Committee 12-0-11 on 2/11. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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 47-22-6 on 2/11. In Senate Rules.	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 serve previously unserved rural areas of the state. Passed House 74-0-1 on 2/11. In Senate Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.	3	Support
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 NRAE 10-0-3 on 2/14. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	1	Support
HB 133 Trail Improvement Amendments	Rep. Winder	Allows for use of eminent domain for a regionally significant trail system under certain circumstances. In House NRAE Committee.	3	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. In House NRAE Committee.	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. In House NRAE.	3	Support
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. In House NRAE Committee.	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.	3	Support

		In House Rules.		
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 73-0-2 on 2/14. In Senate Rules Committee.	3	Studying
HB 180 Emissions Inspection Revisions	Rep. Maloy	Exempts electric motor vehicles from local emissions compliance fees. Passed House 73-0-2 n 2/12. In Senate Transportation Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Committee.	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. In House Transportation Committee.	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. In House Rules Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.	2	Support with Amendments
HB 197 Fishing and Hunting Restrictions for Nonpayment 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 Judiciary Committee 11-0-3 on 2/11. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
HB 226 Storm Water Permitting Amendments	Rep. Snider	Requires the Division of Water Quality to complete a study or collect studies that address what need, if any, Utah has to contain storm water related to construction;	3	Oppose

		and if a need found, the best options for the state to provide for storm water containment related to construction. In House Rules.		
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 to the requirements of this section, including issuance of a permit from the Director of the Division of Wildlife Resources. Passed House 61-7-7 on 2/14. In Senate Rules.	1	Oppose
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, and changes the Radioactive Waste Facility Tax Act to provide funding for the legacy fund by charging \$7 per cubic foot for disposal of depleted uranium. Passed House NRAE Committee 7-3-3 on 2/14. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	1	Oppose due to funding source
HB 235 Voluntary Home Energy Information Pilot Program	Rep. Arent	Creates the Voluntary Home Energy Information Pilot Program under the Office of Energy Development to provide reimbursements to fund home energy assessments and the issuance of home energy performance reports to qualified applicants. In House Rules.	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 72-0-3 on 2/10. In Senate Rules Committee	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 NRAE Committee 5-4-4 on 2/14. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose

HB 248 Agriculture Revisions	Rep. Wilde	Addresses a wide variety of regulation of agriculture related activities. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	3	Studying
Substitute HB 255 Boat Fees Amendments	Rep. Waldrip	Requires resident and nonresident boaters to pay an aquatic invasive species mitigation fee before operating a boat on waters in Utah. Passed House Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Committee 9-0-2 on 2/11. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Studying
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 Transportation Committee 6-3-3 on 2/14. On House 3 rd Reading.	2	Support
HB 261 Eminent Domain Revisions	Rep. Lyman	Excludes certain uses for which the eminent domain right may be exercised. In House Political Subdivisions Committee.	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. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Support
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. In House Rules.	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. In House Rules.	2	Support

HB 283 Outdoor Recreation Strategic Planning Amendments	Rep. Stenquist	Creates the Outdoor Adventure Commission, directs the commission to develop a strategic plan and designates what the plan shall address. In House Rules.	3	Studying
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. In House Rules.	3	Studying
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. In House Rules.	3	Support
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. In House Rules.	2	Support
HB 328 Division of Water Resources Study Update	Rep. Ferry	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 into the Wasatch Front through the Bear River or the Weber River, and to study any reasonable alternative methods of diverting Green River water into the Wasatch Front not addressed in the 2002 Study. In House Rules.	2	Oppose
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.	3	Studying
HB 347 Inland Port Modifications	Rep. Gibson	Makes numerous changes to 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 to encourage or require mitigation of environmental impacts, and locks in existing zoning and development rights. In House Rules.	1	Amend and Oppose

Antelope Island Scenic Drive	Rep. Barlow	No text yet.		
Illegal Activities on Trust Lands Amendments	Rep. McKell	No text yet.		
Electrified Transit Amendments	Rep. Snow	No text yet.		
Critical Infrastructure Materials Amendments	Rep. Wilde	No text yet. Likely a rerun of last year's contentious gravel pits bill, which the conservation community opposed.		
Climate and Air Quality Task Force	Rep. Briscoe	No text yet.		
CR Opposing the Introduction of Wolves	Rep. Wilde	No text yet.		
Plant Pest Emergency Control	Rep. Owens	No text yet.		
Wildlife Board Amendments	Rep. Schultz	No text yet.		
Energy Incentives and Rebates Amendments	Rep. Stenquist	No text yet.		
Homebuilders Energy Rebates Amendments	Rep. Handy	No text yet.		
Nonhazardous Solid Waste Amendments	Rep. Ferry	No text yet.		
CR Celebrating the 50 th Anniversary of	Rep. Hawkins	No text yet.		

Earth Day				
Utah State Parks Amendments	Rep. Eliason	No text yet.		
Wind Farm Installation Amendments	Rep. Ray	No text yet.		
Ski Bus Amendments	Rep. Spendlove	No text yet.		
Water Source Protection Zone Amendments	Rep. Waldrip	No text yet.		
CR Encouraging a Balanced Approach to Release of Water from Flaming Gorge Reservoir	Rep. Chew	No text yet.		
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 74-0-1 on 1/27. In Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee.	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. In House Rules Committee.	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. In House	2	Support

		Rules.		
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. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
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. In House Rules.	2	Studying
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 72-0-2 on 2/12.	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. In Senate Rules.	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. In House Government Operations Committee.	3	Support

Substitute SB 51 Secondary Water Requirements	Sen. Anderegg	The Substitute substantially guts the bill's requirement to meter all secondary water by the end of 2040, or to prepare a plan to meter all water. Alters financing options and requirements, and exempts counties of the 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th Class. Passed Senate NRAE Committee 6-0-3 on 2/14. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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. In Senate NRAE Committee.	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. In House NRAE Committee.	2	Support
2 nd Substitute SB 77 Electric Energy Storage Tax Credit	Sen. Kitchen	Creates an income tax credit for the purchase of an electricity storage battery or other technology. Circled on Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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 26-3-0. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	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. In Senate Rules Committee.	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 of DEQ Boards, standards, and definitions under the Water	2	Support

		Quality Act and the Solid and Hazardous Waste Act. Passed Senate NRAE 7-0-2 on 2/3. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.		
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. On Senate 3rd Reading Calendar.	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. Amended and passed by Senate NRAE 5-2-2 on 2/12.	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. In Senate Business and Labor Committee.	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. In Senate Rules.	2	Oppose
SB 112 Inland Port Amendments	Sen. Escamilla	Requires the Utah Inland Port Authority to study creating a fund to mitigate development impacts on adjacent communities and requires the UIPA to establish standards relating to impacts of development that is required in order to qualify for authority funding for a development project.	2	Support

		Adds two positions to the UIPA Board. In Senate Rules.		
SB 131 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. In Senate Rules Committee.	3	Studying
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. In Senate Rules.	3	Studying
Needs Assessment Amendments	Sen. Hemmert	No text yet, but may be addressing required needs assessments for waste landfills permitting.		
Boards and Commissions Amendments	Sen. Harper	No text yet.		
Energy Production Financing Amendments	Sen. Anderegg	No text yet.		
CR Concerning Climate Action	Sen. Cullimore	No text yet.		
Oil and Gas Modifications	Sen. Okerlund	No text yet.		
Oil, Gas and Mining Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	No text yet.		
Rights of Way Amendments	Sen. Winterton	No text yet.		
Highway Advertising Amendments	Sen. Sandall	No text yet.		

Scenic Byways Amendments	Sen. Anderegg	No text yet.		
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. Enrolled.	3	Support
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. In Senate Rules.	3	Studying

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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