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Welcome to the 2020 Legislative Update

This issue includes highlights of week four, 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!

HB 347 - Inland Port Modifications bill (Rep. Gibson) will get its first hearing and vote this week before the House Economic Development & Workforce Services Committee Tuesday or Wednesday Contact committee members (link below) and let them know what you think about the Inland Port! **Oppose HB 347!**

<https://le.utah.gov/asp/interim/Commit.asp?Year=2020&Com=HSTEDW>

HB 328 requiring a study of diverting Green River water to the Wasatch Front is also likely to be heard in Committee this week, and HCR 19 – Opposing the Introduction of Wolves will be heard Monday morning in House NRAE Committee. Urge your legislators to reject both these unnecessary and wrong-headed bills!

News of Week Four (Week # 4)

HB 125, the predator removal bill, is circled on the Senate calendar. We are still trying to amend it with a sunset provision.

HB 41 - State Water Policy-passed. HB 40 - Water Loss Accountability Act, will be revived this week in order to be sent to Interim Study.

HB 233, the DU-funded Natural Resources Legacy Fund, passed the House despite strong bi-partisan opposition and moves to the Senate.

HCR 13 - Supporting Protection and Restoration of Wildlife Corridors won unanimous committee support and is likely to pass the House this week.

New: HB 296 – Limitations on Landowner Liability is a bill that would extend limited liability protection to duck clubs and wildlife sanctuaries for invited guests who recreate on these properties. It's a good bill that we support, and it appears to be noncontroversial, as it was endorsed in committee unanimously.

Budget News

Good news! Our request for the Great Salt Lake Coordinator was funded. This could be a “game-changer” for Great Salt Lake management. Let's make it so! It's also encouraging that there's still no funding for Big Game Forever's anti-wolves campaigns.

\$4 m. previously earmarked for Bonneville Salt Flats Restoration wasn't matched by federal funds as hoped, so it was reallocated to fund other programs, including \$1 m. for invasive species mitigation, \$1.5 m. for the “shared stewardship” partnership with the USFS to prevent wildfires, and \$0.5 m. for an attorney and an engineer to work on Interstate Streams issues.

The revenue projections were not surprising – strong growth in both income (5+%) and sales tax (4.4%) continued. Yet while this growth netted \$921 m. over estimates, just \$80 m. is available for General Fund programs. Rumors suggest there may be a move to bond for transportation and big water projects (LPP and Bear R.?), which could free up GF money for other purposes. We're keeping ear to ground.

High priority items that might get funded despite the GF squeeze include \$100 k. each for the Tracy Aviary-Jordan River Nature Center and Utah Lake water quality work.

What's Ahead

Both chambers will be on the floor from 10:00-12:00 daily, from 2:00-4:00 MTW, and 2-5 ThF. Standing Committees meet 8-10 each morning and 4-6 MWF.

Here are the calendars for the 5th week:

House: <https://le.utah.gov/~2020/schedule/h5.pdf>

Senate: <https://le.utah.gov/~2020/schedule/s5.pdf>

Rules Committees

Senate Rules Committee:

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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 27-0-2 on 2/20.	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. Circled on Senate 2n Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
HB 39 Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force	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. In House NRAE Standing Committee.	2	Support
HB 41 State Water Policy Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Outlines the water policies of the state. Passed House. Passed Senate 21-0-8 on 2/21.	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. There is a rumored amendment in the works that would extend the tax credit for refineries to produce Tier 3 fuel to benefit the only refinery not to do so by the expiration of the credit. Circled on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	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. In House Revenue and Taxation Standing 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 Rev & Tax 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. Passed House 69-1-5 on 2/20. In Senate Rules.	3	Support
HB 85 Federal	Rep. Albrect	Amends the definitions related to federal designations,	2	Neutral

Designations Amendments		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.		
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 66-0-9 on 2/20. In Senate Rules.	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.	3	Support
HB 95 General Water Adjudication Amendments	Rep. Snider	Addresses objections to state engineer determinations of claims to water. Passed House. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 2/18.	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 71-1-3 on 2/19. In Senate Rules.	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 71-0-4 2/28.	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. Circled on Senate 2 nd Reading.	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. Passed Senate 23-0-67 on 2/21.	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 69-0-1 on 2/10. In Senate Rules.	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
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. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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. In House Rules.	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. On Senate 2 nd Reading calendar.	3	Studying
HB 180 Emissions Inspection Revisions	Rep. Maloy	Exempts electric motor vehicles from local emissions compliance fees. Passed House. Passed Senate 22-0-7 on 2/21.	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 in House Transportation Committee 3-8-1 on 2/19.	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
Substitute 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 68-4-3 on 2/19. In Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Committee.	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. In Senate NRAE.	1	Oppose
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, 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 44-24-7 on 2/20. In Senate Rules.	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 Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.	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. In Senate NRAE 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 46-25-4 on 2/21. In Senate Rules.	3	Oppose

Substitute HB 248 Agriculture Revisions	Rep. Wilde	Addresses a wide variety of regulation of agriculture related activities. Passed House NRAE Standing Committee 10-0-3 on 2/19. On House 3 rd Reading.	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. Circled 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 70-0-5 on 2/21. In Senate Rules Committee.	2	Support
Substitute HB 261 Eminent Domain Revisions	Rep. Lyman	Excludes certain uses for which the eminent domain right may be exercised. Failed in House Political Subdivisions Committee 3-8-0 on 2/19.	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 NRAE Committee 9-0-4 on 2/19. On H Consent.	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 Political Subdivisions Committee 11-0-0 on 2/19. On House 3 rd .	3	Support
HB 281 Tax Credit for Alternative Fuel	Rep. Harrison	Creates nonrefundable corporate and individual income tax credits for the purchase or lease of certain alternative	2	Support

Vehicles		fuel vehicles. In House Rules.		
HB 283 Outdoor Recreation Strategic Planning Amendments		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. Passed House Government Operations Committee 11-0-2 on 2/21. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Studying
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. On House 3 rd .	2	Support
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. Will be heard in House Business & Labor Committee Monday, 2/24.	3	Oppose
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. Passed House Political Subdivisions Committee 10-0-1 on 2/21. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 328 Division of	Rep. Ferry	Requires the Division of Water Resources to update the	2	Oppose

Water Resources Study Update		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.		
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. In House Rules.	3	Studying
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 Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee 6-0-4 on 2/21. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
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 Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee.	1	Amend and Oppose
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.		
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 Earth Day	Rep. Hawkins	No text yet.		
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	Rep. Waldrip	No text yet.		

Amendments				
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 Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	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. Passed House NRAE Committee 11-02 on 2/21. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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. In House Government Operations.	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	2	Oppose

		block efforts to force wolves on Utah. Will be heard in House NRAE Monday 2/24 at 4PM.		
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 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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 NRAE 10-0-3 on 2/21. On House 3 rd .	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. In House Rules Committee.	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	2	Oppose

		facility. In Senate Rules.		
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 69-0-6 on 2.20.	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. Alters financing options and requirements, and exempts water providers in rural counties. Passed Senate 22-1-6 on 2/19. In House NRAE.	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. In House Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.	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	2	Studying

		for the watering of land. In Senate Rules Committee.		
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 Quality Act and the Solid and Hazardous Waste Act. Passed Senate. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
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 26-0-3 on 2/20. In House Rules Committee.	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. Circled on Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	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 NRAE Committee.	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. Adds two positions to the UIPA Board. In Senate Rules.	2	Support
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 NRAE 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
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. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Support
Needs Assessment Amendments	Sen. Hemmert	No text yet, but may be addressing required needs assessments for waste landfills permitting.		
Energy Production Financing Amendments	Sen. Anderegg	No text yet.		
CR Concerning Climate Action	Sen. Cullimore	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 Revenue & Tax Committee.	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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