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Welcome to the 2019 Legislative Update

This issue includes highlights of week six, what we can expect in the week ahead, and information for protecting wildlife and the environment. Please direct any questions or comments to Steve Erickson: erickson.steve1@comcast.net.

About the Legislative Update

The Legislative Update is made possible by the **Utah Audubon** Council and contributing organizations. Each Update provides bill and budget item descriptions and status updates throughout the Session, as well as important Session dates and key committees. For the most up-to-date information and the names and contact information for all legislators, check the Legislature's website at www.le.utah.gov. The Legislative Update focuses on legislative information pertaining to wildlife, sensitive and invasive species, public lands, state parks, SITLA land management, energy development, renewable energy and conservation, and water issues. The Update will be distributed after each Friday of the Session. We may also send out additional Action Alerts during the Session as issues arise that need quick action. We hope each Update

issue will prepare you to call, email or tweet your legislators with your opinions and concerns!

ACTION ALERT!

Contact your Senators to oppose the bill to expand the Utah Inland Port (HB 433) to rural "hubs". It was altered, but it still would grab more land and money to subsidize export of dirty energy fuels. Coupled with new bills to fund these fossil fuel exports (see SB 152, SB 228, SB 268), Republican leadership is making a major investment in infrastructure which may prove costly and underutilized as future politics and markets dictate.

Continue to contact the Governor's office at 801.538.1000 and urge him to veto Energy Solutions' HB 220!

Budget News

News of the Sixth Week (Week # 6)

We still support a good I-Port bill (SB 144), despite disappointing changes eliminating monitoring for noise and light pollution from the data collection. It should pass this week, as Rep. Gibson is the House sponsor.

SB 52 - Secondary Water Metering Requirements, went through its 5th iteration before it passed the Senate. The deadline for water suppliers to meter secondary water and the \$20 m. in funding so assist that effort have been removed from SB 52, though it authorizes loans from DWRe and does require suppliers to plan for conversion.

House floor amendments to HJR 23 to rescind the legislative approval of the Promontory Point landfill basically neutered it, so we've worked to amend it back to its original form. If that can't be done, we will work to make sure it dies by sine die.

Enactment of HCR 10 and HB 265 that benefit Great Salt Lake was a highlight. Some good water bills have or likely will become law (see HB 31, HB 360, HJR 1, SJR1, SB 17). Unfortunately SB 214 restricting property tax revenues for water has been deep sixed. Likewise HB 377. Though held in committee, HB 304 to tax carbon emissions got a hearing and was well received!

HB 320, to block cities from enacting laws to reduce packaging waste, remains circled and is unlikely to pass. No such luck with the passel of anti-public lands bills.

The Executive Appropriations Committee will meet on Monday morning (3/11) for the first time in about a month. It's hard to know what to expect. Due to all the time and effort spent on sales tax reform (HB 441) only to see it put off for another day, less attention appeared to be paid to constructing the budget. So not much has changed, or at least been revealed, lately.

I'm told our budget priorities are still in good shape, but last week (minute?) shenanigans could alter that. Still in the hopper are \$500,000 in on-going funding for phragmites eradication, \$500,000 for Great Salt Lake research, and \$400,000 for water banking study and pilot program. Calls, texts or emails to EAC urging funding for Great Salt Lake and the environment can still help.

Several of the Legislative Clean Air Caucus's funding requests to improve air quality improvements have passed and are likely to be funded, while others remain in play.

What's Ahead

The last Standing Committees of the Session will meet throughout the day until 4:00 on Monday. From there on, it's floor time all the time to the end. Budgets get finalized hopefully, bills will be prioritized for action by leadership, rules will get suspended, and surprises always arise as the Session careens to midnight Thursday. Hang on to your hats!

Rules Committees

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BILL TRACKING LIST

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

Bill	Sponsor	Description/Status	Priority	Position
HB 12 Instream Flow Water Right Amendments	Rep. Hawkes	Repeals the sunset repeal date for an instream flow water right for trout habitat. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
HB 14 State Monument Act Amendments	Rep. Eliason	Requires the Division of State Parks and Recreation to periodically evaluate and report on state property for state monument status, create rules for the management of prospective state monuments, and outlines the process for designating a state monument. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
Substitute HB 31 Water Supply and Surplus Water Amendments	Rep. Coleman	Describes the process by which a municipality may provide water to customers outside the municipality's political boundary, states that a municipality may not sell the municipality's waterworks, in whole or in part, except as provided in statute, and sets reporting requirements. Passed House. In Senate Rules.	3	Support
Substitute HB 32 Rulemaking Fiscal Accountability Requirements	Rep. Stratton	Requires the Water Quality Board to submit certain proposed rules to an appropriations subcommittee and interim committee for review before the agency enacts the rules, and amends the duties of the Administrative Rules Review Committee. This bill was initiated by the Publicly Owned Treatment Works to assure full cost/benefit review of proposed rules that exceed certain cost thresholds to reduce phosphates from sewage treatment plant effluent (discharge) waters. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support

HB 41 Transportation Sales Tax Amendments	Rep. Christofferson	Modifies sales and use tax dedications for transportation funding. Passed House. In Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.	3	Neutral
3 rd Substitute HB 78 Federal Designations	Rep. Albrecht	Requires a governmental entity that is advocating for a federal designation within the state to bring the proposal to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee for review. Passed House 55-18-2 on 3/4. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
Substitute HB 91 Agricultural Land Amendments	Rep. Snider	The Substitute bill directs the Department of Agriculture and Food to conduct a study identifying and classifying private agricultural land that could be prioritized for preserving utilizing funds from the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program. Passed House. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 98 Freight Switcher Emissions Mitigation	Rep. Handy	Creates terms and procedures for grants issued for the reduction of freight switcher locomotive emissions and appropriates \$2 million one-time in General Funds. Passed House. In Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.	2	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 99 Catastrophic Wildfire Revisions	Rep. Ivory	Provides that, under certain circumstances, the state shall indemnify, defend, and hold a chief executive officer or county sheriff harmless from any claims for damages, including court costs and attorney fees that are assessed as a result of their actions in abating a broadly defined catastrophic wildfire “public nuisance”. Substitute requires a detailed written plan for abatement and caps state costs at 90% of total claims. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose

3 rd Substitute HB 107 Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Act Amendments	Rep. Handy	Expands the program to include a large-scale natural gas utility that promotes sustainability by increasing access to natural gas vehicles. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
Substitute HB 109 Hydrogen Fuel Production Amendments	Rep. Sagers	Expands the definition of "throughput infrastructure project" to include a plant or facility that stores, produces or distributes hydrogen for use as a fuel in zero emission motor vehicles, or for electrical generation or industrial use, allowing for funding from the Permanent Community Impact Fund. Expands the definition of "high cost infrastructure project" to include the construction of a plant or other facility for the production and distribution of hydrogen fuel used for transportation, to allow a tax credit for costs associated with the project. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 123 Jordan River Recreation Area Amendments	Rep. Winder	Makes minor amendments to the existing statute, allowing for invasive species eradication. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 125 Quantity Impairment Modifications	Rep. Albrecht	States that there is a rebuttable presumption of quantity impairment in a change application if, for a period of at least seven consecutive years, a portion of the right identified in the application has not been diverted from the approved point of diversion or as been beneficially used at the approved place of use. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 126 Tire Recycling Modifications	Rep. Perry	Makes technical changes to address a used tire pile removal project, which will likely cause expenditures of \$389,600 from the Waste Tire Recycling Fund for the next 2 years. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support

HB 127 Sales Tax Revisions	Rep. Briscoe	Creates a sales tax exemption for an electrical energy storage asset. Will reduce General Fund revenues by \$1.5 million/year. In House Revenue and Taxation Committee.	3	Support
Sub HB 135 Wildfire Preparedness Amendments	Rep. Owens	Creates the Wildland Fire Preparedness Grants Fund, directs the state forester to make one or more grants to fire departments or to assist in the suppression of wildland fire, and requires the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to set the criteria for receiving a grant from the Wildland Fire Preparedness Grants Fund. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 139 Motor Vehicle Emissions Amendments	Rep. Romero	Increases the penalties for deliberately modifying or operating a vehicle that violates the emission standards and prohibits the distraction or endangerment of a vulnerable highway user by emission of excessive exhaust. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
HB 143 Water Conservation Plan Amendment	Rep. Harrison	Requires a retail water provider or water conservation district updating its water conservation plan after May 14, 2019, to include an evaluation of specific measures, costs and avoided costs to reduce per capita water use to 175 gallons per capita day or less. Held in House NRAE.	2	Support
3 rd Substitute HB 148 Vehicle Idling Revisions	Rep. Arent	Repeals provisions limiting a local highway authority's ability to enact restrictions on vehicle idling. Passed House. In Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HB 155 Fire Management Provisions	Rep. Snider	Imposes requirements for being permitted to conduct large prescribed fires, large prescribed pile fires, or a partial fire suppression event. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support

HB 167 Wildlife Documentation Amendments	Rep. Ferry	Allows certain registrations, licenses, permits, and tags related to wildlife to be in paper or electronic form. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
Substitute HB 179 Road Closure Amendments	Rep. Lyman	Makes closing a road under certain conditions a class C misdemeanor. Substitute exempts RS 2477 rights of way. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
HB 197 Scenic Byway Amendments	Rep. Hawkes	Exempts from the legislative approval requirement - and prohibits segmenting of - Legacy Parkway, from the junction of I-215 in Davis County northerly to the junction with US 89 and I-15, and the West Davis Corridor, from the southern terminus at the system interchange near Glovers Lane northerly to the intersection of 1800 North in West Point City. In House Transportation Committee.	1	Support
4 th Substitute HB 220 Radioactive Waste Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	Fourth Substitute removes options for disposal of Class B and C radioactive wastes, requires completion of a performance assessment for disposal of Depleted Uranium at the Energy Solutions radioactive waste landfill if the NRC takes responsibility for perpetual care of this waste. Passed House. Passed Senate.	1	Oppose
Substitute HB 229 Land Transfer Amendments	Rep. Brammer	Substitute waters the original bill down to recommend that the Public Lands Policy Coordination Office develop expertise to assist state and local government entities to participate in the sale or lease of federal lands. Passed House 67-0-8. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Oppose
HB 246 Hunting and Fishing License Amendments	Rep. Lisonbee	Provides for discounted hunting, fishing, or combination licenses for disabled veterans. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support

HB 265 Wildlife Management Area Amendments	Rep. Snider	Directs the Wildlife Board to establish a wildlife management area known as the "Willard Spur Waterfowl Management Area" of the Great Salt Lake. Requires the Division of Wildlife Resources to manage the area for beneficial purposes, including preserving and enhancing, vegetation, and water flows for habitat for the many species of birds and wildlife that thrive there, and to provide access for various recreational opportunities. Passed House. Passed Senate.	1	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 288 Critical Infrastructure Materials	Rep. Wilde	Defines a gravel pit as “critical infrastructure”. Amended to keep in place existing municipal regulations and a moratorium on new gravel pits. Passed House. In Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee.	3	Oppose
HB 295 Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program	Rep. Stenquist	Creates the Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program (program) to provide financial assistance of up to \$6,500 in the purchase of a motor vehicle under certain conditions. Appropriates \$13 m. in one-time FY 2020 funds. Passed House. In Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.	3	Studying
HB 304 Fossil Fuels Tax Amendments	Rep. Briscoe	Creates a tax on carbon dioxide emissions. Establishes a grant program to fund projects that assist air quality control regions in the state to achieve attainment status, creates a refundable income tax credit and a refundable state earned income tax credit, and eliminates the remaining state sales and use tax on food. Held in House Revenue and Taxation Committee.	2	Support
Substitute HB 310 Solid and Hazardous	Rep. Stratton	This bill corrects language in the current Utah statute pertaining to management and disposal of hazardous wastes in order to comport with federal EPA requirements	2	Support

Waste Amendments		and retain state primacy for responsibility for these wastes. Passed House 73-0-2 on 3/4. On Senate 2 nd Reading.		
HB 320 Container Regulation Act	Rep. McKell	Known as the “ban on bans”, this bill prohibits a local government entity from regulating or imposing a fee on a bag, cup, package, container, device, bottle, or other packaging. Circled on House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
HB 339 Legacy Parkway Truck Ban	Rep. Ballard	Extends the date of the automatic repeal of the truck ban on Legacy Parkway to July 1, 2025. Failed.	1	Support
HB 353 Reduction of Single Occupancy Trips Pilot Program	Rep. Briscoe	Creates a three-year pilot program to be administered by the Division of Air Quality that would encourage car-pooling, teleworking and other means to reduce auto use during periods of inversion. Allows for free or reduced bus and transit fare during inversions, and appropriates \$1.2 million in one-time funds to reimburse UTA for lost fare revenue. Passed House 47-26-2 on 3/4. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 355 Water – General Adjudication Amendments	Rep. Ferry	Enacts and amends provisions related to an application to appropriate or permanently change use of a small amount of water. Enacts and amends provisions related to a right to appeal during a general adjudication of water rights. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Studying
Substitute HB 357 Voluntary Wood Burning Conversion Program	Rep. Hawkes	Modifies the wood burning fireplaces and stoves conversion program to give preference for financial assistance to households earning less than 250% of the poverty level and living within 6 miles of Great Salt Lake. Appropriates \$14 m. one-time in FY 19 General Funds. Passed House. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Support
HB 358 Right of Way Equity Amendments	Rep. Gibson	Adds "crude oil" and "petroleum products" to the definition of "utility" in the Construction, Maintenance, and	3	Studying

		Operations Act within the Transportation Code. Passed House 70-0-2 on 3/5. In Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.		
HB 360 School Water Testing Requirements	Rep. Handy	Requires the Drinking Water Board to create administrative rules and a program related to lead concentration in the drinking water of schools and child care centers, and to undertake certain monitoring, reporting, and mitigation activities. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 377 Capitol Hill Water Usage Amendments	Rep. Briscoe	Requires the State Capitol Preservation Board to reduce the amount of water that is used at the capitol hill complex by 25% and to create and implement a water management plan. Failed 4-7-2, then held in House NRAE Committee.	2	Support
Substitute HB 407 Renewable Energy Facility Amendments	Rep. Briscoe	Requires a charge for metered electric service delivered to a contract customer to include a credit based on the value of the hourly capacity provided by the renewable energy facility during on-peak hours. In House Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee..		Studying
2 nd Substitute HB 411 Community Renewable Energy Act	Rep. Handy	Enacts the Community Renewable Energy Act, defines terms and program requirements under the act, and outlines the role and rulemaking authority of the Utah Public Service Commission in approving a community renewable energy program under the act. Passed in House Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee 7-4 on 3/7. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.		Studying
HB 413 Tax Credit for Energy Efficient Vehicles	Rep. Ward	Modifies and extends the corporate and individual income tax credits, and offers a credit of up to \$1000 for purchase of an energy efficient electric or hybrid vehicle. Held in House Revenue and Taxation Committee.	2	Support
Substitute HB 433	Rep. Gibson	Authorizes the Utah Inland Port Authority to own and	1	Oppose

Inland Port Amendments		operate a trade hub, adopt a project area plan for an area outside the authority jurisdictional land, be paid certain sales and use tax revenue, allow the extension of the tax increment revenue from 25 to 40 years, and prohibits a political subdivision from challenging the creation, existence, funding, powers, project areas, or duties of the Utah Inland Port Authority and prohibits the use of public money for any challenge. Amended to encourage cleaner trucks to transport goods. Passed House 61-11-3 on 3/8. In Senate Economic Development & Workforce Services Committee.		
HB 452 Water Facilities Amendments	Rep. Wilde	Modifies provisions regarding interfering with or obstructing water facilities. In House Rules Committee.		
HJR 1 Proposal to Amend the Utah Constitution – Municipal Water Resources	Rep. Stratton	Seeks to amend the Utah Constitution Article IX Sec. 6 to clarify the scope and role of municipal water providers. The intent is to allow municipalities to sell surplus water rights or resources while preventing prohibited water speculation. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading.	2	Support
HJR 5 Joint Resolution Approving Notes to Water Rights Addenda	Rep. Owens	Adopts the notes to water rights addendum to land deeds and the notes to water rights addendum to water deeds. Passed House. On Senate Consent Calendar.	3	Studying
Substitute HJR 17 Joint Resolution on the Formation of Public Lands Management Plans	Rep. Stratton	Asserts that the state should form legislatively approved land use plans for federally managed controlled public lands in the state to better ensure that the land management reflects state and local interests. Supports hiring a consultant to prepare these plans. Passed House 58-14-3 on 3/4. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
HJR 23 Joint	Rep. Snider	Rescinds the Legislature's provisional approval, granted in	1	Oppose

Resolution Withdrawing Approval for Class V Landfill		2016 General Session H.J.R. 20, to Promontory Point Resources, LLC, to construct and operate a Class V commercial nonhazardous solid waste landfill. Passed House 54-17-4 on 3/5 - but with amendment to extend the “sunset” of the previous approval through 2020. In Senate NRAE Committee.		unless amended to original bill
Substitute Sub HCR 2 Concurrent Resolution Supporting Renewable and Sustainable Energy Options to Support Rural Economic Development	Rep. Arent	Supports the development of wind, solar, hydrogen, small conduit hydroelectric, and geothermal energy in rural areas of the state as a compliment to Utah's diversified energy system and supports the export of those Utah-produced renewable energy sources to other states. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
Substitute HCR 3 Concurrent Resolution Concerning Switcher Locomotive Emission Standards	Rep. Handy	Substitute bill requests that Congress allow the states to regulate freight switcher locomotive emission standards. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HCR 4 Concurrent Resolution Supporting Every Kid Outdoors Initiative	Rep. Arent	Describes the benefits of children spending time outdoors, and describes and expresses support for Utah's Every Kid Outdoors Initiative. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HCR 5 Concurrent Resolution Urging Policies that Reduce Damage from Wildfires	Rep. Ward	Urges the federal government to pursue forest fuel load reductions to mitigate wildfire risk and urges the federal government to pursue policies that minimize additional climate change. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HCR 7 Concurrent	Rep. Spendlove	Highlights the natural assets and benefits derived from the	3	Support

Resolution Recognizing the Importance of Outdoor Recreation to Utah		natural assets in Utah. Recognizes the economic importance of Utah's natural assets to Utah's people and expresses the intention to continue the legacy of supporting and growing those assets. Passed House. Passed Senate.		
HCR 10 Concurrent Resolution to Address Declining Water Levels of the Great Salt Lake	Rep. Hawkes	Recognizes the critical importance of continued water flows to Great Salt Lake and its wetlands and the need for solutions to declining water levels, while appropriately balancing economic, social, and environmental needs. Passed House. Passed Senate. Passed 25-0-4 on 3/5.	1	Support
HCR 11 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Purchase of Tier 3 Gasoline	Rep. Harrison	Recognizes that the lower-sulfur Tier 3 gasoline standards are crucial to improving the safety, health, and welfare of Utah's citizens and encourages local refineries not already committed to producing Tier 3 gasoline to do so. Encourages retailers and consumers to purchase Tier 3 gas. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
HCR 13 Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Utah Refiners to Manufacture Tier 3 Gasoline to Improve Air Quality	Rep. Arent	Recognizes that three out of the five Utah refineries have committed to manufacturing Tier 3 compliant lower-sulfur gasoline for sale in Utah and urges all refineries operating within Utah to utilize the state sales and use tax exemption provided by the state to make the investments necessary to manufacture Tier 3 gasoline. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
HCR 18 Concurrent Resolution Concerning Bear Lake	Rep. Wilde	Urges solutions to address challenges to Bear Lake in cooperation with the state of Idaho to develop joint expectations and by encourages the development of opportunities for participation of a wide-range of stakeholders to develop recommendations. Passed House 60-0-15 on 3/6. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.		Studying

SB 5 NRAE Base Budget	Sen. Hinkins	Provides appropriations for the Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Food, and Environmental Quality for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Reduces or supplements funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Passed House. Enrolled.	1	Support
SB 17 Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	Defines the extent of and process for municipalities to continue to their extraterritorial jurisdiction to protect the water source and water quality in the entire watershed of their source of supply. Passed Senate. Passed House.	2	Support
SB 24 State Energy Policy Amendments	Sen. Grover	Adds to the state energy policy the promotion of molten salt nuclear power reactors producing medical isotopes and adds to the state energy policy the promotion of energy education programs in grades K-12. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Neutral
SB 46 Tire Recycling Amendments	Sen. Sandall	Allows the director of the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control to authorize up to 100% reimbursement of a waste tire transporter's or recycler's cost if the applicant is a rural county. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
SB 48 Camping Fee Amendments	Sen. Escamilla	Requires the Division of Parks and Recreation to provide a 50% discount to the holder of a valid senior annual day use pass on any camping fee at a state park. Held in Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Support
5 th Substitute SB 52	Sen. Anderegg	The 5 th Substitute waters down the bill but requires	1	Support

Secondary Water Metering Requirements		secondary water metering all new users beginning 4/1/2020, requires secondary water suppliers to develop and submit a plan for full metering to the Division of Water Resources, and to make available loans from the Water Conservation and Development Fund to assist with metering conversion. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 3/8. In House Rules Committee.		
SB 65 Noxious Weed Act Amendments	Sen. Iwamoto	Permits an executive's designee in a county of the first class to serve on a county weed control board. Enrolled.	3	Support
3 rd Substitute SB 93 Agricultural Nuisance Amendments	Sen. Sandall	Enacts the Agricultural Operations Nuisances Act, defining terms addressing nuisance actions in order to minimize conflicts between ag operations and neighboring residents. Passed Senate. Passed House 70-5 on 3/6.	3	Support
Substitute SB 111 Energy Innovation, Research, and Grant Program Act	Sen. Fillmore	Creates the Energy Storage Innovation, Research, and Grant Program to provide grants to advance the development and deployment of energy storage in the state and facilitate the transition of energy storage into the marketplace. Appropriates \$5 million. Passed Senate. Held in House Rules due to Fiscal Note.	3	Support
SB 114 Hunting Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Allows the Department of Agriculture to issue an annual permit for aerial hunting to a person for the protection of land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life, or crops, if the person, the designated pilot, and the aircraft to be used in the aerial hunting, are licensed and qualified in accordance with rules set by the Department. Passed Senate. Passed House 65-3-7 on 3/6.	2	Oppose
SB 119 Legacy Parkway Truck Ban Amendments	Sen. Weiler	Extends the date of the automatic repeal of the truck ban on Legacy Parkway through July 1, 2022. Failed.	1	Support

Substitute SB 144 Environmental Quality Monitoring Amendments	Sen. Escamilla	Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to establish and maintain monitoring facilities to measure environmental impacts from inland port development and to report the results of the monitoring. Appropriates \$558,200 over two years. Circled on Senate 2 nd Reading.	1	Support
SB 146 Sales Tax Exemption Modifications	Sen Kitchen	Creates a sales and use tax exemption for an electric energy storage asset used for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes. In Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee.	3	Neutral
Substitute SB 150 Energy Balancing Account Amendments	Sen. Hemmert	Repeals the sunset date for an electrical corporation's energy balancing account, allowing a corporation to permanently recover 100% of its prudently incurred net power costs. Passed Senate. In House Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.	3	Neutral
2 nd Substitute SB 152 Mineral Lease Funds Amendments	Sen. Winterton	Substitute renames the bill and diverts 1% of mineral lease revenues (about \$1 m./yr.) from the Permanent Community Impact Fund to the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition. Passed Senate. In House Rules.	2	Oppose ****
SB 178 Oil, Gas and Mining Revisions	Sen. Okerlund	Adds provisions relating to the designation of oil and gas operators for which the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining makes rules. Passed Senate 26-2-1 on 3/4. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Neutral
SB 187 County Planning and Services Committee	Sen. Sandall	Amends a provision regarding the membership on a county mountainous planning commission and allows a county to fund fire, paramedic, and police services within a municipality that is located within an area that the county has designated as a recreation area. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
SB 189 Temporary	Sen. Okerlund	Adds a certain water study to the circumstances that allow	3	Neutral

Land Use Regulation Amendments		a rural county legislative body to enact a temporary land use regulation that prohibits certain development. Passed Senate 16-12-1 on 3/5. Held in House Political Subdivisions Committee 5-2-4.		
SB 194 Conservation Commission Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Modifies the purposes and terms for loans and grants from the Agriculture Resource Development Fund to eligible entities, including the improvement of water quality or to address other environmental issues. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 3/6. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Support
Substitute SB 201 Oil and Gas Tax Incentives Amendments	Sen. Winterton	Creates a sales and use tax exemption for a purchase or lease of certain items by an oil and gas extraction establishment. Held in Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee.	3	Oppose
SB 209 Scenic Byway Modifications	Sen. Anderegg	Amends to designate a new scenic byway and amends provisions to segment or remove the designation from an existing scenic byway. In Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.	2	Oppose
SB 214 Property Tax Relief Modifications	Sen. Fillmore	Provides that property tax collections by a water conservancy district may not exceed 15% of a district's total annual revenues. In Senate NRAE Committee.	1	Support
SB 222 Children's Outdoor Recreation Program	Sen. Fillmore	Creates the Utah Children's Outdoor Recreation and Education Grant Program in GOED to promote and provide outdoor recreational opportunities to under-served or underprivileged communities in the state. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
SB 228 Public Infrastructure District Act	Sen. McCay	Allows for local entities to create public infrastructure districts (which may include water districts) and imposes a limit on a property tax levy for the operation of a public infrastructure and a limit on general obligation bonds that	3	Support

		a public infrastructure district may issue district. In Senate Business and Labor Committee.		
SB 248 Throughput Infrastructure Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	Would enable exports of Utah coal by shifting control of the \$53 million originally authorized for the scuttled Oakland coal export facility to the Office of Energy Development specifically to invest in an out-of-state or Mexican export terminal. Funds would be directed to an interlocal agency such as the Utah Inland Port Authority. Will be heard in Senate NRAE Committee on 3/11 at 8 AM.	1	Oppose
SB 266 Waste Regulation Modifications	Sen. Hemmert	Intended to assure a permit approval for the proposed Promontory Point landfill, the bill allows converting a Class I municipal landfill permit to a Class V permit which allows disposal of certain out-of-state hazardous wastes. It also exempts such conversion from certain currently existing from environmental review requirements. In Senate Rules. The sponsor has assured all interested parties that he will make no effort to pass the bill.	1	Oppose
SB 268 Transportation Infrastructure Bond Amendments	Sen. Cullimore	Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay for certain transportation infrastructure construction or reconstruction projects, including two projects related to the Utah Inland Port. In Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee.	3	Neutral
SB 270 Vandalism of Public Lands	Sen. Cullimore	Makes it a class B misdemeanor to vandalize public lands and specifies additional punishments to be imposed for such vandalism. In Senate Economic Development & Workforce Services Committee.	2	Support
SJR 1 Joint Resolution	Sen. Iwamoto	Supports continued study of water banking that permits the	2	Support

Supporting the Study of Water Banking in Utah		temporary transfer of water use from one user to another. Appropriates \$400,000 to fund the study and a pilot project. Passed Senate. Passed House.		
Substitute SCR 6 Concurrent Resolution in Support of Advanced Nuclear Reactor Technology	Sen. Bramble	Touts building in Utah and buying power from an unproven Small Modular Reactor design being peddled by the Utah Association of Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) as safe, reliable, sustainable, and carbon-free, while trumpeting Utah's supposed leadership and ingenuity in solving climate change and air pollution. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Oppose
SCR 8 Concurrent Resolution Supporting Exports of Utah Natural Gas to International Markets	Sen. Winterton	Supports the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as an opportunity to realize economic development in rural communities and tribal nations and to promote Utah's natural gas production as a key contributing resource for economic growth, national security, and as a cost-effective, reliable, and safe energy source. Passed Senate. Passed House 66-0-9 on 3/7.	3	Neutral
SCR 9 Concurrent Resolution Regarding Navajo Water Rights Settlement	Sen. Hinkins	Declares support for the negotiated settlement agreement of federal reserved water rights claims, particularly the state of Utah/Navajo Nation Reserved Water Rights Settlement Agreement proposed by a negotiating committee composed of representatives of the Navajo Nation, the state of Utah, and the United States. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 3/4. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
Substitute SCR 10 Concurrent Resolution Urging Solutions for the Central Wasatch Mountains	Sen. Cullimore	Recognizes the tremendous value of the Central Wasatch Mountains, acknowledges the work of the Central Wasatch Commission to develop solutions that address significant transportation and land management issues, urges the President of the United States, Congress, and Utah's congressional delegation to propose and secure passage of	2	Support

		legislation that implements the Central Wasatch Commission's recommendations, and reflects the desires of local and state governments to work with all parties to further solutions to longstanding issues and desires of the parties of the Mountain Accord. Passed Senate 20-7-2 on 3/8. In House Rules Committee.		
Substitute SCR 13 Concurrent Resolution on Public Lands Strategy	Sen. Hinkins	Directs state legislative bodies and agencies to work with federal legislative bodies, agencies, and other like-minded states to pursue strategies that outline the state's laws, principles, values, priorities, and willingness to work with federal agencies to manage the state's public lands. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 3/8. In House Rules Committee.	3	Neutral

Important Dates

January 28 First day of session

February 7 Last day to request bills (by noon)

Last day to approve bills for numbering (by noon)

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

March 11 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 12 Last day for legislators to prioritize bills and other programs with fiscal impact

March 7 General appropriations bill, supplemental appropriations bill, and school finance bill available to legislators by calendared floor time and final action taken on each bill by calendared closing time

Second supplemental appropriations bill available to legislators by calendared floor time and final action taken by noon

March 14 Last day of session

April 3 Last day governor may sign or veto bills

May 13 Last day a veto-override session may begin

May 14 Normal effective date for bills

First day to file bills for the 2020 General Session

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