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Welcome to the 2021 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 contact your legislators with your opinions and concerns!

ACTION ALERT!

As expected, legislative leadership landed their big inland port bill late in the game to minimize scrutiny, as SB 243 will do with millions of dollars of taxpayer subsidized loans for private business cronies. It gets its one and only committee review and public comment Monday morning at 8 in Senate Government Ops. Call your Senators, Reps and the Governor to object to this unaccountable, unneeded state "bank" to promote environmentally disastrous port development!

Also up in committee tomorrow (SNRAE at 4) is SB 176 - to use monies federally designated to mitigate community impacts from fossil fuel extraction to facilitate construction of the Uintah Basin Railway. This runaway oil train through spectacular Utah canyons looks like a runaway through the Legislature nostalgic for the goodle boom and bust days - unless we can derail it. Call Reps and the Gov and let them know what you think of this!

News of Week Six (Week # 6)

The Best News of the Week **was** the resounding defeat of HB 364, Utah Lake Authority (ULA), by the House NRAE Committee. Opposition to the bill came from a range of interests, including the “water community”, Utah Farm Bureau, conservationists, and some cities. **Until** late Friday when EAC appropriated \$9.8 m. to the ULA for “lake restoration”. It’s unclear if the bill now must pass, or if projects can begin without it.

Conservation and clean energy advocates high-fived the defeat on the House floor of HB 209, the fee hike on electric vehicles. SB 61, a bad billboard bill, failed on the Senate floor, but so did SB 168, the effort to let Moab restrict UHVs nighttime use of streets in town. Also positive news was the House passage of HCR 18 to extend and expand RECA, and of HB 399.

But some bad new bills: SB 233 gives MIDA more power and secrecy (and budgeters gave MIDA \$45.6 m. to subsidize infrastructure for new strategic missiles and a luxury ski resort for top brass). SB 240 would undermine planning and water quality in Big Cottonwood Canyon to benefit development interests.

Budget News

Executive Appropriations (EAC) met Friday and essentially finalized the budget decisions. A mixed result, as always.

There were some positives for the environment: State Parks was the big winner with over \$67 m. in new investments. GSL Groundwater Studies: \$750k 1-time; Water/Land Use Planning: \$270k 1-t; Ag Water Optimization: \$3 m. 1-t; LeRay McAllister Open Space Preservation: \$1 m. 1-t.

Adoption of the budget bills is mostly a formality from here. All the money bills must be passed by Wednesday at noon. Caucuses must set their priorities for inclusion in the “Bill of Bills” by Tuesday. Some good bills were funded by EAC’s action Friday: SB 15 for \$49,000 1-time, HB 381 for \$250k 1-t, and HB 224 for \$130k on-going.

What’s Ahead

Final Week! The last Standing Committees will meet from 8-10 AM and from 4-6 PM Monday and from 8-10 and 2-4 on Tuesday through Friday. Both chambers will be on the floor the rest of the time and will go as late as needed until sine die at midnight Friday. Wednesday is the last day to consider bills originating from own house, so Senate does House bills only and vice versa. Also they will “wipe the boards” Wednesday, giving the respective Rules Committees control of the floor voting queue. Hang on to your hats!

House: <https://le.utah.gov/~2021/schedule/h7.pdf>

Senate: <https://le.utah.gov/~2021/schedule/s7.pdf>

Rules Committees

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BILL TRACKING LIST

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

| Bill | Sponsor | Description/Status | Priority | Position |
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| HB 14 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. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| HB 17 Utility Permitting Amendments | Rep. Handy | Prohibits municipalities and counties from restricting the connection of utility services to customers on the basis of the type of energy the utility service provides. The intent is to ban local ordinances requiring new buildings be all electric (no natural gas). Passed House. Passed Senate. | 1 | Oppose |
| HB 24 State Engineer Electronic Communications | Rep. Ferry | Permits the state engineer to send electronic communications under certain circumstances. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| Substitute HB 29 Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Emergency Response Plan | Rep. Stratton | Requires the Division of Wildlife Resources to develop a statewide aquatic invasive species emergency response plan aimed at remediating the spread of aquatic invasive species throughout the state. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| Substitute HB 32 Energy Balancing Account Amendments | Rep. Albrecht | Provides a mechanism and timeline for an interim rate as a part of the energy balancing account process. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Neutral |
| 2 nd Substitute HB 45 Radon Task Force | Rep. Stratton | Creates the Radon Task Force. Provides for the appointment of task force members, requires the task force to study and make recommendations on ways to increase public awareness about the risks of radon and ways to | 3 | Support |

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| | | mitigate Utah residents' exposures to radon. Passed House. In Senate Rules Committee (due to Fiscal Note). | | |
| Substitute HB 65 Wildland Fire Amendments | Rep. Snider | Appropriates \$200,000 in on-going funds from the Sovereign Lands Restricted Account to give a salary increase to wildland firefighters and requires the Division of FFSL to develop and maintain a wildfire risk assessment mapping tool. Passed House. Passed Senate. . | 2 | Support if from another funding source |
| HB 79 Mineral and Rock Amendments | Rep. Brooks | Modifies definitions under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act; and adds basalt to the definition of “rock aggregate” for regulatory purposes. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Neutral |
| Substitute HB 83 Migratory Bird Production Area Amendments | Rep. Ferry | Extends the time for creating a migratory bird production area, provides a process to add property to a migratory bird production area, provides for inclusion of easements, addresses limitations on local ordinances and uses by a guest of a migratory bird production area under provisions that limit landowner liability, and prohibits exercising eminent domain under certain circumstances. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 2 | Support |
| Substitute HB 89 Hydrogen Tax Credit | Rep. Sagers | Creates tax credit provisions related to hydrogen energy. Failed in House PUET Committee 4-6-2 on 2/17. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 91 Tax Credit for Alternate Fuel Heavy Duty Vehicles | Rep. Stoddard | Extends the availability of the income tax credit related to certain alternative fuel heavy duty vehicles. Passed House 46-20-9 on 2/19. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| HB 98 Local Government Building Regulation Amendments | Rep. Ray | Prohibits a local government from regulating certain building design elements and landscaping and inspection requirements. Passed House 38-30 on 2/26. In Senate Rules Committee. | 2 | Oppose |

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| HB 109 Wildlife Amendments | Rep. Lyman | Requires the Division of Wildlife Resources to deliver notice to an affected landowner or an agent of an affected landowner, either in writing or orally, before the taking of wildlife on privately owned land. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| HB 111 Off-Highway Vehicle Amendments | Rep. Albrecht | Allows an individual under 18 years old to operate an off-highway vehicle under certain conditions. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 123 Feasibility Study for Air Quality Laboratory | Rep. Handy | Directs the Division of Air Quality to conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of an air quality and changing climate solutions laboratory. In House Rules Committee. | 2 | Support |
| HB 131 State Facility Energy Efficiency Amendments | Rep. Handy | Requires state facilities to provide utility use information to the Division of Facilities Construction and Management. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| HB 144 Water Pricing Structure | Rep. Moss | Requires retail water providers to consider lot sizes and outdoor water use of customers in setting block rate price structures. In House Rules. | 3 | Oppose |
| HB 145 Clean and Renewable Energy Act Amendments | Rep. Ward | Requires by 2030 that 30% of a large-scale electric utility's (e.g. Rocky Mt. Power) annual retail sales come from qualifying clean electricity if use of qualifying clean electricity is cost effective. In House PUET Committee. | 1 | Support |
| HB 153 Energy Storage Asset Amendments | Rep. Handy | Enacts a refundable corporate and individual tax credit for the purchase of property that stores energy generated by mechanical, chemical, thermal, or photovoltaic means for commercial or industrial use later. Held in House Revenue & Taxation Committee. | 2 | Support |

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| HB 166 Livestock Amendments | Rep. Snider | Addresses penalties involving the treatment and theft of livestock, including livestock guardian dogs, and livestock infrastructure. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Oppose, high penalties |
| HB 171 Agricultural Land Use Regulation | Rep. Chew | Prohibits a municipality or county from restricting, or regulating in conflict with state statute, the type of crop, including industrial hemp, that may be grown in certain areas zoned for agriculture. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Support |
| HB 198 License Plates Amendments | Rep. Handy | Creates a new standard issue license plate called the Utah Dark Sky license plate. Failed in House. | 2 | Support |
| HB 208 Water Quality Amendments | Rep. Ray | Provides that an individual enforcing water quality standards or requirements, and while acting wholly within the individual's employment with the organization, is exempt from liability under certain circumstances. Passed House. Passed Senate 27-0-2 on 2/25. | 3 | Neutral |
| 4 th Substitute HB 209 Vehicle Registration Fee Revisions | Rep. Christofferson | Increases vehicle registration fees on electric, hybrid, plug-in hybrid, and other vehicles. Amended to take effect 1/1/2027, reduces fees. Failed in House 27-44-2 on 2/25. | 2 | Oppose |
| HB 215 Jordan River Improvements Amendments | Rep. Acton | Directs the Jordan River Commission to work with the Department of Transportation regarding safety, signage and storm water run-off issues related to state highways and the Jordan River. In House NRAE Committee. | 3 | Support |
| Substitute HB 217 Regulatory Sandbox Program Amendments | Rep. Maloy | Creates the General Regulatory Sandbox Program (sandbox program), which allows the office to waive laws or regulations applicable to a participant under certain circumstances. Passed House. Tabled Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar (due to Fiscal Note). | 3 | Neutral |

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| 4 th Substitute HB 223 Alternate Fuel Incentives Amendments | Rep. Ballard | Latest Substitute creates an individual and corporate income tax credit for systems that produce hydrogen fuel. Passed House 69-4-2 on 2/26. In Senate TPUET. | 3 | Studying |
| 2 nd Substitute HB 224 Pollinator Amendments | Rep. Matthews | Substitute directs the Department of Agriculture to create a 3-year pollinator pilot program in conjunction with Southern Utah University and permits the department to pay up to 25% of the cost to plant native flowering plants and seeds on public land. Passed House 65-5-5 on 2/24. In Senate NRAE Committee. | 2 | Support |
| HB 236 Waste Tire Recycling Amendments | Rep. Handy | Modifies provisions pertaining to waste tire recycling, including changes to the process and limitations on the funding for management of certain landfill or abandoned waste tire piles, and addresses criminal penalties. Passed House. Passed Senate NRAE Committee 5-0-3. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Studying |
| HB 241 Utah Seeds Amendments | Rep. Lund | Addresses the regulation of seeds, including modifying a definition provision and addressing labeling requirements. Passed House. On Senate Consent Calendar. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 254 Outdoor Recreational Grant Program Amendments | Rep. Winder | Modifies how the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation may use transient room tax revenue that is deposited into the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Account. In House Rules Committee. | 3 | Support |
| Substitute HB 257 Utahraptor State Park | Rep. Eliason | Authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to use portions of the Dalton Wells area as a state park and provides that Utahraptor State Park shall be considered part of the state parks system. Substitute also would facilitate creation of Lost Creek State Park. Passed House 62-10-3 on 2/22. In Senate NRAE Committee. | 3 | Support |

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| HB 259 Lead Exposure Education and Testing Amendments | Rep. Barlow | Creates a program within the Department of Health to increase education and testing for lead exposure in children, and creates a restricted account to fund the activities of the program. Passed House. In Senate Business & Labor Committee. | 2 | Support |
| HB 263 Utah Clean Energy Fund | Rep. Briscoe | Enacts the Utah Clean Energy Fund Act, including stating purposes of the fund, defining terms, creating the fund and the fund's board of directors and outlines their duties, and addressing capitalization of the fund. Seeks a \$1 m. appropriation for the fund. Sent to Interim Study. | 2 | Support |
| HB 281 County Development Activity Amendments | Rep. Lyman | Places conditions on a county's development activities that materially affect the land in and the General Plan of another county. In House Political Subdivisions Committee. | 1 | Support |
| 2 nd Substitute HB 295 Wildlife Modifications | Rep. Snider | Substitute directs the Division of Wildlife Resources to make rules regarding the use of trail cameras. Prohibits big game baiting on public land under certain circumstances, and prohibits the construction of permanent blinds or other structures used for hunting in waterfowl management areas. Passed House. In Senate NRAE Committee on 3/1. | 1 | Support |
| 2 nd Substitute HB 296 Soil Amendments | Rep. Ferry | Creates the Utah Soil Health Program and the Soil Health Advisory Committee provides for their scope, powers and duties under the program. Passed House. Passed Senate NRAE 5-0-3 on 2/26. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| Substitute HB 297 Colorado River Amendments | Rep. Wilson | Creates the Colorado River Authority of Utah Act, including: providing for the organization and operation of the authority, establishing the authority's powers and mission, and creation of a management plan. Addresses authority meetings, including closure of meetings, | 1 | Oppose |

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| | | provides for employees, consultants, and other professionals, including an executive director, and addresses financial operations including creating a restricted account. Appropriates funding for the Authority. Passed House. Passed Senate NRAE6-0-2 on 2/25. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | | |
| HB 298 Utility Proceedings Amendments | Rep. Handy | Directs the Public Service Commission to conduct proceedings to determine whether battery storage requirements should be a part of an integrated resource plan. Held in House PUET Committee. | 2 | Studying |
| HB 305 Quality Growth Act | Rep. Ferry | Directs the Quality Growth Commission to use ranking criteria that prioritizes funding for preservation of “working agricultural land”. Passed House. In Senate NRAE Committee 3/1. | 2 | Support |
| Substitute HB 341 Bears Ears Visitors Center Advisory Committee | Rep. Owens | Invites the Navajo Nation, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Hopi Nation, the Zuni Tribe, and the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray to form an advisory committee for the purpose of exploring the feasibility, location, functions, and other important matters surrounding the creation of a visitor center at Bears Ears. Passed House 60-12-3 on 2/26. Will be heard in Senate NRAE on 3/1 8:00 A.M. | 2 | Support |
| HB 346 Natural Resources Entities Amendments | Rep. Snider | Creates a coordination council, moves the Office of Energy Development to within the Department of Natural Resources, divides the Division of Parks and Recreation into two divisions and transfers grants administered by the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation to the new division of recreation, and addresses the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation and its powers and duties. Passed House 71-1-3 on 2/24. In Senate NRAE Committee on 3/1. | 2 | Oppose |

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| Substitute HB 364 Utah Lake Authority | Rep. Brammer | Creates the Utah Lake Authority, defines its purposes, powers, duties, policies and objectives, and provides for an unelected governing board and hiring of an executive director. Provides that ULA has authority over land use, planning, real estate development and sales, and <i>may</i> restore water and environmental quality of the lake. ULA may issue bonds and has power to collect sales taxes and property tax increment. Repeals authority of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to restore the lake. Failed in House NRAE Committee 3-10-1 on 2/24. | 1 | Oppose |
| 2 nd Substitute HB 368 State Planning Agencies | Rep. Spendlove | Moves the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office within the governor's office, modifies the roles of the Resource Development Coordinating Committee, State Planning Coordinator and PLPCO, and changes the name of the Office of Management and Budget to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. Passed House 71-0-4 on 2/26. In Senate Government Operations Committee. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 387 Clean Air for Schools Pilot Program | Rep. Owens | Creates the Clean Air for Schools Pilot Program, defines terms, and requires the State Board of Education to award grants to eligible local education agencies to provide portable air filtration systems to schools. In House Education Committee. | 3 | Support |
| 3 rd Substitute HB 388 State Energy Policy Amendments | Rep. Albrecht | Amends the state energy policy to promote development of resources and infrastructure to respond effectively to significant disruptions to the state's energy generation, delivery systems, or fuel supplies, and to maintain adequate reserves of proven base load electricity generation to meet grid demand. Passed House 71-0-4 on 2/25. In Senate TPUET Committee. | 3 | Oppose |

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| Substitute HB 390 Urban Farming Amendments | Rep. Kohler | Modifies the definition of urban farming under the Urban Farming Assessment Act to include livestock production. Passed House 70-0-5 on 2/26. In Senate Rules Committee. | 3 | Neutral |
| HB 399 Approval of Nonhazardous Solid or Hazardous Waste Facilities | Rep. Hawkes | Requires that legislative approval of a nonhazardous solid or hazardous waste facility be automatically revoked if an application is withdrawn. Passed House 69-0-6 on 2/26. In Senate Rules. | 1 | Support |
| HB 433 Amendments Related to Infrastructure Funding | Rep. Schultz | Authorizes the issuance of \$1,400,000,000 in bonds and appropriates \$862,900,000 one-time from the General Fund for specified transportation and transit projects, including \$300 m. for double-tracking Front Runner, \$36 m. for Utah Raptor and Lost Creek State Parks, and \$4 m. for outdoor recreation grants. Passed House EDWS Committee 9-0-1 on 2/26. Circled on House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| HB 436 Wind Energy Facility Siting Amendments | Rep. Ray | Requires an owner or operator of a wind energy facility to undergo the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse process before constructing a wind turbine or a wind energy facility. Clean energy advocates oppose this as duplicative and unnecessary. In House Rules. | 2 | Oppose |
| HCR 1 Encouraging a Balanced Approach to the Release of Water from Flaming Gorge Reservoir | Rep. Chew | Expresses support and recognition of the Green River Stakeholders and the need to reduce adverse effects of current Flaming Gorge Dam operations to the local communities, recreational businesses, ranchers, farmers, landowners, and individuals who work and live within the river corridor. Passed House. Passed Senate. | 3 | Neutral |

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| HCR 5 Encouraging Statewide Emissions Reduction Goals | Rep. Handy | Recognizes the negative impact that poor air quality and the changing climate has on the economy of the state and encourages the adoption of emissions reduction goals. In House Rules. | 3 | Support |
| Substitute HCR 9 Encouraging Development of a Statewide Anti-Littering Campaign | Rep. Acton | Addresses littering in Utah and encourages the creation of a statewide, long-term anti-littering campaign. Passed House. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 2/26. | 3 | Support |
| HCR 10 Regarding an Interlocal Agreement Creating the Jordan River Commission | Rep. Acton | Expresses support for the participation of the Department of Transportation on the Jordan River Commission. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Neutral |
| Substitute HCR 12 Encouraging Cooperative Action Regarding National Monuments | Rep. Albrecht | Encourages the President to work cooperatively with the state's congressional delegation, the state's legislative and executive branches, local elected officials, and tribes on action regarding national monuments. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Oppose |
| HCR 13 Regarding the Bridal Veil Falls Area | Rep. Stratton | Encourages the Division of Parks and Recreation to evaluate options for designating the Bridal Veil Falls area as a state monument or state park. Passed House, On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| HCR 14 Regarding the Parkspass Application | Rep. Barlow | Recognizes the innovative ParksPass application developed by the Division of Parks and Recreation in connection with Dixie State University and Southern Utah University. In House NRAE Committee. | 3 | Support |

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| HCR 18 Supporting Extension and Expansion of the Radiation Compensation Act | Rep. Owens | Addresses the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), discusses history of health effects from radiation exposure, past legislative statements and congressional efforts related to RECA and radiation exposure, and supports congressional efforts to extend and expand RECA. Passed House 64-4-7 on 2/22. On Senate NRAE Committee agenda for 3/1. | 2 | Support |
| HCR 19 Recognizing Farmers Feeding Utah | Rep. Chew | Recognizes the Farmers Feeding Utah program and its benefits to Utah. Passed House 70-0-5 on 2/23. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| HCR 20 Supporting the Creation of the USU Institute of Land, Water and Air | Rep. Snider | Acknowledges Utah State University's dedication to research and community engagement throughout the state and commends the university's Institute of Land, Water, and Air for the institute's work in preserving and improving the quality of the state's land, water, and air. Passed House 67-2-6 on 2/26. In Senate NRAE Committee. | 3 | Support |
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| SB 5 Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Quality Base Budget | Sen. Hinkins | Supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and appropriates funds for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Passed and Enrolled. | 1 | Support |
| Substitute SB 15 Workforce Solutions for Air Quality Amendments | Sen. McCay | Requires the Department of Human Resource Management to provide, measure and report annually on teleworking options for state employees during bad air quality days. Passed Senate. Passed House NRAE 12-0-2 on 2/22. Held in House Rules due to Fiscal Note. | 3 | Support |

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| 2 nd Substitute SB 20 Air Quality Policy Advisory Board Sunset Extension | Sen. Iwamoto | Extends the sunset date of the Air Quality Policy Advisory Board. Passed Senate. Passed House. | 3 | Support |
| SB 21 Federal Land Applications Advisory Committee | Sen. Hinkins | Extends the sunset date of the advisory committee that provides advice and recommendations to the public lands policy coordinator and the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office. Passed Senate. Passed House. | 3 | Oppose |
| 3 rd Substitute SB 40 Petroleum Storage Tanks Amendments | Sen. Hinkins | Addresses the regulation of aboveground petroleum storage tanks. Passed Senate 20-0-9 on 2/26. In House Rules Committee. | 3 | Neutral |
| SB 44 Payments in Lieu of Taxes Funds For Counties | Sen. Fillmore | Creates the Federal Lands Payment in Lieu of Tax restricted account and establishes rules for distribution of federal funds paid to certain Utah counties to offset federal lands not subject to local property taxes. In Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. | 2 | Studying |
| 2 nd Substitute SB 61 Outdoor Advertising Amendments | Sen. Sandall | Prohibits a municipality or county from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that prevents an owner of certain signs from modifying or constructing an electronic or mechanical changeable message sign in certain circumstances; and requiring a sign owner to forfeit one sign in order to upgrade or construct another electronic or mechanical changeable sign. Failed to pass the Senate on 2 nd Reading on a vote of 12-15-2 on 2/24. | 2 | Oppose |
| SB 96 Legislative Water Development Commission Amendments | Sen. Iwamoto | Modifies provisions related to the LWDC. Passed Senate NRAE Committee 8-0 on 1/29. Passed Senate. Passed House. | 3 | Support |

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| 2 nd Substitute SB 104 Tax Levy for Animal Control | Sen. Weiler | Authorizes a county to impose a property tax levy for animal welfare services. Passed Senate. Amended, revived and passed in House Revenue and Taxation Committee 9-0-4 on 2/14. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Support |
| SB 120 Outdoor Advertising Revisions | Sen. Kitchen | Prohibits the placement of a sign on certain property unless a property owner and a sign owner have entered into an outdoor advertising agreement. Prohibits the inclusion of certain terms or provisions in an outdoor advertising agreement and allows a property owner, municipality, county, or the Utah Department of Transportation to file an action to void certain outdoor advertising agreements. In Senate NRAE Committee. | 2 | Support |
| 3 rd Substitute SB 130 Regulation of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations | Sen. Sandall | Enacts the Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act, including, defining terms, requiring adoption of county large concentrated animal feeding operation land use ordinances and their scope, and addressing determining the geographic area where a large concentrated animal feeding operation may be located. Passed Senate. Passed House. | 1 | Oppose |
| Substitute SB 133 Severance Tax Revenue Amendments | Sen. Hinkins | Creates Mining Restricted Accounts within the Divisions of Air Quality, Water Quality, Oil, Gas and Mining, and Utah Geologic Survey. Earmarks a portion of revenues from severance taxes to these restricted accounts. Passed Senate. Passed House 74-0-1 on 2/24. | 3 | Oppose |

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| <p>SB 144 Billboard Restriction Amendments</p> | <p>Sen. Hinkins</p> | <p>Prohibits a municipality or county from taking certain actions to prevent a person from building or maintaining a billboard, and extends the expiration of certain municipal and county billboard building permits and billboard bank credits. Passed Senate NRAE Committee 5-2-1 on 2/19. Circled on Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Oppose</p> |
| <p>SB 146 Emissions Testing Amendments</p> | <p>Sen. Bramble</p> | <p>Updates a pilot program to make permanent a pilot emissions inspection program which requires counties to have an emissions inspection program for certain diesel-powered vehicles. Passed House. Passed Senate.</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>Support</p> |
| <p>SB 168 Designated Vehicle Routes Amendments</p> | <p>Sen. McKell</p> | <p>Allows certain cities and towns to adopt ordinances restricting the use of street-legal all-terrain vehicles. Failed on Senate Reading 14-15 on 2/24.</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>Support</p> |
| <p>SB 169 School and Institutional Trust Fund Office Amendments</p> | <p>Sen. Wilson</p> | <p>Allows the School and Institutional Trust Fund Board of Trustees to close a meeting under certain circumstances, increases the length of time for determining the average value of the trust funds setting the annual trust distribution amount, and exempts certain information that the School and Institutional Trust Fund Office provides to the Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office from the Government Records Access and Management Act. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 2/22. On House 3rd Reading Calendar.</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>Oppose</p> |

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| Substitute SB 176 Mineral Lease Fund Amendments | Sen. Winterton | This bill is a direct response to the get around the lawsuit filed in state court by Center for Biological Diversity and Living Rivers over the illegal expenditure of federal mineral lease funds by the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board for the Uintah Basin Railway project. It would allow spending these dollars on planning for this and other projects rather than its intended purpose of mitigating the community impacts from oil, gas and mining activities. Passed Senate 19-5-5 on 2/22. Will be heard in House Revenue & Taxation Committee Monday 3/1 at 4 PM. | 1 | Oppose |
| SB 199 Water Amendments | Sen. McKell | Requires a secondary water provider to develop and update a plan by the end of 2025 that includes the cost of full metering, how long that will take and how the costs would be financed. Appropriates \$2 m. to the Board of Water Resources to make annual matching grants for installation of secondary water meters. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 2/26. In House Rules Committee. | 2 | Support |
| SB 225 Navajo Water Rights Negotiation | Sen. Hinkins | Addresses the process to finalize negotiations of Navajo water rights and appropriates \$8 m. one-time as part of the congressionally-approved settlement of federal water rights claims. Passed Senate NRAE Committee 8-0 on 2/26. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |
| SB 233 Military Installation Development Authority | Sen. Stevenson | Modifies provisions related to the taxing powers of a MIDA, makes an exception to a conflict-of-interest provision applicable to a contract involving the authority or a subsidiary as a facilitator of public-private partnerships, and provides exceptions to open meetings provisions and government records provisions. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Oppose |

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| SB 240 County Recreational Area Amendments | Sen. Bramble | Repeals the sunset dates for provisions related to mountainous planning districts, but also makes changes to planning commission membership and appointments process, changes to general plan requirements and County funding of the district, and would allow Brighton Town to opt out of the planning district. Will be heard in Senate Government Operations Committee Monday 3/1 at 8 A.M. | 1 | Oppose |
| SB 243 Political Subdivisions Amendmen | Sen. Stevenson | Creates enterprise revolving loan funds for the inland port, the point of the mountain development, and the military (MIDA) development. The purpose of each fund is to provide funding, only through infrastructure loans for infrastructure projects undertaken by a borrower. Authorizes the Utah Inland Port Authority to create public infrastructure districts and excludes such districts from the definition of a “taxing entity”. Will be heard in Senate Government Operations Committee Monday 3/1 at 8 A.M. | 1 | Oppose |
| SB 245 Net Metering Amendments | Sen. Cullimore | Amends provisions related to net metering, and requires the PSC to consider the “external” benefits of the program to public health, air quality, meeting renewable energy targets, local economic development, jobs, and grid resilience. In House Rules Committee. | 2 | Support |
| SCR 3 Encouraging the Development of a Multi-State Passenger Rail Commission | Sen. Escamilla | Encourages the creation of a multi-state passenger rail commission and the expansion of Utah's rail infrastructure, modeled after the Southern Railway Commission. Failed in Senate NRAE Committee 2-3-3 on 2/25. | 3 | Support |
| SCR 6 Supporting the Removal of Uranium Mill Tailings Near the Colorado River in | Sen. Hinkins | Outlines the history of efforts to remove the uranium mill tailings, discusses the risks associated with not removing the uranium mill tailings in a timely manner, and urges the Department of Energy to expedite and fully fund the | 2 | Support |

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| Moab | | removal of the remaining uranium mill tailings. Passed Senate. In House Rules Committee. | | |
| SCR 8 Supporting Utah's Natural Resources and Energy Industries | Sen. Hinkins | Describes the benefits derived from the natural resources and energy resources in the state, and reminds the federal government of its legal obligations to hold lease sales and to manage public lands for multiple uses. In Senate Rules. | 3 | Oppose |
| SJR 7 Approving Energy Solutions Constructing and Operating a Landfill for Nonhazardous Solid Waste | Sen. Sandall | Grants provisional legislative approval to Energy Solutions for the construction and operation of a Class VI commercial nonhazardous solid waste landfill. ES intends to add another landfill to receive nonhazardous solid waste that may be slightly radioactive from the decommissioning of nuclear power plants that currently use its licensed low level radioactive waste disposal facility. Passed Senate. Passed House. | 1 | Oppose |
| SJR 11 Celebrating the 50 th Anniversary of Off-Highway Vehicle Use in Utah State Parks | Sen. Hinkins | Describes the achievements of the Division of Parks and Recreation's Off-Highway Vehicle Program, discusses the importance of responsible off-highway vehicle recreation to the state and celebrates 2021 as the Year of the Off-Highway Vehicle Program. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 2/22. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar. | 3 | Neutral |
| SJR 14 Settlement of Federal Reserved Water Rights Claims. | Sen. Hinkins | Ratifies a settlement of certain federal reserved water right claims and approves the financial settlement subject to specified conditions. Passed Senate NRAE 8-0 on 2/26. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar. | 2 | Support |

Important Dates

January 19 First day of session

January 29 Last day to request bills or appropriations (by noon)

Last day to approve bills for numbering (by noon)

February 27 Last day for the Executive Appropriations Committee to complete all budget decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bills

March 2 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 3 Last day for legislators to prioritize bills and other programs with fiscal impact

March 3 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 5 Last day of session

March 25 Last day governor may sign or veto bills

May 4 Last day a veto-override session may begin

May 5 Normal effective date for bills

First day to file bills for the 2020 General Session

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