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Welcome to the 2023 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!

Oppose HB 527 Mining Operations Amendments, the bill to allow operation of a huge gravel pit mine in Parley's Canyon (Grandeur Peak)! Contact your legislators!

Protest the \$150,000,000 appropriation for the gondola in Little Cottonwood Canyon! This expenditure is premature and a special interest handout masquerading as a transportation solution. Visit Save Our Canyons or Friends of Alta websites for more information.

Protect the incredible rock art of Nine Mile Canyon from tanker trucks hauling waxy crude oil! Contact your House member and members of Rev & Tax to oppose SB 107!

News of Week Six (Week # 6)

A number of late-in-the-Session water bills grabbed attention last week. HB 513 (GSL Amendments) raised alarm about diking off portions of the lake, which we hope to amend out. SB 277 (Water) passed out of committee despite concerns about accountability of water saved to get to the lake. We hope to amend it, too. Great Salt Lake Commissioner and Office (HB 491) was funded at 2.5 m. on-going and \$10 m. one-time, raising concerns about transparency and building a new bureaucracy.

Rep. Stratton's HB 527 Mining Operations Amendments to do an end-run for the Grandeur Peak/Parley's Canyon gravel pit to be built emerged. It still hasn't had or been scheduled for a committee hearing, which it must have before it can move toward passage, so it can be defeated.

HB 217 was revived and passed by the House, HB 137 (the brine shrimp bill) moved to the Senate Calendar.

Budget News

Executive Appropriations Committee met Friday evening and adopted the new revenue estimates and released the draft of the additions to the FY 23-24 budget and FY 22-23 supplementals. The General Fund increased \$103 m. on-going and \$127 one-time over November consensus numbers, while the Education Fund was down \$115 m. in

both. Per usual, the budget draft contains highlights and lowlights. The Good: \$20 m. for Wildlife Highway Mitigation, \$8 m. for Air & Water Innovation Grants, \$6 m. for Wetland Acquisition, \$5 m. each for Turf Replacement Rebates and Utah Lake Improvements, \$5,449,000 for Water Rights Measurements and Data, \$15 m. for Secondary Water Metering, \$200 m. for Ag Optimization, and \$10 m. for Emergency Water Shortages.

The Bad: \$500,000 for Hunter Nation, \$150 m. for the LCC Gondola, \$60 m. for Inland Port Infrastructure Bank, \$9.3 m. for Military Installation Development Authority projects, \$7 m. for Colorado River Authority of Utah, \$2 m. to litigate v. the Ozone Transport Rule, and \$4 m. for "Energy Security" litigation (HB 425).

The budget bills must be passed Wednesday. Caucuses will be given a certain amount of money each to prioritize which bills with Fiscal Notes will get funded and passed by Friday in the Bill of Bills.

What's Ahead

In Week 7, both chambers will be on the floor each day from 10 to noon, and on Monday from 2 to 3:50 and Tuesday at 4:00. The rest of the week will be floor time from 8 to noon and 2 to as late as needed. Standing Committees meet Monday and Tuesday 8-9:50 and from 4-6 Monday, 2-4 Tuesday. Caucuses will meet every day. Sine die is midnight Friday. Here are the calendars for the Last Week:

House: <https://le.utah.gov/~2023/schedule/h7r2.pdf>

Senate: <https://le.utah.gov/~2023/schedule/s7r1.pdf>

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BILL TRACKING LIST

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

Bill	Sponsor	Description/Status	Priority	Position
HB 30 Wildlife Resources Code Recodification	Rep. Snider	Recodification clarifies, reorders, removes outdated language, addresses cross-references, and makes technical changes to the entire section of Wildlife Resources Code.	3	Support
HB 32 Outdoor Recreation Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Requires the Division of Outdoor Recreation to prepare a recreation management plan for Provo Canyon.	3	Support
HB 33 Water-Related Liability Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	Clarifies that water facility owners and operators have a duty to prevent waste of water or property damages, and shields them from liability for damage or injury under certain circumstances.	3	Support
HB 39 State Resource Management Plan Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Adopts a state resource management plan to replace a previously adopted plan and makes technical changes.	3	Support
HB 93 Outdoor Recreation Modifications	Rep. Albrecht	Increases the amount that may be used each fiscal year for the Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant Program, and amends the types of entities that are eligible to receive an infrastructure grant.	3	Support
HB 114 Substitute Theft Defense Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	Provides that it is not a defense to theft of livestock that the livestock is sick, injured, or a liability to the owner. This is a response to the acquittal of activists who trespassed on Smithfield's Circle 4 Farms to call attention to alleged animal abuse.	3	Neutral

HB 121 Wildlife Habitat Account Amendments	Rep. Thomas Peterson	Increases percentage and amounts of money that go to wetlands that are beneficial to waterfowl and decreases amounts that go to upland and big game projects. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
HB 137 State Crustacean Designation	Rep. Lesser	Designates the brine shrimp as the state crustacean. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 145 Private Property and Wildlife Amendments	Rep. Chew	Prohibits the Division of Wildlife Resources and the Wildlife Board from conditioning participation in a wildlife program on a person granting public access to private property with exceptions. In House Rules.	2	Oppose
2nd Substitute HB 150 Emergency Water Shortages Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	Clarifies the process for the declaration of emergency shortages of water by the governor and creates a preference for uses of water during a temporary water shortage emergency. Passed House. Tabled on Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar (fiscal note).	2	Support
HB 169 Urban Farming Assessment Act	Rep. Karen Peterson	Modifies the Urban Farming Assessment Act to provide that a county may limit an authorization of urban farming to either cultivating crops or engaging in livestock production or may allow both.	3	Support
HB 186 Golf –Related Water Modifications	Rep. Welton	Requires reporting of water use for the operation of a golf course or driving range and provides for the publication of the information on websites. Failed.	3	Support
HB 206 Airport Land Use Amendments	Rep. Ballard	Amends definitions related to airport influence areas and airport overlay zones; encourages a political subdivision to adopt land use regulations that protect airports, including: adopting airport overlay zones; notifying of airport impacts; and granting of aviation easements. Amends provisions related to governing law in the event	3	Support

		of a conflict between land-use regulations related to airport overlay zones.		
HB 207 Compact Commission Amendments	Rep. Snider	Changes the authority to appoint one member each to the Bear River and the Columbia River Compact Commissions from the Director of the Division of Water Resources to the State Engineer.	3	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 217 School Energy and Water Reductions	Rep. Bennion	Authorizes the State Board of Education to issue grants to schools related to energy and water reductions, provides for prioritizing certain projects, and requires rulemaking and use of an evaluation panel. Substitute eliminates the appropriation. Passed House. In Senate Rules.	2	Support
HB 218 Foreign Government Land Possession Requirements	Rep. Chistofferson	Prohibits a foreign government or an entity under a foreign government's control from holding an interest in real property in the state.	3	Neutral
Substitute HB 220 Emissions Reduction Amendments	Rep. Stoddard	Watered-down Substitute requires study of contribution of bromine emissions from U.S. Magnesium as a precursor to ozone pollution, removes the requirements for the Utah Inland Port Authority. Passed House. In Senate PUET Committee.	1	Support
HB 222 Bison Amendments	Rep. Watkins	Requires the issuance of 365-day bison hunting permits under certain circumstances. Failed.	3	Oppose
HB 224 Outdoor Recreation Amendments	Rep. Stenquist	Creates the Recreation Coordinated Investment Initiative to manage, maintain, expand, restore, and improve outdoor recreation infrastructure on public lands within the state. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support

HB 261 Fire Related Amendments	Rep. Snider	Addresses prescribed fires and pile burns on private land, including when burning is allowed and permits and notice are required, as well as criminal penalties and liability. Addresses the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund. Enacts provisions related to wildland-urban interface fire prevention, preparedness, and mitigation.	3	Support
HB 262 Wildlife Management Area Amendments	Rep. Snider	Establishes wildlife management area purposes and how purposes and conditions for certain uses are to be implemented. In House NRAE Committee.	2	Support if amended
HB 272 Water Efficient Landscaping Amendments	Rep. Owens	Allows the Division of Water Resources to award grants to local water districts or municipalities that pass appropriate water use ordinances to assist financially property owners to take water efficient landscaping efforts. In House NRAE Committee.	1	Support
HB 273 State Trust Lands Administration Amendments	Rep. Lyman	Requires the director of SITLA to establish criteria for the sale, lease or other conveyance of state trust lands that reflect the state's priorities for energy and mineral development and the rural counties' resource management plans, as well as the fair market value of those lands. In House Rules.	2	Oppose
HB 274 Adopt-the-Outdoors Program Amendments	Rep. Doug Owens	Creates an Adopt-the-Outdoors Program and permits a person to sponsor a small recreational outdoor location.	3	Support
HB 276 Water Supply Amendments	Rep. Lyman	Creates rules and regulations by which a "contract water customer" who lives outside of municipality's designated water service area may receive water for culinary purposes or fire suppression purposes from that municipality's surplus water under a contract or permit. Held in House NRAE.	2	Oppose

HB 286 Great Salt Lake Funding Modifications	Rep. Briscoe	Changes the recipient of the revenue generated from a 1/16% sales and use tax (the earmarked revenue) from the Water Infrastructure Restricted Account (for Lake Powell Pipeline and Bear River Development) to the Great Salt Lake Account for five years. In House Rules.	1	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 299 Infrastructure Related to Water	Rep. Snider	Creates the Watercraft Infrastructure Fund to address impacts of recreational users of certain bodies of water.	3	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 301 Transportation Tax Amendments	Rep. Schultz	Reduces the tax on motor fuel, increases vehicle registration fees, and imposes a tax on the sale of electricity for electric vehicle charging.	3	Oppose
3 rd Substitute HB 307 Utah Water Ways	Rep. Mussleman	Creates a new nonprofit, statewide partnership to be known as “Utah Water Ways” addressing water conservation, outlines the purpose, powers and duties of the partnership. Appropriates \$2,000,000 in one-time General Funds. Passed House. On Senate 3 rd Reading (tabled due to fiscal note).	2	Support
HB 319 Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project	Rep. Chew	Repeals the sunset date for the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project.	3	Support
HB 321 Mineral Lease Amendments	Rep. Christofferson	Modifies mineral lease application procedures and introduces an online option for the disclosure of a mineral lease application.	3	Studying
HB 327 Pollinator Pilot Program Amendments	Rep. Matthews	Extends the sunset date for the Pollinator Pilot Program to July 1, 2026	3	Support

HB 338 Resource Stewardship Director	Rep. Cutler	Provides for the appointment of a director of resource stewardship by the executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality, addresses duties of the director.	3	Studying
3rd Substitute HB 349 Water Reuse Amendments	Rep. Snider	Addresses approval of water reuse projects, prohibits approval of water reuse projects impacting the Great Salt Lake, and provides for investigation of water reuse impacts as part of the integrated assessment of the Great Salt Lake. Passed House. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	1	Support
HB 371 Working Farm and Ranch Protection Fund	Rep. Snider	Establishes the Working Farm and Ranch Protection Fund, renames the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program, and directs that a percentage of county rollback tax revenues be dedicated to the Fund. Passed House. On Senate Concurrence Calendar.	2	Support
HB 384 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Amendments	Rep. Stenquist	Amends the makeup of and provisions relating the Outdoor Adventure Commission. Appropriates \$35.2 million to Divisions of State Parks, Recreation and Recreation Services.	3	Support
HB 389 Renewable Energy Amendments	Rep. Jack	Creates the Electrical Service Quality Act to protect delivery of electricity to customers. Requires certain electric utility companies to prepare an electric service quality plan, grants rulemaking authority to the Public Service Commission, and creates certain reporting requirements.	3	Studying
3rd Substitute HB 425 Energy Security Amendments	Rep. Ivory	3 rd Substitute requires 180 days notice to the Legislative Management Committee 180 days prior to the disposal or sale or the decommissioning of a coal-powered electrical generation facility. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose

HB 426 Statewide Energy Policy Amendments	Rep. Jefferson Moss	Modifies the Utah Energy Act to require the Office of Energy Development to prepare a strategic energy plan. Creates the Utah Energy Research Grant Program and the Utah Energy Research Fund. Appropriates \$1 m.	3	Support
HB 444 Recreational Vehicle Grant Program	Rep. Stenquist	Creates the Recreational Vehicle Grant Program and establishes funding for the program through associated fees, and describes the purposes of the Grant Program to improve recreational facilities. In House Rules.	3	Support
Substitute HB 447 Transplant of Wildlife Amendments	Rep. Chew	Requires the adoption of a mitigation plan before transplanting threatened or endangered species and big game animals, and changes procedural requirements for transplant of certain big game animals, including wolves and other predators. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 450 Landscaping Requirements	Rep. Wilcox	Clarifies that a homeowners association may not require a property owner to have more than 50% vegetative coverage on the property owner's property and may not prohibit or restrict planting of water wise plants.	3	Support
HB 469 Wildlife Related Amendments	Rep. Snider	Creates the Wildlife Land and Water Acquisition Fund and addresses other issues related to wildlife hunting and habitat.	3	Support
HB 482 Archaeological Resources Amendments	Rep. Doug Owens	Creates a Utah Archaeological and Historic Sites Assistance Fund to assist private landowners with identifying and protecting archaeological resources on the private landowners' land. Appropriates \$3 m. one-time.	3	Support
HB 488 Utah Lake Authority Amendments	Rep. Brammer	Changes membership requirements for the Utah Lake Authority Board.	3	Neutral

HB 491 Amendments Related to Great Salt Lake	Rep. Schultz	Creates the position of Great Salt Lake Commissioner appointed by the Governor and the Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner. Addresses the role of the Commissioner and coordination with state agencies, and requires the preparation of a strategic plan. Provides for exemption of records under GRAMA and adds a Great Salt Lake advocate to the Board of Water Resources. Passed House 73-0-2. In Senate NRAE.	1	Opposed unless amended
HB 493 Solid Waste Management Amendments	Rep. Jiminez	Provides that "Solid waste" does not include post-use polymers or recovered feedstock, as those terms are defined in Section 19-6-502, converted or held at an advanced recycling facility. Passed House. In Senate Rules.	2	Neutral
HB 513 Great Salt Lake Amendments	Rep. Snider	Modifies the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands' management responsibilities for the Great Salt Lake and establishes emergency management responsibilities and powers. Addresses mineral leases or royalty agreements and severance taxes, and provides for royalties for new elements and minerals to be extracted from GSL. Allows for diking within the lake, which we will try to amend out. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	1	Support if amended
HB 514 Fossil Fuels Tax Modifications	Rep. Briscoe	Imposes a carbon dioxide emissions tax, addressing rate and remittance requirements for tax on motor fuel, special fuel, aviation fuel, natural gas, large emitter emissions, and electricity. Creates restricted accounts in which to deposit carbon emissions tax revenue and provides the types of expenditures that may be made from these accounts, including removing the state sales tax on food and making the state EITC refundable. In House Rules.	2	Support

HB 527 Mining Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Modifies provisions related to mining operations in order to enable an end-run around Salt Lake County's actions to prohibit a large gravel pit operation in Parleys Canyon. In House Rules.	1	Oppose
HB 528 Utah Energy Act Amendments	Rep. Wilcox	Makes changes to the qualifications for certain energy related tax credits.	3	Studying
HB 535 Wind Energy Siting Amendments	Rep. Burton	Requires the owner of a wind energy facility to undergo the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse process before starting construction of a wind turbine or a wind energy facility to assure non-encroachment and no significant impact on the military.	3	Neutral
HB 538 Water Usage Amendments	Rep. Doug Owens	Establishes civil penalties for watering lawn or turf during a restricted period, and provides for use of water for the Great Salt Lake. In House NRAE.	2	Support
HB 542 Recycling Facility Transparency Amendments	Rep. Welton	Requires certain recycling facilities to publish information about the end location of recyclable materials.	3	Support
HB 562 Water Rights Inventory Requirements	Rep. Lyman	Requires a public water provider who must file an annual water use report with the Division of Water Rights to include with its annual water use data report a comprehensive inventory that includes its water rights, shares, contracts, and pending applications, as well as the amounts of water in acre feet therein. In House Rules.	1	Studying
HJR 11 Joint Resolution Establishing a State Social Cost of Carbon	Rep. Dailey-Provost	Recognizes the role of greenhouse gas emissions in driving global climate change and the significant risks posed by climate change to economic, human, and natural systems. Describes "social cost of carbon" estimates and their use in federal and state policymaking and resolves that the Legislature promotes the development or	2	Support

		adoption of state social cost of carbon estimates. In House Rules.		
HJR 25 Highlighting the Hazards of Net-Zero Energy	Rep. Ivory	Recognizes the threat that net-zero energy policies pose to affordable, reliable, dispatchable, and secure energy for the state.	3	Oppose
HCR 7 Supporting the Creation of the Great Salt Lake Sentinel Landscape	Rep. Lee	Encourages the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs and its partners to submit an application to establish the Great Salt Lake Sentinel Landscape. In House Rules.	3	Neutral
HCR 9 Concerning the Shutdown of Utah's Power by the Federal Government	Rep. Schultz	Opposes EPA's rule to limit ozone transport from Utah's coal-fired power plants.	3	Oppose
4 th Substitute SB 27 Transportation Revisions	Sen. Harper	Amends provisions related to station area plans for public transit and provisions related to the transfer of real property from the Department of Transportation and a large public transit district. Passed Senate. Passed House.	2	Support
Substitute SB 34 Water Infrastructure Funding Study	Sen. McCay	Directs the Department of Natural Resources create a working group to study the use of property tax revenue to fund water infrastructure, treatment, and delivery. Passed Senate. In House Rules (due to fiscal note).	2	Support
Substitute SB 53 Groundwater Use Amendments	Sen. Vickers	Clarifies that the use of surface water to artificially recharge an aquifer is a beneficial use under certain conditions. Passed Senate. Passed House.	1	Support

Substitute SB 62 Hydrogen Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Directs the Department of Natural Resources to establish a hydrogen advisory council within the Office of Energy Development which may advise on issues related to hydrogen.	3	Support
3 rd Substitute SB 75 Sand and Gravel Amendments	Sen. Sandall	This bill modifies the distribution of specified local property tax revenue. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Neutral
Substitute SB 76 Water Amendments	Sen. Sandall	Addresses coordination of planning related to water and land use, including requiring certain municipalities and counties to consult with state agencies and others in development of general plans. Appropriates \$890,000 for planning. Passed Senate. In House Rules (fiscal impact).	1	Support
SB 92 Special License Plate Designation	Sen. Plumb	Creates the Great Salt Lake Preservation support special group license plate and directs revenue generated license plate to be deposited into the Sovereign Lands Management Account to enhance preservation of the Great Salt Lake watershed and ecosystem. Passed Senate. Passed House.	2	Support
2 nd Substitute SB 107 Oil and Gas Severance Tax Amendments	Sen. Winterton	Creates the Impact Projects Restricted Account and directs the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board to award loans and grants from the restricted account for infrastructure projects intended to address the impacts of mineral resource development. Appropriates \$20 million one-time for construction of the Gate Canyon hydrocarbon highway. Passed Senate. In House Revenue and Taxation Committee.	1	Oppose

SB 112 Aquatic Invasive Species Amendments	Sen. Sandall	Requires the payment of a fee and display of an aquatic invasive species decal before launching or operating a vessel.	3	Support
2 nd Substitute SB 113 Local Agriculture Amendments	Sen. Sandall	Prohibits a municipality or a county from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or other regulation that prohibits or effectively prohibits the operation of a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) or the use of a working animal. Passed Senate. Passed House.	1	Oppose
3 rd Substitute SB 118 Water Efficient Landscaping Amendments	Sen. Sandall	Establishes a financial incentive program for the conversion of lawns or turf to water efficient landscaping. Passed Senate. In House Rules Committee (due to fiscal impact).	1	Support
SB 119 Per Capita Consumptive Use	Sen. McKell	Defines how per capita consumptive use is to be calculated, requires reporting, and regulates the publication or dissemination of consumptive water use numbers. Passed Senate. Passed House.	2	Oppose
SB 125 Transportation Infrastructure Amendments	Sen. Wilson	Designates the ASPIRE Engineering Research Center at Utah State University as the research center for strategic planning for electrification of transportation infrastructure and requires certain actions.	3	Support
SB 144 Water Instream Flow Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Allows for a fixed or temporary change application for a project to deliver water to a reservoir located partially or entirely within the state under certain conditions. Passed Senate. Passed House.	1	Support

SB 147 Department of Environmental Quality Adjudicative Proceedings Amendments	Sen. McKell	Removes the requirement that the administrative law judge in a DEQ adjudication be a member in good standing of the Utah State Bar. Passed Senate. In House NRAE Committee.	2	Oppose
SB 153 Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity Amendments	Sen. Winterton	Adds the executive directors of the Utah Inland Port, The Military Installation Development and the Point of the Mountain State Land Authorities to the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission.	3	Oppose
SB 191 Condominium and Community Association Amendments	Sen. Harper	Provides that a community association rule may not prohibit low water use on lawns during drought conditions and requires a newly formed community association to adopt required rules regarding water efficient landscaping.	3	Support
SB 211 Net Metering Energy Amendments	Sen. Harper	Makes changes to when an electrical corporation may discontinue offering a net metering program to customers not already participating in the program, requires an electrical corporation to provide credits to customers at the prevailing rate for customer-generated electricity, and requires unused credits be donated. Held in Senate PUET.	2	Studying
SB 219 Criminal Trespass and Privacy Amendments	Sen. Winterton	Amends the criminal trespass statute to include a trespass to capture data, information, or characteristics of property for which the owner has an expectation of privacy.	3	Neutral
SB 236 Legislative Water Development Commission Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Authorizes the Legislative Water Development Commission to open committee bill files related to the commission's duties.	3	Studying

<u>SB 241 Utah Inland Port Authority Amendments</u>	Sen. Stevenson	Makes a number of substantive changes to the existing statute, including requiring the Authority board to adopt a procurement policy, modifies the allowable uses of authority funds, including the use of funds for a conservation easement, modifying the allowable uses of property tax differential, and authorizes the Authority to create a remediation project area for the remediation of contaminated land. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	1	Oppose unless amended
<u>SB 249 Electric Energy Storage Amendments</u>	Sen. Blouin	Creates an income tax credit for the installation of a commercial energy storage system for use by commercial entities. Failed in Senate Revenue & Taxation 2-3-2.	2	Support
<u>SB 251 Secondary Water Metering Requirements</u>	Sen. Hinkins	Provides that a secondary water supplier is not required to meter every secondary water connection of the secondary water supplier's system if it meters at strategic points of the system as approved by the state engineer, under certain circumstances. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Neutral
<u>SB 252 Conservation Tax Incentives Amendments</u>	Sen. Riebe	Enacts corporate and individual tax credits for the purchase and installation of water efficient landscaping and fixtures in new homes. Failed in Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee 1-5-2.	2	Support
<u>SB 256 Severance Tax Revenue Amendments</u>	Sen. Hinkins	Modifies provisions related to the deposit and the timing of the deposit of severance tax revenue into state agency accounts. In Senate NRAE.	2	Studying
<u>SB 277 Water Conservation and Augmentation Amendments</u>	Sen. Sandall	Creates the Agricultural Water Optimization Committee and modifies the purposes for which money in the Water Infrastructure Restricted Account to fund a grant program for agricultural water optimization. Appropriates \$200 m. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	1	Support if amended

SB 280 Bear Lake Preservation Amendments	Sen. Wilson	Establishes that it is the policy of the state is to preserve current and historic uses of Bear Lake, respecting the public trust, the prevention of degradation in quality and function in and around Bear Lake, including mitigation of the use of Bear Lake as a reservoir. In Senate Rules.	2	Support
SCR 2 Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Environmental Impact of Idling	Sen. Fillmore	Encourages Utahns, businesses, and other entities to take steps to reduce idling.	3	Support
SCR 6 Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Great Salt Lake Elevation Targets	Sen. Blouin	Describes the current status of the Great Salt Lake, addresses the impacts of the Great Salt Lake on the state's economy, discusses the impacts of low lake levels, and recommends the adoption of a goal to devise and implement policies, incentives, and funding sources to return the Great Salt Lake to optimal levels. Failed.	2	Support
SCR 9 Opposing Efforts to Weaken the Economy	Sen. Wilson	Highlights how environmental, social and governance considerations in investing harms consumers and investors, supports the state treasurer, attorney general, state auditor, and state agencies in opposing ESG investing. (See also SB 96 , SB 97).	3	Oppose

Important Dates

January 17 First day of session

January 27 Last day to request bills or appropriations (by noon)

Last day to approve bills for numbering (by noon)

February 24 Last day for the Executive Appropriations Committee to complete all budget decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bills

February 28 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 1 Last day for legislators to prioritize bills and other programs with fiscal impact

March 1 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 3 Last day of session

March 23 Last day governor may sign or veto bills

May 2 Last day a veto-override session may begin

May 3 Normal effective date for bills

First day to file bills for the 2023 General Session

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