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Welcome to the 2023 Legislative Update

This issue includes highlights of week seven, 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!

Call on Governor Cox to VETO HB 469!

A hostile 3rd Substitute of HB 469 by Sen. Sandall allows for hunting or trapping of cougars with a license anywhere in Utah and at any time of the year. This is not based on sound science, but on bad information that cougar populations are increasing (they're not) and that this is responsible for declining deer herds (not!). And this degrades DWR's management plans and will lead to more wanton destruction of over 1/3 of Utah's cougar population each year.

Contact the Governor's Office at 801.538.1000 or write the Governor here: <https://governor.utah.gov/contact/> (use the "Request the Governor" link) The Governor may sign the bill any day between now and March 23, so act soon!

News of Week Seven (Week # 7)

There were four big wins for the environment in the final days. HB 527 Mining Operations Amendments for the Parley's Canyon gravel mine failed to get a committee hearing and died quietly. SB 107 was revamped, allowing a process for deciding how to allocate oil and gas severance tax revenues, giving hope that Nine Mile Canyon can be spared oil tanker truck traffic. HB 220 was revised and passed, requiring DEQ to identify bromine and other halogen sources, as well as study best practices for reducing these ozone pollution precursors. And funding we feared was for the LCC Gondola was instead for enhanced bus service, bus stops and road improvements and tolling in the canyon.

We were unable to amend HB 513 and SB 277 - both passed – as did HB 491. Regrettably, even a watered-down version of HB 538 failed.

Lastly and predictably, all good climate change and renewable energy-related bills failed, while the Legislature doubled down on support for fossil fuels.

Budget News

Legislators finished the Session with passage of the final Appropriations Adjustments (SB 3, aka Bill of Bills), funding bills with fiscal notes and making small, mostly technical adjustments.

In addition to the appropriations noted in the Update last week (week 5), here are others that weren't listed due to space constraints: \$30 m. for Water Infrastructure projects; \$12 m. for Cloud Seeding; \$50 m. for a Water Reuse Reservoir and Desalination; \$872,000 for Wasatch Front Ozone Monitoring; \$3 m. for Utah Water Ways; \$50 m. for Wasatch Front Aqueduct Resilience; and \$15 m. for an I-Max theater in the new Antelope Island Visitor Center.

What's Ahead

The normal effective date for bills passed to become law is May 3, which is also the first day a legislator may open a bill file or a request for appropriation. The last day for a veto override session is May 2. Interim Study days are normally set on the third Wednesday of the month, beginning May 17 this year, and continuing each month (except July) through November.

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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 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. Passed. | 3 | Support |
| HB 32 Outdoor Recreation Amendments | Rep. Stratton | Requires the Division of Outdoor Recreation to prepare a recreation management plan for Provo Canyon. Passed. | 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. Passed. | 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. Passed. | 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. Passed. | 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. Passed. | 3 | Neutral |

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| 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. | 2 | Support |
| HB 137 State Crustacean Designation | Rep. Lesser | Designates the brine shrimp as the state crustacean. Passed. | 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. Failed. | 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. | 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. Passed. | 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 of a conflict between land-use regulations related to airport overlay zones. Passed. | 3 | Support |

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| 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. Passed. | 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. | 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. Failed. | 3 | Neutral |
| 4 th Substitute HB 220 Emissions Reduction Amendments | Rep. Stoddard | A compromise 4 th Substitute requires the Division of Air Quality to do an inventory of halogen emissions on the Wasatch Front, and develop standards and plans to reduce these precursors to ozone pollution. Passed. | 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. | 2 | Support |

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| 3rd Substitute 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. Passed. | 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. Failed. | 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. Failed. | 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. Failed. | 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. Failed. | 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. Failed. | 2 | Oppose |

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| 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. Failed. | 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. Passed. | 3 | Support |
| 3 rd 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. Passed. | 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. | 2 | Support |
| HB 319 Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project | Rep. Chew | Repeals the sunset date for the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project. Passed. | 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. Passed. | 3 | Studying |
| HB 327 Pollinator Pilot Program Amendments | Rep. Matthews | Extends the sunset date for the Pollinator Pilot Program to July 1, 2026. Passed. | 3 | Support |

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| 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. Failed. | 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. | 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. | 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. Passed. | 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. Passed. | 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. Passed. | 3 | Oppose |

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| 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. Failed. | 3 | Support |
| 2nd 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. Passed. | 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 |
| 3rd Substitute HB 469 Wildlife Related Amendments | Rep. Snider | A hostile 3 rd Substitute by Sen. Sandall allows for hunting of cougars with a license anywhere in Utah and at any time of the year. Creates the Wildlife Land and Water Acquisition Fund and addresses other issues related to wildlife hunting and habitat. Passed. | 3 | Oppose and call for veto |
| 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. Passed. | 3 | Support |

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| HB 488 Utah Lake Authority Amendments | Rep. Brammer | Changes membership requirements for the Utah Lake Authority Board. Passed. | 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. | 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. | 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. Passed. | 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 | 2 | Support |

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| | | these accounts, including removing the state sales tax on food and making the state EITC refundable. Failed. | | |
| 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. Failed. | 1 | Oppose |
| HB 528 Utah Energy Act Amendments | Rep. Wilcox | Makes changes to the qualifications for certain energy related tax credits. Passed. | 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. Failed. | 3 | Neutral |
| 3rd Substitute 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. Failed. | 2 | Support |
| HB 542 Recycling Facility Transparency Amendments | Rep. Welton | Requires certain recycling facilities to publish information about the end location of recyclable materials. Failed. | 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. Failed. | 1 | Studying |

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| 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 adoption of state social cost of carbon estimates. Failed. | 2 | Support |
| 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. Failed. | 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. Passed. | 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. Passed. | 3 | Oppose |
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| 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. | 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. | 2 | Support |

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| 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. | 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. Passed. | 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. | 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. | 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. | 2 | Support |
| 4 th Substitute SB 107 Oil and Gas Severance Tax Amendments | Sen. Winterton | The watered-down 4 th Substitute directs the Division of Finance to transfer up to \$20 m. annually of “above trend” oil and gas severance revenues to the Transportation Investment Fund until these deposits reach a total of \$88.5 m. Passed. | 1 | Oppose |

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| 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. Passed. | 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. | 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. | 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. | 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. Passed. | 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. | 1 | Support |
| SB 147 Department of Environmental Quality Adjudicative | 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. | 2 | Oppose |

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| Proceedings Amendments | | | | |
| 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. Passed. | 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. Passed. | 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. Failed. | 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. Passed. | 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. Passed. | 3 | Neutral |

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| <u>2nd Substitute 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. Passed. | 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. | 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. Passed. | 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. | 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. Passed. | 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 |

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| 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. Failed. | 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. Passed. | 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). Passed. | 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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