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Each update provides key highlights for the prior weeks General Legislative Session and what is expected for the week ahead. The focus of this update are the Utah state legislation and actions for protecting wildlife and the environment. Questions and comments can be directed to Dan Strauch: strauchmail@yahoo.com.

About the Legislative Update

The *Legislative Update* is made possible by the Utah Audubon Council and contributing organizations. Each *Update* provides legislative actions, descriptions and updates throughout the Session and important dates and progress of key committees. For the most up-to-date information and for the names and contact information for legislators, check the Legislative website at www.le.utah.gov. The *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* is distributed after each Friday of the Session. Additional Action Alerts may also be distributed during the session. Please use this information to prepare you to contact your legislator with your opinions and concerns!

Weekly Update

This session starts with both the leaders of the Senate and House stating that there will not be any significant water bills during this session. The rationale, time is needed to determine the effectiveness and impact of the previous legislation. However, that does not mean that our focus should not remain on water management particularly with respect to sustaining the Great Salt Lake and its wetlands.

So, this sessions focus on water will be:

- 1) Appropriations (funding) for prior legislation and the GSL Commissioner. I believe that the impacts of prior legislation may be slow to realize is that many of the initiatives were not properly funded.
- 2) Tracking: there have been discussion of legislation that would require tracking and reporting of the water legislation passed previously. There was some pushback in interim committee discussion. We need to continue to advocate for a more formal and organized reporting on impacts.
- 3) Any water conservation/management bills that are proposed need our full support.

While I will be advocating at the Capitol, remember it is more impactful that legislators here from many individual

constituent's vs a "conservation" organization. So, please make sure to contact your representatives on bills of importance.

Early indications are, based on proposed legislation already published and from the announcements of leaders, energy (primarily securing fossil fuel energy production) will be a priority for this session. The legislators have been in a true philosophical battle with Rocky Mountain Power over energy costs and prioritization of fossil fuel generation vs non-carbon producing. I foresee a concerted effort on their part to find a means to force RMPs hand on fossil fuel generation.

I also expect legislation to facilitate Governor Cox's Operation Gigawatt. Specifically, on nuclear production. **HB249 Nuclear Power Amendments** is the first major step. A complex bill that may also facilitate fossil fuel production as well. This one will be followed.

Finally, land use wrt mining and development will remain a benefactor of the legislators. With the recent decision by the Supreme Court not to intervene on the land acquisition lawsuit, I expect more state level action to incentive and facilitate mining.

BILL TRACKING LIST

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

Position: Underline means initial position ... investigating further.

Bill	Sponsor	Description <i>Italics are UAC commentary/explanation</i> <i>Comments in orange are new/changed vs prior week.</i>	Topic	Status	Priority	Position
HOUSE BILLS PRE-SESSION						
<u>HB18</u> Petroleum Storage Tank Amendments	Rep. Steve Eliason	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ changes terms "underground" and "petroleum" as appropriate; ▶ provides that the Petroleum Storage Tank Restricted Account earns interest to be deposited into that account; ▶ addresses registration of underground storage tanks and aboveground petroleum storage tanks; ▶ addresses the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund, including authorization to request certain legislative appropriations; ▶ modifies assessment of an environmental assurance fee based on the cash balance of the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund; ▶ modifies the petroleum storage tank fee provisions; ▶ provides for certificates of compliance; ▶ clarifies restrictions on petroleum storage tank installation companies; ▶ directs certain monies be deposited into the Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup Fund; ▶ addresses claims not covered by the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund; 	Admin		Low	Support

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ clarifies language regarding liability; ▶ addresses eligibility for participation in the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund; and ▶ makes technical and conforming amendments. <p><i>Substantial changes, many are technical in nature. Those that are more substantial clarify the responsibilities and fees of tank installers. My read is clarifications are more stringent than previous version.</i></p>				
HB26 Road Jurisdiction Amendments	Rep. Karen M. Peterson	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ removes certain roads as state highways; and ▶ modifies the description of certain state highways. <p><i>Technical changes to highway names.</i></p>	Admin		Low	Neutral
HB34 State Campground Amendments	Rep. Steve Eliason	<p>This bill establishes the procedure for designating a state campground; addresses management of state campgrounds; and authorizes rulemaking by the Division of State Parks to: establish the process for completing and submitting an application; and administer management of a state campground.</p> <p><i>Provides clarity on the creation and management of state run campgrounds.</i></p>	Land use		Low	Support
HB36 Provo Canyon Resource Management Plan Amendments	Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion	<p>This bill extends the sunset date for the section related to the Provo Canyon resource management plan.</p>	Admin		Low	Neutral
HB41 State Water Policy Amendments	Rep. Carl Albrecht	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ addresses water quality in groundwater; ▶ removes language related to balancing certain values or needs in water policy; ▶ encourages monitoring of watersheds; ▶ promotes state water planning; ▶ accounts for regionally appropriate water reuse; and ▶ makes technical changes. 	Water		High	<u>Oppose</u>

		<i>Positive update to state water policy other than elimination of verbiage; "... balancing economic, social and environmental needs." This was late proposal from lame duck Rep. Jimenez. Oppose elimination of verbiage on principle.</i>				
HB46 Water Rights Applications Amendments	Rep. Doug Owens	This bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ addresses time frames related to reinstatement of a lapsed application; and ▶ makes technical changes. 	Water		Low	Neutral
HB47 Public Lands Watering Rights Amendments	Rep. Carl Albrecht	This bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ repeals language regarding livestock water use certificates; ▶ addresses when a federal land management agency reduces livestock grazing animal unit month (AUMs); ▶ addresses a claim under Public Water Reserve No. 107; and ▶ makes technical and conforming changes. <p><i>Complex legal water rights issue.</i></p> <p><i>This is based on a 19020's era executive order PWR107 setting aside land around water on public lands for grazing or human consumption. However, BLM has never completely inventoried such water sources. This requires that if the federal government claims water rights for water on federal land, they have the responsibility if to demonstrate that the water source meets the PR 107 timeline and quantify beneficial water rights. The water rights will then be determined through state processes.</i></p> <p><i>My research on this is that these changes clarify the process for the state engineer. All research shows that this has been poorly planned on state and federal levels and will most likely only be worked out through litigation.</i></p>	Land Use		Low	<u>Neutral</u>

<p>HB48 Wildland Urban Interface Modifications</p>	<p>Rep. Casey Snider</p>	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ requires counties to take certain actions related to wildland urban interface property, including assessing a fee; ▶ directs the fee to be retained by a county or deposited into the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund; ▶ addresses insuring wildland urban interface property; ▶ imposes notice requirements related to insuring wildland urban interface property; ▶ requires counties and municipalities to adopt the wildland urban interface building code standards; ▶ permits the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (division) to choose not to cover costs of local governments under certain circumstances; ▶ directs the division to establish a program for wildland urban interface coordinators to evaluate, using a triage scale, high risk wildland urban interface property; ▶ addresses actions related to evaluating the high risk wildland urban interface property; ▶ provides for a database to be accessed by certain insurers related to evaluating high risk wildland urban interface property; ▶ authorizes rulemaking; ▶ addresses liability; and ▶ makes technical changes. <p><i>Establishes fees for development near wildland to address fire hazard risks.</i></p>	<p>Admin</p>		<p>Low</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>HB67 Precious Metals Investment and Administration Amendments</p>	<p>Rep. K Ivory</p>	<p>This bill allows the state treasurer to deduct administrative costs for investing in precious metals from earnings generated by the investments in certain funds.</p> <p><i>Bill makes no substantive changes to existing law or incentives simply clarifies money uses in the fund.</i></p>	<p>Mining</p>		<p>Low</p>	<p>Neutral</p>

HB70 Decommissioned Asset Disposition Amendments	Rep. C. Jack	<p>This bill prohibits a project entity from: altering facilities that provide power to station service; disconnecting from or modifying existing interconnections and critical switchyard equipment; and taking actions that would require a new plant owner to make an interconnection request.</p> <p><i>This is another means to prevent the decommissioning of coal fired power plants.</i></p>	Coal		Low	<u>Oppose</u>
HB72 Electricity Rate Amendments	Rep. C. Albrecht	<p>This bill establishes requirements for the Public Service Commission to prioritize Utah ratepayer interests when allocating utility costs; prohibits cost recovery from Utah ratepayers for facilities and programs primarily benefiting other states; eliminates electrical corporation energy balancing account cost recovery for costs incurred after December 31, 2024; and maintains existing energy balancing account provisions for costs incurred before December 31, 2024.</p> <p><i>While this appears a means to control electricity cost increases, it may also be a back door to solidifying coal as primary and future power source in Utah.</i></p>	Coal		Low	<u>Oppose</u>
HB85 Environmental Permitting Modifications	Rep. T. Clancy	<p>This bill requires the Division of Air Quality (division) to develop and publish guidance and rules related to federal plantwide applicability limitations; requires the division to review the division's rules related to permit by rule registration; adds a repeal date for the sections related to plantwide applicability limitations and permit by rule registration.</p> <p><i>I will listen to any committee discussion. As I read this now, this could simply be changes to help clarify federal requirements or it could be a means to further challenge EPA air quality standards.</i></p>	Air		High	<u>Neutral</u>

HB89 Water Transfer Amendments	Rep. G. Bennion	This bill prohibits the transfer of water shares via small estate probate procedures involving an affidavit.	Water		Low	Support
HB103 Public Land Access Road Amendments	Rep. T. Shelley	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ requires the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) and the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) to identify certain roads that provide access to the state lands; ▸ requires PLPCO and SITLA to record with the relevant county recorder's office notice of the access roads relevant to state lands; ▸ exempts class A, class B, and class C roads from the notice requirements; and ▸ codifies a provision to ensure that title to a class D road abandoned by a county reverts to the state. <p><i>I read this as a requirement to map roads on state land so if sold or transferred, particularly to federal government, this is evidence to keep roads open for "traffic use" (OHV). However, it is a very specific requirement for mapping only.</i></p>	Road		Low	<u>Neutral</u>
HB115 State Park Funding Amendments	Rep. W. Brooks	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ allows interest earned on the money in the State Park Fees Restricted Account to remain in the account. <p><i>Creates more funds for state parks through interest.</i></p>	Land		Low	Support
HB119 Solar Panel Restrictions in Homeowners Associations Amendments	Rep. D. Owens	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ stops a homeowners association from prohibiting solar panel installation; and ▸ authorizes a homeowners association to restrict solar panel installation. 	Solar		Low	<u>Support</u>
HB147 Aquatic Invasive Species	Rep. Shipp	<p>This bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ exempts an owner or operator of certain vessels from requirements related to invasive species and 	Admin		Low	Neutral

		<p>launching or operating the vessel on waters of the state.</p> <p><i>Exempts nonmotorized boats and inflatable motorized from the inspection fee.</i></p>				
HB153 Hunting Requirements	Rep. Shipp	<p>This bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ allows for compensating up to three individuals in locating or monitoring the location of big game animals on public land; ▶ provides an exemption under certain circumstances for an individual disclosing the location of a big game animal; ▶ clarifies effect of violating provisions related to compensating people to locate big game animals. <p><i>Changes to existing statute. Main change is expansion from 1 to 3 of compensated individuals that monitor big game and provide location to a hunting guide.</i></p>	Admin		Low	Neutral
HB157 Energy Education Amendments	Rep. C. Jack	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ requires the Office of Energy Development (office) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •develop and maintain energy education programs and curricula for grades K-12; •develop and provide professional development training for educators; •develop energy related workforce development programs; and •establish the Energy Education and Workforce Development Task Force ▶ outlines the responsibilities and duties of the task force; and ▶ requires the office to report annually to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee. 	Admin		Low	<u>Oppose</u>

		<i>Content is not specified but seems means to establish "coal first" education. Will monitor committee conversations.</i>				
HB174 Water Rights Restricted Account	Rep. Albrecht	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ addresses money for obtaining legal support. <p><i>Allows funds in the restricted account to be used for legal services.</i></p> <p><i>Primarily the funds in the account are for studies and monitoring of water and infrastructure. Position OPPOSE but will follow and if the legal support is limited to executing on the primary purpose then will shift to SUPPORT, if for any legal support then maintain OPPOSE</i></p>	Admin		1	<u>Oppose</u>
HB185 Railroad Modifications	Rep. Clancy	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ requires the Division of Air Quality (division) to conduct an inventory related to emissions from railyards in certain counties in the state; ▸ requires the division to propose an emissions reduction plan for emissions from certain railroad locomotives to be implemented by December 31, 2027; ▸ requires the division to recommend state action for implementing the emissions reduction plan; and ▸ requires the division to report on the inventory, plan, and recommendations. 	Air		High	Support
HB201 Energy Resource Amendments	Rep. Jack	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ requires full cost attribution for supplemental resources in integrated resource plans; ▸ establishes requirements for calculating generation capacity; ▸ prohibits certain involuntary demand management programs. <p><i>Again, complex but hard not to read as a means to de-incentive non fossil fuel energy options.</i></p>	Coal		High	<u>Oppose</u>

HB229 Transportation Funds Amendments	Rep. Christofferson	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ amends provisions related to corridor preservation to include fixed guideway public transit facilities for corridor preservation. <p><i>Technical changes to this bill. I will have to follow but my early read is that this protects "transportation corridors" for the inland ports.</i></p> <p><i>Will track.</i></p>	Land Use		High	<u>Oppose</u>
HB241 Solar Power Plan Amendments	Rep. Jack	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ establishes location and design standards for solar power plants; ▶ sets requirements for lot size, height, setbacks, noise levels, and visual appearance; ▶ prohibits solar power plants in certain areas; ▶ requires a decommissioning plan and fund; ▶ establishes a permit application and review process; and ▶ provides for severability. <p><i>Need to listen to debates. I question if these requirements are onerous and therefore de-incentivizing solar power plant creation.</i></p>	Solar		High	<u>Neutral</u>
HB243 Agriculture Water Optimization Amendments	Rep. Snider	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ allows the Agricultural Water Optimization Committee to use certain money to fund research; ▶ modifies eligibility requirements related to grants for agricultural water optimization; and ▶ makes technical and conforming amendments. <p><i>More uses of water optimization fund.</i></p>	Water		High	Support
HB244 Wildlife Management Area Amendments	Rep. Snider	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ directs the creation of a wildlife management area known as the Bear River Bay Waterfowl Management Area; 	Habitat		High	<u>Support</u>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ provides limits and requirements related to the Bear River Bay Waterfowl Management Area; ▸ removes restrictions on impounding structures in certain waterfowl management areas; ▸ removes prohibitions related to the regulation of airboats or small watercraft in certain waterfowl management areas. <p><i>Generally a support, will watch to understand the language removing the prohibition on impounding structures.</i></p>				
HB249 Nuclear Power Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ creates the Nuclear Energy Consortium within the Office of Energy Development (office) and establishes its membership and duties; ▸ creates the Utah Energy Council within the office and establishes its membership and duties; ▸ modifies the duties and name of the Utah San Rafael Energy Lab Board; ▸ establishes a process for designating electrical energy development zones; ▸ creates the Electrical Energy Development Investment Fund and provides for its administration; and ▸ establishes authorized uses of fund money. <p><i>Major bill. Will need to consult with Utah Clean Energy. Rep Albrecht was staunch opponent of RMP. Initial read is this is means to pull away from RMP which would mean more reliance on coal.</i></p> <p><i>Update to come.</i></p>	Nuclear		High	<u>Neutral</u>
HB255 Local Land Use Modifications	Rep. Chew	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ authorizes an owner of at least 50 contiguous acres of agricultural land in a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class to create a new lot that, after the division, is separate from the remainder 	Land Use		Low	Oppose

		<p>of the original 50 contiguous acres of agricultural land;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ provides that a minor subdivision lot may not be less than 500 feet from another minor subdivision lot within the same divided agricultural property. <p><i>Appears a means to ease agricultural land sub-division for development.</i></p>				
RESOLUTIONS PRE-SESSION						
HCR1 House Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Grand County Water Conservancy District	Rep. Carl Albrecht	<p>This resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ urges Congress to transfer to the Grand County Water Conservancy District water infrastructure owned by the federal government for the conveyance of water from the Green River to the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action project site. <p><i>Seems innocuous on face but I am concerned there are additional plans. Will need to watch.</i></p>	Water		Low	<u>Oppose</u>
SCR3 Senate Concurrent Resolution Regarding Utah's Authority to Determine its Energy Future	Sen. Harper	<p>This resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ affirms that the authority to determine energy policies substantially affecting the well-being of state residents is among the powers reserved to the states under the Tenth Amendment; ▶ asserts Utah's right to play a primary role in determining energy policies within its borders, including decisions about energy development and facility siting; ▶ calls upon the federal government to recognize states' constitutional authority and superior positioning to make location-specific decisions about energy projects; ▶ urges the federal government to limit its role in energy regulation to matters of interstate commerce and national security; ▶ requests meaningful, early, and ongoing consultation between federal agencies and states 	Energy		Low	<u>Oppose</u>

		<p>when developing energy-related policies or regulations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ encourages Congress to pass legislation requiring federal agencies to demonstrate adequate consultation with states before implementing energy-related regulations; and ▶ calls for the creation of formal mechanisms for state input in federal energy policy decisions. 				
SENATE BILLS PRE-SESSION						
SB30 Forest Fire Resources Compacts Amendments	Sen. Derrin Owens	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ empowers the governor to enter into the compact related to forest fires in the form provided in statute. 	Admin		Low	Neutral
SB33 Water Rights Recording Amendments	Sen. Evan Vickers	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ allows certain signatures to be by facsimile or electronic means; and ▶ makes technical changes. 	Water		Low	Neutral
SB34 Mineral Surety Study	Sen. Derrin Owens	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ defines "surety" for purpose of the study; ▶ requires the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (division) to study certain surety issues; ▶ directs the division to make a report; and ▶ provides a repeal date. <p><i>Study will look at needed surety requirements from mining companies wrt mine closure and clean up.</i></p> <p><i>Support study but will be interested to see study results if more proposals for tax payers to absorb costs.</i></p>	Mining		High	<u>Support</u>
SB36 Water Quality Board Modifications	Sen. Todd Weiler	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ establishes a process for the Utah Water Quality Board to review settlement negotiation between the director and a party in alleged violation of the Utah Water Quality Act; and 	Water		Low	Neutral

		<p>▶ authorizes the Utah Water Quality Board to issue a final order establishing a reasonable penalty in ongoing settlement negotiations.</p> <p><i>Specific changes to address disputes.</i></p>				
SB51 State Resource Plan Modifications	Sen. K. Stratton	<p>This bill adopts a state resource management plan to replace a previously adopted plan.</p> <p><i>I have read the plan. No significant changes overall. Nothing overtly negative but certainly no progressive environmental measures.</i></p>	Admin		Low	Neutral
SB61 Energy Corridor Amendments	Sen. D.R. Owens	<p>This bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ requires a person filing an eminent domain action for certain telecommunications, electric light, and electric power infrastructure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conduct an infrastructure siting analysis; and • coordinate with federal land management agencies before pursuing condemnation of private lands; ▶ modifies the requirements for certain eminent domain complaints to include infrastructure siting analysis and federal agency coordination documentation; ▶ requires a public utility to submit an annual report on eminent domain actions and efforts to utilize federal public lands to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee. <p><i>Clarifies and adds requirements to seize private land via eminent domain.</i></p>	Land Use		Low	Support
SB62 Spaceport Exploration Committee	Sen. J. Stevenson	<p>This bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ creates the Spaceport Exploration Committee; and ▶ establishes membership and duties of the committee. 	Land Use		Low	<u>Neutral</u>

		<p><i>Another significant development project that would impact; land, energy, air, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Need to monitor debates and better understand background.</i></p> <p><i>At this time, this only establishes a committee to conduct a study and make recommendation, concern is that this is simply a “go forward.”</i></p>				
SB63 Waste Tire Recycling	Sen. E. Vickers	<p>This bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ modifies definitions; ▶ exempts landfills from restrictions on accepting waste tires if the landfill uses a mobile facility to reduce the size of waste tires; ▶ allows shredded or chipped waste tires to be disposed of in a landfill; ▶ allows an owner or operator of a landfill in a county of the third through sixth class to apply for reimbursement for waste tires disposed of in the owner or operator's landfill. <p><i>This bill clarifies and adds requirements on allowing tires to be disposed in landfills. Does not allow disposal not already in statute.</i></p>	Admin		Low	Support
SB80 Drinking Water Amendments	Sen. Sandall	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ requires the Department of Environmental Quality to establish a fee schedule; ▶ outlines requirements related to the fee schedule; ▶ allows the Department of Environmental Quality to establish a financial incentive to comply with certain criteria; ▶ provides for the collection of fees; ▶ creates an exemption related to wholesale water suppliers; ▶ provides that fees are treated as dedicated credits; and ▶ requires monitoring of fees. 	Admin		High	<u>Support</u>

		<p><i>Sen. Sandall has previously proposed legislation to collect fees to ensure adequate testing of drinking water given the increase in consumption and funding has been provided at a state level. This bill also provides for incentives if water systems implement tiered rate systems, which encourage conservation, therefore I rank as HIGH importance.</i></p> <p><i>This bill modifies the chapter of code on Safe Drinking Water, so appears a follow up to previous bills.</i></p> <p><i>Need to listen to discussion to determine the intent.</i></p>				
SB92 Golf Course Amendments	Sen. McCay	<p>This bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ makes a record of water data regarding golf courses prepared for and provided to the Utah State University Institute of Land, Air, and Water pursuant to statute a protected record under the Government Records Access and Management Act; ▶ defines terms; ▶ requires a study of water use by golf courses; ▶ outlines a process to be followed in conducting and reporting on the study; ▶ requires the Division of State Parks to develop a master plan for state-owned golf courses and to report on the master plan. <p><i>While this bill does keep the water usage data by course protected it actually has many positive requirements for working with golf courses on water conservation and allows for publication of “de-identified” data.</i></p> <p><i>Support overall bill ... express objection to the protection requirement.</i></p>	Water		High	<u>Support</u>

SB124 Landscaping Procurement Amendments	Sen. Pitcher	This bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ creates a timeline of increasing prohibitions on the use of gasoline-powered lawn equipment for the performance of landscape maintenance of state government facilities. 	Air		High	Support
SB131 Water Commitment Amendments	Sen. Blouin	This bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ permits a commitment of available water to uses on sovereign lands to be included in a water conservation plan. 	Water		High	Support
SB132 Electric Utility Amendments	Sen. Sandall	This bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ establishes requirements for submitting and processing large-scale electrical service requests; ▸ requires the Public Service Commission to review large load contracts; ▸ creates requirements for electrical corporations serving large loads; ▸ establishes registration and operating requirements for large-scale generation providers; ▸ requires separate accounting for large load service costs; ▸ prohibits cost shifting to other electrical customers; and ▸ requires financial security and insurance for large-scale service. 	Admin		High	Support
SB139 Mineral Rights Amendments	Rep. Winterton	This bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ prohibits the taking of a fee simple interest in land if an easement interest suffices; and ▸ requires for separate payment of just compensation for a mineral estate taken by eminent domain. 	Mining		Low	Neutral