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Welcome to the 2022 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 contact information for all legislators, or participate remotely, 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!

HB 476 Local Agricultural Amendments would prohibit local governments from deciding whether they want to have Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in their communities. This is part of a big play to proliferate these big agribusiness CAFOs in rural counties that could endanger health, water, groundwater and quality of life. Tell legislators to support small farmers and ranchers, not giant ag conglomerates. HB 476 is in House NRAE committee Monday morning.

HB 443 - Utah Inland Port Authority Amendments is also up for a Senate hearing Monday morning. Let legislators know that we oppose this anti-democratic encroachment on local government powers and representation.

Support HJR 16 to swap out state lands in-holdings in Bears Ears NM for more developable federal lands.

News of Week Six (Week # 6)

Utah Lake Authority (HB 232) that we oppose, passed the House and is now on the Senate calendar. So is HB 240, which we support. This issue will be around for a long while. In other “Authority” news, HB 443, SB 160 and SB 232 (MIDA) advanced the concentration of power in fewer unaccountable hands. HB 405 would require clean freight switcher engines in the Inland port. SB 136 was watered down but will study port air quality impacts if passed.

Fare Free UTA (HB 164) was heard and held, and the EV charging bill (HB 189) also went down to a narrow defeat in the House. Jordan River improvement bills (HB 173 and 319) moved toward enactment.

Budget News

The “Additional Proposed Funding Items” were adopted by EAC Friday. While there may be some changes made, the budget bills must be passed by Wednesday. So there is still time to pressure legislative leaders to add or reduce funding.

It looks like a big year for investing in Utah’s water future: \$30 m. for Utah Lake projects, \$50 m. for ag optimization; \$40 m. for Great Salt Lake; \$200 m. for secondary water metering; \$5 m. for HB 429; \$875,000 for waterbird studies; \$5 m. for turf removal (HB 121); \$2 m. for education about GSL; and funding to enforce laws against driving on GSL

lakebed. Lastly, in a gratifying win for Great Basin Water Network and allies, a \$5.2 m. request for the Cedar City Water Grab was not funded.

Mostly good news too for air quality and environment funds: \$3 m. was approved for EV infrastructure in rural Utah and \$8.6 m. in federal funds will go toward a major expansion of air quality monitoring.

What’s Ahead

Standing Committees will meet Monday and Tuesday for the last time from 8-10 and 4-6 and both chambers will be on the floor 10-12 and 2-4. The House will “wipe the boards” at the end of each day starting Tuesday night, and the Rules Committees control what gets prioritized. It will be floor time all the time Wednesday to sine die Friday midnight. Here are the calendars for (the last) Week 7:

House: <https://le.utah.gov/~2022/schedule/h7.pdf>

Senate: <https://le.utah.gov/~2022/schedule/s7.pdf>

Rules Committees

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BILL TRACKING LIST

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

Bill	Sponsor	Description/Status	Priority	Position
HB 5 NRAE Base Budget	Rep. Barlow	Enacts the base budgets for the Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Quality for Fiscal Year 2023. Passed House. Passed Senate.	1	Support
Substitute HB 21 School and Child Care Water Testing Requirements	Rep. Handy	Substitute bill requires each child care center to test their water taps and submit samples to a certified lab by 12/21/2023, and schools may do so. Funding is removed from the bill. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
Substitute HB 33 Instream Flow Amendments	Rep. Ferry	Allows water rights to be used to improve Great Salt Lake levels and other sovereign lands to benefit wildlife, state parks management, and the natural aquatic environment. Amends the process by which a change application for instream flow or use on sovereign lands is considered to encourage diversion and use for instream purposes. Allows the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to hold a water right for the benefit of sovereign lands. Passed House. Passed Senate.	1	Support
HB 37 State Water Policy Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Adds aquifer recharge or storage to policies promoted in the State Water Policy. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Neutral
5th Substitute HB 62 Big Game Amendments	Rep. Snider	Modifies provisions related to damage by big game animals to cultivated crops, livestock forage, fences, or irrigation equipment. Addresses under what circumstances a landowner or lessee may kill a big game animal, amends provisions related to compensation for damage caused by a big game animal, and addresses appeals. Passed House. Passed Senate 23-0-6 on 2/23.	3	Studying

2 nd Substitute HB 64 Drinking Water Amendments	Rep. Watkins	Creates the Drinking Water Capacity Account. Latest Substitute appropriates \$1,563,300 of on-going General Fund to the DEQ Division of Drinking may be used for compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and for planning and technical assistance. Passed House. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 78 Wildlife Conservation Fund	Rep. Snider	Creates the Wildlife Conservation Fund and outlines what the fund consists of and how it can be distributed. Passed House NRAE Standing Committee 1/21. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
Substitute HB 88 License Plate Revisions	Rep. Handy	Creates the Utah Dark Sky support special group license plate and directs funds from the purchase of the plate to the Division of State Parks to advance the Utah State Parks dark sky initiative. Passed House. On Senate Consent Calendar.		
3 rd Substitute HB 95 Landscape Requirement Prohibition	Rep. Ward	Prohibits cities and counties and certain private entities from requiring a property owner or resident to plant or maintain lawn or turf through land use regulations. Held in House Political Subdivisions Committee.	2	Support
HB 109 Death Certificate Amendments	Rep. Handy	Allows a health care professional to indicate that air pollution factored into an individual's death on the individual's death certificate. In House Rules.	3	Support
HB 112 Animal Fighting Penalties	Rep. Judkins	Prohibits cruelty or abandonment of animals. Passed House. In Senate NRAE.	3	Support
HB 115 Water Distribution Efficiency	Rep. Ballard	Amended bill requires water suppliers of 1,500+ connections and water conservancy districts to adopt water loss standards, identify the amount of water lost within their systems, take one or more actions to address this loss, and describe this in their annual reports. Failed in House.	2	Support

Substitute HB 118 Wetlands Amendments	Rep. Snider	Requires the collection and publication of wetland data and a study of the viability of an in-lieu fee program for wetland mitigation. Passed House. Passed Senate 24-0-5 on 2/23.	2	Support
Substitute HB 121 Water Conservation Requirements	Rep. Spendlove	Substitute removes the prohibition of lawn requirements by cities and counties, homeowners associations, condominiums and mobile home parks. Imposes requirements related to water conservation at state government facilities and by state agencies, provides monetary incentives to replace lawn or turf with drought resistant landscaping. Passed House. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 129 Navigable Water Determinations	Rep. Hawkes	Modifies the Public Waters Access Act to provide an administrative process to determine navigability of waters for purposes of public recreational (stream) access. Requires the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to publish a list of navigable waters in the state. In House Rules.	1	Support
HB 131 Watershed Restoration Amendments	Rep. Bennion	Creates the Watershed Restoration Initiative within the Department of Natural Resources to manage, restore, and improve watershed ecosystems throughout the state by improving watershed health and biological diversity, water quality and yield, and opportunities for sustainable uses of natural resources. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 135 Open and Public Meeting Comment Requirements	Rep. Brammer	Requires a public body holding an open meeting to allow a reasonable opportunity for the public to provide verbal comment at the meeting. Substitute bill exempts the Legislature, Planning Commissions and work meetings. Passed House. Failed in Senate 13-9-7 on 2/22.	3	Support

HB 156 Sales and Use Tax Refund Amendments	Rep. Watkins	Enacts a refund of state sales and use tax paid for the purchase or lease of machinery, equipment, normal operating repair or replacement parts, or materials by an oil and gas extraction establishment or a pipeline transportation establishment. Failed.	3	Oppose
Substitute HB 157 Sovereign Lands Revenue Amendments	Rep. Hawkes	Specifies that money in the Sovereign Lands Management Account may only be used for the management and direct benefit of sovereign lands. Creates a Great Salt Lake Account which shall receive royalties from mineral production from the Lake and may be spent on managing the water levels of Great Salt Lake. Passed House. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	1	Support
HB 164 Public Transit Fares	Rep. Briscoe	Eliminates all fares on UTA conveyances. Held in House Revenue and Taxation Committee.	2	Support
HB 166 Water Facility Amendments	Rep. Watkins	Modifies criminal and civil provisions related to interfering with water facilities, including defining terms and amending criminal intent provisions, and clarifies award of attorney fees and costs. Passed House. Passed Senate 22-0-7 on 2/25.	3	Neutral
HB 168 Preferences of Water Rights Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	Requires the state engineer to study how the state should address preferred uses of water during a temporary water shortage emergency and enacts a provision related to a temporary water shortage emergency with a delayed effective date. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Studying
HB 173 Jordan River Recreation Area Amendments	Rep. Winder	Increases the size of the Jordan River Recreation Area or zone and appropriates \$475,000 one-time for projects to expand educational and recreational programs within the Area. Passed House. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support

2 nd Substitute HB 186 Vehicle Registration Amendments	Rep. Ward	Amends the motor vehicle registration fee for electric vehicles and certain other alternate fuel vehicles and sets the road usage (per-mile) charge rate and road usage charge cap for subject vehicles. Substitute bill increases charges in by years and as determined by the Tax Commission. Passed House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
HB 189 Vehicle Charging Modifications	Rep. Briscoe	Allows a renter or a property owner in a condominium association or community association to install and use an electric vehicle charging system if that person pays all associated costs. Passed House Political Subdivisions 7-2-1. Failed in House 37-36-2 on 2/25.	3	Support
HB 204 Trust Land Disposal Requirements	Rep. Snider	Requires the director of SITLA to invite input from local legislators before advertising a proposed sale of trust lands and restricts advertising for a sale of more than 5000 contiguous acres to 15 days before a legislative session. In House NRAE.	3	Studying
HB 221 Tax Credit for Alternative Fuel Vehicles	Rep. Harrison	Enacts a nonrefundable corporate and individual income tax credit of up to \$3,000 for the purchase or lease of an alternative fuel vehicle. In House Rules.	2	Support
HB 227 Recreational Trails	Rep. Dailey- Provost	Provides that the Utah Division of Recreation may facilitate a recreational trail network, including categories of trails and consideration of the multi-uses of a recreational trail, establishes a complaint procedure, addresses funding of recreational trails. In House Rules.	2	Support
HB 232 Utah Lake Authority	Rep. Brammer	Creates the Utah Lake Authority and defines its purposes, powers, duties, policies, and objectives. Establishes its governing board, provides for Authority to be paid certain sales tax revenue and other sources of revenue, provides for the allowable uses of revenue, and authorizes the	1	Oppose

		Authority to issue bonds. Passed House. Passed Senate NRAE 4-3-1 on 2/25. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.		
Substitute HB 240 Utah Lake Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Allows that the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands may not dispose of, but may recommend disposal of state lands in and around Utah Lake for a comprehensive “restoration” proposal (e.g. Utah Lake Restoration Solutions). Disposal requires approval of the Legislature and the Governor determining that it is fiscally sound and fair method to achieve comprehensive restoration of the Lake. Passed House 68-3-4 on 2/22. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	1	Support
Substitute HB 242 Secondary Water Metering Amendments	Rep. Val Peterson	Requires all pressurized secondary water use be metered by 2030, provides for penalties for failure to comply with metering requirements, and sets conditions for receiving grants, including financial participation by secondary water suppliers to fund metering. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	1	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 244 Geologic Carbon Sequestration	Rep. Handy	Authorizes the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining and the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining to establish regulations for the geologic storage of carbon. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 250 Environ- mental Quality Revenue Amendments	Rep. Barlow	Changes where fees for registration, licensing, and inspection of radiation sources are to be deposited, clarifies the revenue sources of the Hazardous Substances Mitigation Fund, and changes where fees for registration of waste tire transporters and recyclers are to be deposited. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd .	3	Support
HB 253 Large Concentrated Agricultural Feeding	Rep. Ferry	Removes the date by which counties are to adopt a county large concentrated animal feeding operation land use	2	Oppose

Operations Amendments		ordinance. In House Revenue and Taxation Committee.		
HB 263 Utah Watershed Councils Amendments	Rep. Chew	Adds a water lawyer to the membership of the Utah Watersheds Council. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
2 nd Substitute HB 269 Capital Assets for Water	Rep. Stratton	Requires water providers to adopt and implement policies and plans for maintenance, operations, repair, and replacement of their capital assets. Passed House 40-32-3 on 2/17. Held in Senate NRAE.	2	Support
HB 271 Water Releases Amendments	Rep. Lisonbee	Prohibits, except in the case of an emergency, an operator of a dam or reservoir on the Provo or Weber Rivers from increasing the flow rate of that dam or reservoir in an amount that is greater than 25% of the total flow every 15 minutes within a natural channel. Sent to House Rules.	2	Studying
HB 275 Vehicle Emissions Reduction Amendments	Rep. Stenquist	Creates the Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program and Restricted Account to provide assistance of up to \$6,500 for eligible individuals for purchase of certain low emissions vehicles and trade-in of high emissions vehicles. Failed.	2	Support
HB 279 Regional Transmission Organization Study	Rep. Handy	Requires the Public Service Commission to study the costs and benefits of joining a Regional Transmission Organization – a wholesale market established for the purpose of coordinating and efficiently managing the dispatch and transmission of electricity among public utilities on a multi-state or regional basis. In House PUET.	3	Support
HB 281 Transplants of Wildlife Amendments	Rep. Chew	Requires the Wildlife Board to adopt a mitigation plan before transplanting big game animals, wild turkeys, wolves, or threatened or endangered animal species. Held in House NRAE Committee.	3	Support

Substitute HB 282 Water Wise Landscaping Amendments	Rep. Wilcox	Prohibits municipalities, counties or associations from prohibiting water wise landscaping and authorizes certain landscaping requirements. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 286 Mining Surety Amendments	Rep. Lyman	Exempts the state and political subdivisions from the requirement to provide surety related to reclamation of a mining operation. In House Political Subdivisions Committee.	2	Studying
HB 298 State Crustacean Designation	Rep. Lesser	Designates the brine shrimp (<i>Artemia franciscana</i>) as the state crustacean. Passed House 63-4-8 on 4/22. In House NRAE.	3	Support
HB 305 Natural Resources Revisions	Rep. Ferry	Merges the Office of Outdoor Recreation into the Division of Outdoor Recreation, addressing its powers and duties, administration of grants, the transition, and reporting requirements. Creates the Division of Conservation within the Department of Agriculture and Food and provides for coordination of conservation efforts. Passed House 48-22-5 on 2/22. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 311 Alternative Fuel Heavy Vehicle Amendments	Rep. Ballard	Provides a corporate and an individual nonrefundable tax credit for the purchase of certain alternative fuel heavy equipment. Authorizes the Utah Inland Port Authority to provide a matching grant to any person who qualifies for the tax credit. Passed House 46-28-1 on 2/23. In Senate NRAE.	2	Support
HB 312 State Financial Contracts Amendments	Rep. Shipp	Prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract for financial services with a financial company that has a policy of refusing to finance fossil fuel companies. Held in House Business & Labor Committee.	2	Oppose

HB 317 Off-Highway Vehicle Amendments	Rep. Doug Owens	Clarifies that "motor vehicle" includes an off-highway vehicle in the context of prohibiting operation of a motor vehicle on the bed of a navigable lake (e.g. Great Salt Lake). Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	1	Support
Substitute HB 319 Jordan River Improvements Amendments	Rep. Acton	Directs the Jordan River Commission to work with the Department of Transportation regarding safety, signage and storm water run-off issues related to state highways and the Jordan River. Passed House 60-10-5 on 2/17. On Senate Consent Calendar.	3	Support
HB 343 Water Supply Amendments	Rep. Lyman	Requires a municipality to provide culinary water to dwellings in a defined "contract service area" outside of its designated service area. In House Rules.	2	Oppose
HB 349 Recreation Activity Funding Amendments	Rep. Stenquist	Creates and funds the Recreation Activities Restricted Account with a portion of the sales tax remitted by sporting goods sellers. In House Revenue & Taxation.	3	Studying
HB 377 Water Rights Adjudication Amendments	Rep. Kohler	Allows the State Engineer to recommend to the court dismissal of a claimant's claim if they fail to respond to a request for additional information or to seek an inter-locutory judgment if on water rights is not contested. Passed House 71-1-3 on 2/24. In Senate NRAE.	3	Studying
2 nd Substitute HB378 Mining Operations Amendments	Rep. Lund	Excludes the removal of boulders from the definition of mining operation. Passed House 68-0-7 on 2/25. In Senate Rules.	2	Neutral
HB 381 State Park Designation	Rep. Eliason	Authorizes the Division of State Parks to accept donations of land or facilities, engage in land transfers, and purchase land and facilities for the creation of Monte Cristo State Park. Appropriates \$20 m. one-time and \$450,000 on-going to the Division. In House Rules.	3	Studying

HB 393 Water Reporting Amendments	Rep. Ferry	Requires the state engineer to conduct a study regarding the current effect on the water cycle of the use of water to cool power plants, the potential effect on the water cycle of the use of water to create hydrogen through coal gasification or steam methane reforming, and the potential effect on the water cycle of the use of electrolysis with water to create hydrogen to power a power plant. On House 69-0-6 on 2/24. In Senate NRAE.	2	Support
HB 394 Recycling Transparency Amendments	Rep. Welton	Requires a recycler who bills customers through a political subdivision's billing and collection system to publish data about the end location of recyclable materials collected by the recycler. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Studying
HB 405 Switcher Amendments	Rep. Schultz	Requires the owner of a rail switcher engine to ensure that the switcher is powered wholly by a hydrogen fuel cell or battery-electric power if the switcher is located at a rail yard in the state that has four or more switchers at the rail yard by no later than January 1, 2028. Passed House 69-0-6 on 2/22. In Senate TPUET.	1	Support
HB 409 Recreation Infrastructure	Rep. Snider	Creates the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Restricted Account. Diverts a percentage of General Fund revenue to that account, estimated at \$38 m. on-going and \$36 m. one-time. In House 70-3-2 on 2/24. In Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee.	2	Studying
HB 410 Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement	Rep. Wilson	Creates the Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Program to issue grant money to establish a water trust to implement projects, programs, or voluntary arrangements that retain or enhance water flows to sustain the Great Salt Lake and to protect and restore uplands, wetlands, and habitats in the Great Salt Lake watershed that benefit hydrologic or ecosystem functions of the Great Salt Lake.	1	Support

		Appropriates \$40 m. in one-time federal funds. Passed House 72-0-3 on 2/23. In Senate NRAE.		
HB 429 Great Salt Lake Amendments	Rep. Miles	Requires the Division of Water Resources to develop the Great Salt Lake Watershed Integrated Water Assessment, including a water budget for GSL and associated wetlands and water flows needed to maintain different lake levels under different scenarios. In House 68-0-3 on 2/24. In Senate NRAE.	1	Support
HB 435 Mining Regulation Amendments	Rep. Owens	Provides that exceptions made for small mining operations do not apply if the small mining operations occur within counties of the first and second class. In House Rules.	2	Support
Substitute HB 443 Utah Inland Port Amendments	Rep. Schultz	Restructures the UIPA Board to include just 5 members, 2 appointed by the Governor (who cannot be elected officials) and the rest by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. Essentially the legislature has control over the Board. All must have business experience. The formulas for the receipt and use of tax increment are altered, with 80% for environmental remediation and 20% for economic development activities. Passed House 62-3-10 on 2/24. On Senate EWDS Committee agenda on 2/28.	1	Oppose
HB 464 Utah Clean Energy Fund	Rep. Briscoe	Creates the Utah Clean Energy Fund as an independent nonprofit organization for public benefit for the purposes of promoting investments, financing and support for qualified projects, and increasing significantly the pace and amount of investments in alternative energy at the state and local levels. Establishes a Board of Directors and addresses capitalizing the fund. In House Rules.		

HB 476 Animal Enterprise and Working Animal Regulation	Rep. Ferry	Prohibits a municipality or a county from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or other regulation that prohibits the operation of an animal enterprise, including CAFOs, rodeos, puppy mills, circuses, or the use of a working animal. Will be heard in House NRAE Monday, 2/28.	1	Oppose
HCR 1 To Work Together to Address The Climate, Public Lands and Carbon Sequestration	Rep. Stratton	Recognizes and encourages a questionable set of “best management practices” to reduce carbon emissions while also preserving and expanding forests and other lands to improve climate outcomes. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Oppose
2 nd Substitute HCR 7 Improving Air Quality Through Enhanced Zero Emission Rail	Rep. Ballard	Encourages the introduction of new zero emission locomotives and switcher engines, and phasing in the use of zero emission engines. Substitute bill removes hydrogen fuel systems and adds switcher engines. Passed the House. Passed Senate.	2	Support
HCR 13 Creating Bridal Veil Falls State Monument	Rep. Stratton	Creates the Bridal Veil Falls State Monument. Passed House. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
Substitute HJR 3 Supporting Federal Carbon Fee and Dividend Program	Rep. Ward	Addresses CO ₂ pollution, its impact on the environment, and ways to efficiently promote clean air technology. Held in House PUET Committee.	2	Support
HJR 16 Approving Exchange of School and Institutional Trust Lands	Rep. Hawkes	Approves a proposed exchange of state lands and mineral interests within Bears Ears National Monument for federal lands and mineral interests in rural Utah counties. Passed House 48-23-4 on 2/22. In Senate NRAE.	1	Support
HJR 18 Encouraging Use by the State of Blended Cement	Rep. Handy	Encourages review of the benefits of blended cements, including environmental benefits, and incentivizing their use. In House 68-1-6 on 2/25. In Senate Rules.		

SB 31 Water Rights Proofs on Small Amounts	Sen. Sandall	Allows the State Engineer, under certain circumstances, to issue a certificate on a water right where the proof does not conform to the underlying approved application. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
3 rd Substitute SB 51 Transportation Amendments	Sen. Harper	3 rd Substitute removes language to shift \$20 m. in Community Impact funds to a road for hauling hydrocarbons. Addresses vintage vehicles and creates a towing dispatch pilot program. Passed Senate. Passed House 68-11-1 and Senate concurred with changes on 2/25.	2	Oppose
SB 73 Flow Rates or Quantity for Plumbing Fixtures	Sen. Iwamoto	Modifies the residential plumbing code to require water efficient faucets, shower heads, and toilets for new construction. Passed Senate. In House Business & Labor.	2	Support
SB 89 Water Amendments	Sen. Iwamoto	Requires the Division of Water Resources to adopt regional water conservation goals and evaluate them every ten years. Water providers must adopt water conservation plans at least as stringent as the regional goals and include their rate structures in their plans. Passed Senate. Passed House 67-0-8 on 2/23.	2	Support
SB 97 Solid and Hazardous Waste Amendments	Sen. Winterton	Provides that a facility that receives only waste from the exploration or production of oil and gas is not considered commercial nonhazardous solid waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility. Passed Senate. Passed House.	2	Oppose
Substitute SB 110 Water as Part of General Plan	Sen. McKell	Requires a water use and preservation element to be part of a municipal or county general plan and outlines what steps to take in developing and acting upon a water use and preservation element. Passed Senate. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	1	Support

2 nd Substitute SB 111 Permanent Community Impact Board Amendments	Sen. Winterton	Adds a rural representative and the state planning coordinator to the membership of the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board. Passed Senate. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral
SB 136 Air Quality Policy Amendments	Sen. Escamilla	Substitute removes language changing the makeup of and requires the Air Quality Policy Advisory Board. Requires Department of Environmental Quality to study and make recommendations on a diesel emissions reduction plan, including in inland port areas. Passed Senate 23-0-6 on 2/23. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	1	Support
Substitute SB 146 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Amendments	Sen. Winterton	Amends the definitions of "crude oil" and "oil" to clarify regulatory authority over tar sands production. Substitute drops the language that tar sands are exempt from state severance tax. Passed Senate. Passed House 70-0-5.	2	Oppose
Substitute SB 160 Colorado River Authority Amendments	Sen. Winterton	Adds one Authority member who represents tribal interests. Exempts the Authority from rulemaking under the Utah Administrative Procedures Act. Passed Senate. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support if amended
SB 165 Animal Cruelty Amendments	Sen. Davis	Modifies and creates definitions, including livestock guard animals, modifies the offense of cruelty to animals, modifies civil liability for reporting animal cruelty under certain conditions, and makes technical and conforming changes. In Senate NRAE.	2	Support
SB 174 Pollution Control Equipment Tax Amendments	Sen. Vickers	Defines "pollution control equipment" provides a schedule for valuing county assessed pollution control equipment that is used in connection with a petroleum refinery. Passed Senate. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Studying

SB 187 Fossil Fuels Tax Amendments	Sen. Kitchen	Creates a tax on carbon dioxide emissions, prohibits a large transit agency from charging fares, eliminates the state sales tax on food, enacts a state earned income tax credit, and makes other tax changes. In Senate Rev & Tax.	3	Support
SB 188 Energy Efficiency Amendments	Sen. Cullimore	Directs the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority to research and explore establishing a research center focused on improvement of energy efficiency and air quality, expands incentives for purchase of clean fuel vehicles, expands low-income utilities assistance programs, and provides for a sales and use tax exemption related to an electricity storage facility. On Senate 2 nd Reading.	2	Support
SB 250 Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	Sen. Hinkins	Allows a person engaged in the business of mining to claim a tax credit against the person's severance tax liability for the cost of certain mineral exploration activities. In Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee.	2	Oppose
SB 255 Transportation Revisions	Sen. Cullimore	Transfers \$35 m. from the Cottonwood Canyons Transportation Investment Fund to the State Infrastructure Bank Fund. Passed Senate TPUET 4-0-4 on 2/25. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Studying
SCR 2 Highlighting Utah's Willingness to Cooperate with the Federal Partners for Efficient and Sustainable Management of Public Lands	Sen. Winterton	Opposes the use of federal designations to lock up more federal land in Utah without the consent of the Legislature and strongly encourages the federal government to honor the principles of state sovereignty. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Oppose

SCR 3 Highlighting Utah's Rare Earth Minerals Position	Sen. Hinkins	Recognizes the state of Utah's unique position as an essential source for critical minerals and encourages cooperation between state and federal stakeholders to take full advantage of the essential critical minerals and rare earth elements found in the state of Utah. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Oppose
SJR 9 Supporting Environmental Protections for Little Cottonwood Canyon	Sen. Anderegg	Encourages the Utah Department of Transportation to pursue the least impactful transportation solutions for the canyon and that addresses year-round, dispersed recreational access. In Senate TPUET Committee.	1	Support

Important Dates

January 18 First day of session

January 28 Last day to request bills or appropriations (by noon)

Last day to approve bills for numbering (by noon)

February 26 Last day for the Executive Appropriations Committee to complete all budget decisions necessary to draft the final appropriations bills

March 1 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 2 Last day for legislators to prioritize bills and other programs with fiscal impact

March 2 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 4 Last day of session

March 24 Last day governor may sign or veto bills

May 3 Last day a veto-override session may begin

May 4 Normal effective date for bills

First day to file bills for the 2023 General Session

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