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Welcome to the 2021 Legislative Update

This issue includes highlights of week five, 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!

Our worries about Rep. Brammer's Utah Lake Authority bill were justified. (See the description of HB 364 below.) This bill raises serious Constitutional questions around the Public Trust and threatens to stir up toxins and heavy metals by dredging the lake bottom for development and private profit. It would halt the ongoing environmental review by DNR/FFSL, and it hasn't been vetted by the existing water task forces that purport to keep renegade legislation like this from getting any traction. Call Governor Cox and tell him to send this nonsense to further study - or just deep six it. 801.538.1000

And do the same over SB 179, which would facilitate the construction of the Uintah Basin Railway for oil, gas and coal exports to China, Japan and elsewhere, exacerbating global warming. Gov. Cox needs to alter his "Rural Roadmap" to create a just transition for resource extraction-dependent communities and displaced workers.

News of Week Five (Week # 5)

Two important bills we support, HB 281, addressing local approval of Cedar City's groundwater grab, was not heard last week, and HB 263 to create a Clean Energy Fund was sent to Interim Study.

Opposition stalled HB 209, the fee hike on electric vehicles. The effective date is pushed back to 2027 and there will be reductions in the size of the fee increases. HB 295, the hunting bill we now support, and HB 297 to create a Colorado River Authority passed the House.

Rep. Casey Snider's bill, HB 346, moves the Office of Energy Development and the Office of Recreation under DNR,

SB 130, the bad CAFOs bill, passed the House and goes to the Governor for his signature. Two bad billboard bills, SB 61 and SB 144, await action on the Senate floor.

A noteworthy new bill emerged Friday. HB 399 would fix one aspect of the legislative approval process for waste dumps. While it is not retroactive and therefore apply to the Promontory Point landfill, it would prevent some of the problems we have had with that approval process in the future.

Budget News

The mid-February revenue projections added even more money to the kitty, with an addition of \$315 m. in new one-time money and \$112 m. in on-going revenue. This brings the total amounts available for spending to \$1.4 b. one-time and \$205 m. on-going. For more information, see:

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2021/02/19/new-revenue-projections/>

Legislative leadership will decide how much money each Appropriations Subcommittee will get to spend - after the biggest decisions, like tax cuts and bonding, are made. EAC will meet Friday at 6:00 PM to endorse budget actions so the final budget bills can be written over the weekend.

Individual caucuses will meet during the week and hold discussions on prioritizing bills with fiscal impact notes (expenditures) for inclusion in the "Bill of Bills".

What's Ahead

In week six, Standing Committees will meet from 8-10 AM Tuesday through Friday, and from 4-6 PM Tuesday through Friday. Both chambers will be on the floor each day from 10 to 12 and from 2-3:50, and from 2-5 PM on Monday.

House: <https://le.utah.gov/~2021/schedule/h6.pdf>

Senate: <https://le.utah.gov/~2021/schedule/s6.pdf>

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BILL TRACKING LIST

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

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

		mitigate Utah residents' exposure to radon. Passed House. In Senate Rules Committee.		
Substitute HB 65 Wildland Fire Amendments	Rep. Snider	Appropriates \$200,000 in on-going funds from the Sovereign Lands Restricted Account to give a salary increase to wildland firefighters and requires the Division of FFSL to develop and maintain a wildfire risk assessment mapping tool. Passed House. In Senate Rules.	2	Support if from another funding source
HB 79 Mineral and Rock Amendments	Rep. Brooks	Modifies definitions under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act; and adds basalt to the definition of “rock aggregate” for regulatory purposes. Passed House. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 2/17.	3	Neutral
Substitute HB 83 Migratory Bird Production Area Amendments	Rep. Ferry	Extends the time for creating a migratory bird production area, provides a process to add property to a migratory bird production area, provides for inclusion of easements, addresses limitations on local ordinances and uses by a guest of a migratory bird production area under provisions that limit landowner liability, and prohibits exercising eminent domain under certain circumstances. Passed House. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 2/19.	2	Support
Substitute HB 89 Hydrogen Tax Credit	Rep. Sagers	Creates tax credit provisions related to hydrogen energy. Failed in House PUET Committee 4-6-2 on 2/17.	3	Neutral
HB 91 Tax Credit for Alternate Fuel Heavy Duty Vehicles	Rep. Stoddard	Extends the availability of the income tax credit related to certain alternative fuel heavy duty vehicles. Passed House 46-20-9 on 2/19. In Senate Rules Committee.	3	Support
HB 98 Local Government Building Regulation Amendments	Rep. Ray	Prohibits a local government from regulating certain building design elements and landscaping and inspection requirements. In House Political Subdivisions Committee.	2	Oppose

HB 109 Wildlife Amendments	Rep. Lyman	Requires the Division of Wildlife Resources to deliver notice to an affected landowner or an agent of an affected landowner, either in writing or orally, before the taking of wildlife on privately owned land. Passed House. Passed Senate 22-3-4 on 2/19.	3	Support
HB 111 Off-Highway Vehicle Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	Allows an individual under 18 years old to operate an off-highway vehicle under certain conditions. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Neutral
HB 123 Feasibility Study for Air Quality Laboratory	Rep. Handy	Directs the Division of Air Quality to conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of an air quality and changing climate solutions laboratory. In House Rules Committee.	2	Support
HB 131 State Facility Energy Efficiency Amendments	Rep. Handy	Requires state facilities to provide utility use information to the Division of Facilities Construction and Management. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 144 Water Pricing Structure	Rep. Moss	Requires retail water providers to consider lot sizes and outdoor water use of customers in setting block rate price structures. In House Rules.	3	Oppose
HB 145 Clean and Renewable Energy Act Amendments	Rep. Ward	Requires by 2030 that 30% of a large-scale electric utility's (e.g. Rocky Mt. Power) annual retail sales come from qualifying clean electricity if use of qualifying clean electricity is cost effective. In House PUET Committee.	1	Support
HB 153 Energy Storage Asset Amendments	Rep. Handy	Enacts a refundable corporate and individual tax credit for the purchase of property that stores energy generated by mechanical, chemical, thermal, or photovoltaic means for commercial or industrial use later. Held in House Revenue & Taxation Committee 11-1-1 on 2/12.	2	Support

HB 166 Livestock Amendments	Rep. Snider	Addresses penalties involving the treatment and theft of livestock, including livestock guardian dogs, and livestock infrastructure. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Oppose, high penalties
HB 171 Agricultural Land Use Regulation	Rep. Chew	Prohibits a municipality or county from restricting, or regulating in conflict with state statute, the type of crop, including industrial hemp, that may be grown in certain areas zoned for agriculture. Passed House. Passed Senate.	3	Support
HB 198 License Plates Amendments	Rep. Handy	Creates a new standard issue license plate called the Utah Dark Sky license plate. Failed in House.	2	Support
HB 208 Water Quality Amendments	Rep. Ray	Provides that an individual enforcing water quality standards or requirements, and while acting wholly within the individual's employment with the organization, is exempt from liability under certain circumstances. Passed House. Passed Senate Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee 4-0-3 on 2/17. On Senate 2 nd Reading.	3	Neutral
3 rd Substitute HB 209 Vehicle Registration Fee Revisions	Rep. Christofferson	Increases vehicle registration fees on electric, hybrid, plug-in hybrid, and other vehicles. Amended to take effect 1/1/2027. Circled on House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose
HB 215 Jordan River Improvements Amendments	Rep. Acton	Directs the Jordan River Commission to work with the Department of Transportation regarding safety, signage and storm water run-off issues related to state highways and the Jordan River. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Support
Substitute HB 217 Regulatory Sandbox Program Amendments	Rep. Maloy	Creates the General Regulatory Sandbox Program (sandbox program), which allows the office to waive laws or regulations applicable to a participant under certain circumstances. Passed House. Passed Senate 2 nd Reading. Tabled Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Neutral

2 nd Substitute HB 223 Alternate Fuel Incentives Amendments	Rep. Ballard	Creates tax and other incentives for the production and use of hydrogen fuel, and expands the uses of money in the Throughput Infrastructure Fund to include the production of generators that use hydrogen fuel cells. In House PUET.	3	Studying
2 nd Substitute HB 224 Pollinator Amendments	Rep. Matthews	Substitute directs the Department of Agriculture to create a 3-year pollinator pilot program in conjunction with Southern Utah University and permits the department to pay up to 25% of the cost to plant native flowering plants and seeds on public land. Circled on House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HB 236 Waste Tire Recycling Amendments	Rep. Handy	Modifies provisions pertaining to waste tire recycling, including changes to the process and limitations on the funding for management of certain landfill or abandoned waste tire piles, and addresses criminal penalties. Passed House 69-2-4 on 2/18. In Senate NRE Committee.	3	Studying
HB 241 Utah Seeds Amendments	Rep. Lund	Addresses the regulation of seeds, including modifying a definition provision and addressing labeling requirements. Passed House. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Neutral
HB 254 Outdoor Recreational Grant Program Amendments	Rep. Winder	Modifies how the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation may use transient room tax revenue that is deposited into the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Account. In House Rules Committee.	3	Support
Substitute HB 257 Utahrapator State Park	Rep. Eliason	Authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to use portions of the Dalton Wells area as a state park and provides that Utahrapator State Park shall be considered part of the state parks system. Substitute also would facilitate creation of Lost Creek State Park. Passed House NRAE Committee 7-1-6 on 2/18. On House 3 rd Reading.	3	Support

HB 259 Lead Exposure Education and Testing Amendments	Rep. Barlow	Creates a program within the Department of Health to increase education and testing for lead exposure in children, and creates a restricted account to fund the activities of the program. Passed House 71-1-3 on 2/17. In Senate Rules Committee.	2	Support
HB 263 Utah Clean Energy Fund	Rep. Briscoe	Enacts the Utah Clean Energy Fund Act, including stating purposes of the fund, defining terms, creating the fund and the fund's board of directors and outlines their duties, and addressing capitalization of the fund. Seeks a \$1,000,000 appropriation for the fund. Held in House PUET and will be sent to Interim Study.	2	Support
HB 281 County Development Activity Amendments	Rep. Lyman	Places conditions on a county's development activities that materially affect the land in and the General Plan of another county. Not heard in House Political Subdivisions Committee on 2/18.	1	Support
Substitute HB 295 Wildlife Modifications	Rep. Snider	Prohibits the use of trail cameras and big game baiting on public land under certain circumstances. Prohibits the construction of permanent blinds or other structures used for hunting within a waterfowl management area and commercial hunting guides from transporting individuals across a WMA. Passed House 62-9-4 on 2/18. In Senate Rules Committee.	1	Support
2 nd Substitute HB 296 Soil Amendments	Rep. Ferry	Creates the Utah Soil Health Program and the Soil Health Advisory Committee provides for their scope, powers and duties under the program. Passed House 62-3-10 on 2/19. In Senate Rules Committee.	3	Support
Substitute HB 297 Colorado River Amendments	Rep. Wilson	Creates the Colorado River Authority of Utah Act, including: providing for the organization and operation of the authority, establishing the authority's powers and	1	Oppose

		mission, and creation of a management plan. Addresses authority meetings, including closure of meetings, provides for employees, consultants, and other professionals, including an executive director, and addresses financial operations including creating a restricted account. Appropriates funding for the Authority. Passed House 61-12-2 on 2/16. In Senate NRAE.		
HB 298 Utility Proceedings Amendments	Rep. Handy	Directs the Public Service Commission to conduct proceedings to determine whether battery storage requirements should be a part of an integrated resource plan. Held in House PUET Committee.	2	Studying
HB 305 Quality Growth Act	Rep. Ferry	Directs the Quality Growth Commission to use ranking criteria that prioritizes funding for preservation of “working agricultural land”. Passed House 72-0-3 on 2/17. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Support
HB 341 Bears Ears Visitors Center Advisory Committee	Rep. Owens	Invites the Navajo Nation, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Hopi Nation, the Zuni Tribe, and the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray to form an advisory committee for the purpose of exploring the feasibility, location, functions, and other important matters surrounding the creation of a visitor center at Bears Ears. In House Rules.	2	Support
HB 346 Natural Resources Entities Amendments	Rep. Snider	Creates a coordination council, moves the Office of Energy Development to within the Department of Natural Resources, divides the Division of Parks and Recreation into two divisions and transfers grants administered by the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation to the new division of recreation, and addresses the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation and its powers and duties. Will be heard in House NRAE Committee on 2/22.	2	Oppose

HB 364 Utah Lake Authority	Rep. Brammer	Creates the Utah Lake Authority, defines its purposes, powers, duties, policies and objectives, and provides for an unelected governing board and hiring of an executive director. Provides that ULA has authority over land use, planning, real estate development and sales, and <i>may</i> restore water and environmental quality of the lake. ULA may issue bonds and has power to collect sales taxes and property tax increment. Repeals authority of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to restore the lake. In House Rules Committee.	1	Oppose
HB 368 State Planning Agencies	Rep. Spendlove	Moves the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office within the governor's office, modifies the roles of the Resource Development Coordinating Committee, State Planning Coordinator and PLPCO, and changes the name of the Office of Management and Budget to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. In House NRAE.	3	Neutral
HB 387 Clean Air for Schools Pilot Program	Rep. Owens	Creates the Clean Air for Schools Pilot Program, defines terms, and requires the State Board of Education to award grants to eligible local education agencies to provide portable air filtration systems to schools. In House Rules.	3	Support
HB 388 State Energy Policy Amendments	Rep. Albrecht	Amends the state energy policy to promote development of resources and infrastructure to respond effectively to significant disruptions to the state's energy generation, delivery systems, or fuel supplies, and to maintain adequate reserves of proven base load electricity generation to meet grid demand. In House Rules Committee.	3	Oppose promoting fossil fuel reliance
HB 390 Urban Farming Amendments	Rep. Kohler	Modifies the definition of urban farming under the Urban Farming Assessment Act to include livestock production. In House Rules Committee.	3	Studying

HB 399 Approval of Nonhazardous Solid or Hazardous Waste Facilities	Rep. Hawkes	Requires that legislative approval of a nonhazardous solid or hazardous waste facility be automatically revoked if an application is withdrawn. In House Rules.	1	Support
HCR 1 Encouraging a Balanced Approach to the Release of Water from Flaming Gorge Reservoir	Rep. Chew	Expresses support and recognition of the Green River Stakeholders and the need to reduce adverse effects of current Flaming Gorge Dam operations to the local communities, recreational businesses, ranchers, farmers, landowners, and individuals who work and live within the river corridor. Passed House. Passed Senate 24-0-5 2/18.	3	Neutral
HCR 5 Encouraging Statewide Emissions Reduction Goals	Rep. Handy	Recognizes the negative impact that poor air quality and the changing climate has on the economy of the state and encourages the adoption of emissions reduction goals. In House Rules.	3	Support
HCR 9 Encouraging Development of a Statewide Anti-Littering Campaign	Rep. Acton	Addresses littering in Utah and encourages the creation of a statewide, long-term anti-littering campaign. Passed House 67-1-9 on 2/16. On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	3	Support
HCR 10 Regarding an Interlocal Agreement Creating the Jordan River Commission	Rep. Acton	Expresses support for the participation of the Department of Transportation on the Jordan River Commission. Passed House 72-1-2 on 2/16. In Senate Rules Committee.	3	Neutral
HCR 12 Encouraging Cooperative Action Regarding National Monuments	Rep. Albrecht	Encourages the President to work cooperatively with the state's congressional delegation, the state's legislative and executive branches, local elected officials, and tribes on action regarding national monuments. Passed House. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Oppose
HCR 13 Regarding the Bridal Veil Falls Area	Rep. Stratton	Encourages the Division of Parks and Recreation to evaluate options for designating the Bridal Veil Falls area	3	Support

		as a state monument or state park. Passed House NRAE 66-0-9 on 2/19. In Senate Rules Committee.		
HCR 14 Regarding the Parkspass Application	Rep. Barlow	Recognizes the innovative ParksPass application developed by the Division of Parks and Recreation in connection with Dixie State University and Southern Utah University. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Support
HCR 18 Supporting Extension and Expansion of the Radiation Compensation Act	Rep. Owens	Addresses the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), discusses history of health effects from radiation exposure, past legislative statements and congressional efforts related to RECA and radiation exposure, and supports congressional efforts to extend and expand RECA. Passed House Health and Human Services Committee 13-0 on 2/19. On House 3 rd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
HCR 19 Recognizing Farmers Feeding Utah	Rep. Chew	Recognizes the Farmers Feeding Utah program and its benefits to Utah. In House NRAE Committee.	3	Support
HCR 20 Supporting the Creation of the USU Institute of Land, Water and Air	Rep. Snider	Acknowledges Utah State University's dedication to research and community engagement throughout the state and commends the university's Institute of Land, Water, and Air for the institute's work in preserving and improving the quality of the state's land, water, and air. In House Rules Committee.	3	Support
SB 5 Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Quality Base Budget	Sen. Hinkins	Supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and appropriates funds for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Passed and Enrolled.	1	Support

Substitute SB 15 Workforce Solutions for Air Quality Amendments	Sen. McCay	Requires the Department of Human Resource Management to provide, measure and report annually on teleworking options for state employees during bad air quality days. Passed Senate 26-0-3 on 2/17. In House NRAE.	3	Support
2 nd Substitute SB 20 Air Quality Policy Advisory Board Sunset Extension	Sen. Iwamoto	Extends the sunset date of the Air Quality Policy Advisory Board. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Support
SB 21 Federal Land Applications Advisory Committee	Sen. Hinkins	Extends the sunset date of the advisory committee that provides advice and recommendations to the public lands policy coordinator and the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office. Passed Senate. Passed House.	3	Oppose
SB 40 Petroleum Storage Tanks Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Addresses the regulation of aboveground petroleum storage tanks. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Neutral
SB 44 Payments in Lieu of Taxes Funds For Counties	Sen. Fillmore	Creates the Federal Lands Payment in Lieu of Tax restricted account and establishes rules for distribution of federal funds paid to certain Utah counties to offset federal lands not subject to local property taxes. In Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee.	2	Studying
2 nd Substitute SB 61 Outdoor Advertising Amendments	Sen. Sandall	Prohibits a municipality or county from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that prevents an owner of certain signs from modifying or constructing an electronic or mechanical changeable message sign in certain circumstances; and requiring a sign owner to forfeit one sign in order to upgrade or construct another electronic or mechanical changeable sign. Circled on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Oppose

SB 96 Legislative Water Development Commission Amendments	Sen. Iwamoto	Modifies provisions related to the LWDC. Passed Senate NRAE Committee 8-0 on 1/29. Passed Senate. Passed House 71-0-4 on 2/18.	3	Support
2 nd Substitute SB 104 Tax Levy for Animal Control	Sen. Weiler	Authorizes a county to impose a property tax levy for animal welfare services. Passed Senate. Failed in House Revenue and Taxation Committee 4-6-3 on 2/18.	3	Support
SB 120 Outdoor Advertising Revisions	Sen. Kitchen	Prohibits the placement of a sign on certain property unless a property owner and a sign owner have entered into an outdoor advertising agreement. Prohibits the inclusion of certain terms or provisions in an outdoor advertising agreement and allows a property owner, municipality, county, or the Utah Department of Transportation to file an action to void certain outdoor advertising agreements. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Support
3 rd Substitute SB 130 Regulation of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations	Sen. Sandall	Enacts the Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act, including, defining terms, requiring adoption of county large concentrated animal feeding operation land use ordinances and their scope, and addressing determining the geographic area where a large concentrated animal feeding operation may be located. Passed Senate. Passed House 57-14-4 on 2/18.	1	Oppose
Substitute SB 133 Severance Tax Revenue Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Creates Mining Restricted Accounts within the Divisions of Air Quality, Water Quality, Oil, Gas and Mining, and Utah Geologic Survey. Earmarks a portion of revenues from severance taxes to these restricted accounts. Passed Senate 25-0-4 on 2/18. In House Revenue and Taxation Committee 5-0-4 on 2/12.	2	Oppose

SB 144 Billboard Restriction Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Prohibits a municipality or county from taking certain actions to prevent a person from building or maintaining a billboard, and extends the expiration of certain municipal and county billboard building permits and billboard bank credits. Passed Senate NRAE Committee 5-2-1 on 2/19. Circled on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	1	Oppose
SB 168 Designated Vehicle Routes Amendments	Sen. McKell	Allows certain cities and towns to adopt ordinances restricting the use of street-legal all-terrain vehicles. Circled on Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar.	2	Support
SB 169 School and Institutional Trust Fund Office Amendments	Sen. Wilson	Allows the School and Institutional Trust Fund Board of Trustees to close a meeting under certain circumstances, increases the length of time for determining the average value of the trust funds setting the annual trust distribution amount, and exempts certain information that the School and Institutional Trust Fund Office provides to the Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office from the Government Records Access and Management Act. Passed Senate Education Committee 6-0-1 on 2/17. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	3	Oppose
Substitute SB 176 Mineral Lease Fund Amendments	Sen. Winterton	This bill is a direct response to the get around the lawsuit filed in state court by Center for Biological Diversity and Living Rivers over the illegal expenditure of federal mineral lease funds by the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board for the Uintah Basin Railway project. It would allow spending these dollars on planning for this and other projects rather than its intended purpose of mitigating the community impacts from oil, gas and mining activities. Passed Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar 16-5-6 on 2/19. On Senate 3 rd Reading Calendar.	1	Oppose

SB 199 Water Amendments	Sen. McKell	Requires a secondary water provider to develop and update a plan by the end of 2025 that includes the cost of full metering, how long that will take and how the costs would be financed. Appropriates \$2 m. to the Board of Water Resources to make annual matching grants for installation of secondary water meters. In Senate NRAE.	2	Support
SCR 3 Encouraging the Development of a Multi-State Passenger Rail Commission	Sen. Escamilla	Encourages the creation of a multi-state passenger rail commission and the expansion of Utah's rail infrastructure, modeled after the Southern Railway Commission. In Senate NRAE Committee.	3	Support
SCR 6 Supporting the Removal of Uranium Mill Tailings Near the Colorado River in Moab	Sen. Hinkins	Outlines the history of efforts to remove the uranium mill tailings, discusses the risks associated with not removing the uranium mill tailings in a timely manner, and urges the Department of Energy to expedite and fully fund the removal of the remaining uranium mill tailings. In Senate NRAE Committee.	2	Support
SJR 7 Approving Energy Solutions Constructing and Operating a Landfill for Nonhazardous Solid Waste	Sen. Sandall	Grants provisional legislative approval to Energy Solutions for the construction and operation of a Class VI commercial nonhazardous solid waste landfill. ES intends to add another landfill to receive nonhazardous solid waste that may be slightly radioactive from the decommissioning of nuclear power plants that currently use its licensed low level radioactive waste disposal facility. Passed Senate. Passed House.	1	Oppose
SJR 11 Celebrating the 50 th Anniversary of Off-Highway Vehicle Use in Utah State Parks	Sen. Hinkins	Describes the achievements of the Division of Parks and Recreation's Off-Highway Vehicle Program, discusses the importance of responsible off-highway vehicle recreation to the state and celebrates 2021 as the Year of the Off-Highway Vehicle Program. On Senate 3rd Reading.	3	Neutral

Important Dates

January 19 First day of session

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

Last day to approve bills for numbering (by noon)

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

March 2 Bonding bill available to legislators by noon and final action taken on it by calendared closing time.

Last day to pass bills with fiscal note of \$10,000 or more

Last day for a motion to reconsider previous actions

Last day to consider bills from own house

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

March 3 General appropriations bill, supplemental appropriations bill, and school finance bill available to legislators by calendared floor time and final action taken on each bill by calendared closing time

Second supplemental appropriations bill available to legislators by calendared floor time and final action taken by noon

March 5 Last day of session

March 25 Last day governor may sign or veto bills

May 4 Last day a veto-override session may begin

May 5 Normal effective date for bills

First day to file bills for the 2020 General Session

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