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HOUSE BILLS:					
H.B. 31 - Pollution Control Amendments Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox	This bill addresses provisions related to pollution control.	Study	Enactment of this bill expands the exemption on pollution control to include tangible personal property with an economic life of less than three years (consumables). The expansion on the current pollution control exemption will decrease ongoing revenue to the General Fund by \$1.4 million beginning in FY 2015.	House/ received fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst	Stan Lockhart to learn more
H.B. 60 - Interlocal Entity Service Prohibition Rep. R. Curt Webb	This bill defines terms; and prohibits an interlocal entity that provides telecommunication service through a fiber optic network from constructing infrastructure or providing telecommunication service in locations outside the boundaries of its members.	Monitor	Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.	House Comm - Held	
H.B. 61 - Clean Air Programs Rep. Patrice M. Arent	This bill defines terms amends definitions; modifies the process for the Department of Environmental Quality to make a loan or grant from the Clean Fuels and Vehicle Technology Program, including: allowing electric-hybrids to be eligible for the program; and removing the state match requirements for a grant for refueling infrastructure; describes the requirements for receiving a grant from the Division of Air Quality; authorizes the Air Quality Board to make rules; and makes technical changes.	Monitor	This bill appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Division of Air Quality. Funds would be used on approved grants to implement clean air technologies for vehicles and equipment.	House/ 1st reading (Introduced)	
H.B. 71 - Distribution of Personal Images Rep. Marie H. Poulson	This bill modifies the Utah Criminal Code to include the distribution of intimate images of a person without that person's permission to be a third degree felony.	Monitor	Enactment of this bill could cost the Department of Corrections and the Courts about \$34,600 in FY 2015, \$67,200 in FY 2016, and \$83,700 each year thereafter from the General Fund for increased prisoner and court processing costs associated with an estimated three convictions per year. Enactment of the bill could generate about \$1,000 per year in ongoing General Fund revenue.	2/4/14 - House Comm - Not Considered	
H.B. 96 - Utah School Readiness Initiative Rep. Gregory H. Hughes	This bill creates the School Readiness Board, which provides grants to certain early childhood education programs, and may enter into certain contracts with private entities to provide funding for early childhood education programs for at-risk students.		<p>The bill does not define the basis for the percent. Assuming it's two percent of annual appropriations into the fund, as much as \$100,000 from the fund could go toward administrative costs. The bill further established a program under which the state could be obligated for up to \$15 million in contracts for an undefined term.</p> <p>the ongoing cost of the program could be as much as \$16.7 million per year in FY 2017 - \$15 million for the programs and services themselves plus \$1.7 million (11%) in payments to investors (interest).</p>	2/11 - Passed House 3rd reading 49-24-2 2/12 - Senate 1st reading	



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H.B. 224 - Sales and Use Tax Amendments Rep. Jim Nielson	This bill reduces the state sales and use tax rate if the Supreme Court of the United States authorizes or Congress permits the state to require certain sellers to collect a sales or use tax; amends certain study requirements for the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee related to an action by the Supreme Court of the United States or Congress; repeals provisions requiring certain state sales and use tax revenue to be deposited into the Remote Sales Restricted Account; and makes technical and conforming changes.	Support	The bill does not define the basis for the percent. Assuming it's two percent of annual appropriations into the fund, as much as \$100,000 from the fund could go toward administrative costs. The bill further established a program under which the state could be obligated for up to \$15 million in contracts for an undefined term.	House/ circled	
H.B. 229 - Air Contaminant Definition Change Rep. Jerry B. Anderson	This bill amends the definition of "air contaminant" to clarify that natural components of the atmosphere do not constitute a contaminant; and makes technical changes.	Study	The bill does not define the basis for the percent. Assuming it's two percent of annual appropriations into the fund, as much as \$100,000 from the fund could go toward administrative costs. The bill further established a program under which the state could be obligated for up to \$15 million in contracts for an undefined term.	House/ 1st reading (Introduced)	Jonathan Johnson to learn more
H.B. 243 - Amendments to The Fund of Funds Rep. Jim Bird	This bill amends the membership of the Utah Capital Investment Board by adding a member of the Senate and a member of the House of Representatives; also requires the annual report and audit to be completed by July 1st of the previous calendar year.	Oppose - with option for friendly amendments	Enactment of this bill reduces the potential contingent tax credit authorization to \$125,000,000.	House to standing committee	
H.B. 249 - Grants for Digital Textbooks Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg	This bill provides for grants to school districts and charter schools for the purchase of digital textbooks, personal mobile devices, and desktop or laptop computers; specifies that a grant award may not exceed \$500 per student; or be used for peripherals and networking equipment or professional development for educators; requires the State Board of Education to report on the use of the grants to facilitate the adoption of digital textbooks; and repeals provisions related to grants for digital textbooks on July 1, 2024.	Monitor	Enactment of this bill appropriates \$500,000 ongoing to the State Board of Education for grants to school districts and charter schools to be used for digital textbooks, personal mobile devices, and computers.	House/ to standing committee	
H.B. 292 - School Grading - Calculation of High School Graduation Rate Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove	This bill modifies the calculation of a high school graduation rate for the purpose of school grading by excluding from the four-year adjusted cohort for the graduating class a student with a disability who has an IEP that includes a plan to complete high school graduation requirements in more than four years.	Oppose	Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.	House/ to standing committee	
H.B. 320 - Educators' Professional Learning Rep. Bradley G. Last	This bill requires a school district or charter school to implement professional learning that meets specified standards; requires the State Board of Education, school districts, and charter schools to: determine resources needed to implement professional learning that meets specified standards; and evaluate the impact of professional learning efforts and resources; and requires a school district or charter school to use Quality Teaching Block Grant money to implement professional learning that meets specified standards.	Monitor		LFA/ fiscal note sent to sponsor	
Rep. Brad Dee bill on UCAN					



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Public Education Modernization Act Rep. Francis D. Gibson					
SENATE BILLS:					
S.B. 26 - Air Conservation Act Reauthorization Sen. Scott K. Jenkins	This bill modifies Title 63I, Oversight, Chapter 1, Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act, by reauthorizing the Air Conservation Act until July 1, 2019.		Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.	House/ 1st reading (Introduced)	
S.B. 47 - Emergency Management Act Amendments Sen. Wayne A. Harper	This bill modifies the Emergency Management Act regarding out-of-state businesses that provide recovery services in the state during a disaster or emergency. The out-of-state company would be exempt from licensing or registration requirements, income tax and sales and use tax while conducting business during a disaster, however, would be subject to normal standards if the out-of-state company remained in the state to do business after the disaster.	Support	Could forgo tax revenue from out-of-state companies and individuals when disasters/emergencies are declared.	2/3/14 - Senate received fiscal note	
S.B. 48 - Emergency Telephone Service Law Amendments Sen. Wayne A. Harper	This bill modifies the distribution of revenue collected from the prepaid wireless 911 service charge. Any public agency establishing a 911 emergency telecommunication service may seek assistance or funds from the federal or state government and may seek gifts or donations for the purposes of providing 911 emergency services.	Monitor	Enactment of this bill could increase revenue from the Statewide Unified E-911 Emergency Services program by \$682,900 annually and decrease revenue to the Poison Control Center by \$1,872,200 annually.	2/5/14 - Senate received fiscal note	
S.B. 62 - Utah Science Technology and Research Governing Authority Amendments Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa	This bill modifies Title 63M, Chapter 2, Utah Science Technology and Research. Governing Authority Act, and other related provisions. This bill defines terms; modifies the membership of the Utah Science Technology and Research (USTAR) governing authority by adding a member of the Senate and a member of the House of Representatives; requires the USTAR governing authority to: lease certain science and technology buildings to state universities; establish written performance standards and expectations for each technology outreach program location; establish written performance standards and expectations for each research team funded by the USTAR initiative; provide a detailed annual report; and provide an annual audit; modifies the allocation of commercialization revenues; repeals the nonlapsing status of appropriations to the USTAR governing authority; provides a sunset date for the USTAR governing authority act; and makes technical changes.			2/13 - Fiscal note sent to sponsor	



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S.B. 107 - Math Literacy - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative Sen. Stephen H. Urganhart	This bill requires the State Board of Education to select one or more technology providers, through a request for proposals process, to provide an interactive web-based program for math literacy and assessment for students in kindergarten through grade 6 (program); specifies criteria for the State Board of Education to consider in selecting a program; provides for the distribution of programs among school districts and charter schools; and requires the State Board of Education to annually report testing data regarding the program to the Education Interim Committee and the governor.	Monitor	Enactment of this bill appropriates \$5,000,000 ongoing from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education to implement the math literacy and assessment program outlined in the bill.	Senate Comm - Not Considered	
S.B. 119 - Sales and Use Tax Exemption Amendments Sen. Stuart C. Reid	This bill amends a definition; repeals a requirement related to the economic life of certain machinery, equipment, or repair or replacement parts for purposes of a sales and use tax exemption for certain manufacturing, processing, producing, operating, or research and development activities; repeals obsolete language; and makes technical and conforming changes.	Monitor		Senate/ 1st reading (Introduced)	
S.B. 150 - Education Task Force Reauthorization Sen. Stuart C. Reid	This bill creates the Education Task Force, which provides for membership of the task force and compensation for members and also outlines the duties and responsibilities of the task force.	Support	Enactment of this bill will appropriate \$64,000 from the General Fund, One-time in FY 2015. Of this amount, half will go to the Senate and half to the House of Representatives.	2/4/14 - Senate Comm - Not Considered	Jeff Rogers Paul Rogers
S.B. 164 - Environmental Protection Amendments Sen. Gene Davis	This bill repeals provisions prohibiting the Division of Air Quality from adopting rules relating to the federal Clean Air Act that are more stringent than corresponding federal regulations.		Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.	2/11 - Senate Favorable Recommendation 3-2-2 2/12 - Senate 2nd Reading	
S.B. 171 - Student-centered Learning Pilot Program Sen. Howard A. Stephenson	This bill creates the Student-Centered Learning Pilot Program.	Study	This bill appropriates \$275,000 ongoing from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education to support the Student-centered Learning Pilot Program outlined in the bill.	Senate/ received fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst	Terry Bagley to learn more
APPROPRIATIONS:					
Other:					
IAF (Industrial Assistance Funds)					
STEM Action Center					
USTAR					