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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.	3/18 House to Governor
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.	3/13 - House file for bills not passed
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.	3/18 - Draft of Enrolled Bill Prepared 3/20 - House enrolled bill to printing
H.B. 71 - Substituted 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. <i>Provides an exemption for defined internet service providers and hosting companies.</i>	High-Priority Amend Able to get our amendment approved	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.	3/13 - Passed 2&3rd reading 22-0-7 3/13 - House concurs with Senate amendment 66-6-3 3/19 - Draft of Enrolled Bill Prepared 3/20 - House enrolled bill to printing
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.		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. 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).	3/19 - Draft of Enrolled Bill Prepared 3/20 - House enrolled bill to printing



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H.B. 117 - Patent Infringement Amendments Rep. Mike K. Mckell	This bill defines terms; prohibits bad faith assertion of patent infringement; allows a person who has been the recipient of a demand letter for patent infringement to file an action; allows the court to require the filing of a bond to cover costs of the action; provides remedies; and sets limits on punitive damages.	High-Priority Support Working group to submit proposed amended copy to Rep. Mckell		3/12 - Passed Senate 3rd reading 24-0-56 3/12 - House concurs with Senate amendment 71-3-1 3/13 - Draft of Enrolled Bill Prepared 3/20 - House enrolled bill to printing
H.B. 131 - Public Education Modernization Act Rep. Francis D. Gibson	This bill: defines terms; creates the Initiative to modernize the delivery of public education in Utah advisory committee; requires the State Board of Education to develop and implement an Initiative to modernize the delivery of public education in Utah by: designing a master plan; and issuing requests for proposals for education consulting and education technology providers; establishes requirements for the Initiative to modernize the delivery of public education in Utah master plan and individual local education agency plans; establishes requirements for a local education agency to participate in a grant program related to the Initiative to modernize the delivery of public education in Utah; requires a local education agency that participates in the Initiative to modernize the delivery of public education in Utah grant program to report annually to the State Board of Education; requires a local education agency that constructs a school building after July 1, 2015, to meet certain technology infrastructure requirements; and repeals the Smart School Technology Program.	High-Priority Support	Enactment of this bill appropriates \$150,000,000 ongoing from the General Fund and \$50,000,000 one-time from the Education Fund for implementation of the Public Education Modernization Program.	3/13 - House file for bills not passed
H.B. 150 - Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Amendments Rep. Val L. Peterson	This bill amends provisions relating to the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Action Center.	#1 High-Priority Support	This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2015 to the Governor's Office of Economic Development - STEM Action Center, as an ongoing appropriation: from the General Fund, \$10,000,000; and to the Governor's Office of Economic Development - STEM Action Center, as a one-time appropriation: from the General Fund, \$13,500,000.	3/13 - Senate final passage 25-0-4 3/13 - House final passage 70-0-5 3/21 - House enrolled bill to printing
H.B. 155 - Utah Communication Agency Network (UCAN) and Utah Rep. Brad Dee	This bill merges the Utah Communications Agency Network, an independent state agency, and the Utah 911 Committee into an independent state agency named the Utah Communications Authority.	Neutral Amendment for private safety entities only and not to compete with existing companies		3/6 - House received fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst 3/19 - House enrolled bill to printing



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H.B. 161 - Prohibition on Electronic Data Collection Assistance Rep. Marc K. Roberts	This bill directs the following entities and their employees to refuse support to any federal agency which collects electronic data within this state: political subdivisions; and contractors who have contracted with the state, political subdivisions, or state agencies; provides that any citizen may bring an action to enforce the refusal; and provides penalties for violations.	Oppose Option to draft opposition letter		3/13 - House file for bills not passed
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.	2/12 House file for bills not passed
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.	3/13 - House file for bills not passed
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.	3/21 - House enrolled bill to printing
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.	Monitor	Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.	3/13 - House file for bills not passed
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	Enactment of this bill may cost the State Board of Education \$50,000 one-time for an independent consultant to conduct a statewide survey related to educator professional learning.	3/19 - House enrolled bill to printing
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.	3/19 - Senate received enrolled bill from printing 3/20 - Senate to Governor



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S.B. 34 - Governance of Utah Education and Workforce Alliance Sen. Howard A. Stephenson	<p>This bill establishes the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance and amends certain provisions related to Utah Futures.</p> <p>This bill: establishes the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance and the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance Governing Board; requires the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance to provide certain information from the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance Data Warehouse to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst or the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel; provides duties for the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance Governing Board, including: requiring the governing board to appoint an executive director for the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance; providing policy direction to the executive director, the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance Advisory Committee, and the Utah Futures Advisory Committee; by August 1, 2014, evaluating and determining whether any, or all, components of Utah Futures should be outsourced to a private provider; and reporting the governing board's determination regarding Utah Futures to the Education Interim Committee and the Executive Appropriations Committee; creates the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance Advisory Committee and provides for the appointment of members to the committee; amends provisions related to Utah Futures and establishes the Utah Futures Advisory Committee, which reports to the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance Governing Board; defines terms; and makes technical changes.</p>		<p>Enactment of this bill could cost the Utah Education Network \$1.2 million ongoing from the Education Fund to support administrative and oversight activities associated with the Utah Education and Workforce Alliance (UEWA) as outlined in the bill. Other costs could include \$1.2 million ongoing from the Education Fund to support the Utah Data Alliance as outlined in the bill. Included in this amount is \$355,000 for the Utah State Office of Education, \$245,000 for the Utah College of Applied Technology, \$245,000 for the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), and \$310,000 for the Utah Education Policy Center to pay for salaries, benefits, and current expenses for employees who will support the UEWA. This bill could also cost the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) \$7,900 ongoing from the Education Fund for contracted technology services, and USHE \$150,000 ongoing and \$300,000 one-time from the Education Fund for a common college entrance portal as outlined in the bill. Section 9 of the bill does not significantly impact the cost of the Utah Futures program; however, the DWS estimates that \$1.7 million in resources currently supporting the program will expire at the end of FY 2014.</p>	<p>3/20 - Senate enrolled bill to printing</p>
S.B. 47 - Third Substitute Emergency Management Act Amendments Sen. Wayne A. Harper	<p>This bill modifies the Emergency Management Act regarding out-of-state businesses that provide recovery services in the state during a disaster or emergency.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Could forgo tax revenue from out-of-state companies and individuals when disasters/emergencies are declared.</p>	<p>3/20 - Senate enrolled bill to printing</p>
S.B. 48 - Emergency Telephone Service Law Amendments Sen. Wayne A. Harper	<p>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.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>3/13 - Senate file for bills not passed</p>



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S.B. 62 - Substitute 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.	High-Priority Support	Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget. However, if an external auditor is used to comply with the provisions of this bill, it could cost about \$20,000 General Fund one-time.	3/6 - House Comm - Favorable Recommendation 8-0-3 3/12 - Passed House 3rd reading 72-2-1 3/20 - Senate received enrolled bill from printing 3/20 - Senate to Governor
S.B. 74 - Career and Technical Education Funding for Charter Schools Sen. Stuart J. Adams	This bill defines terms; allows certain charter schools to: qualify as offering an approved career and technical education program; and be counted toward the funding calculation for career and technical education programs; requires that certain charter schools that receive funding for career and technical education programs use the funding only to support the career and technical education programs; and makes technical changes.	Support		3/13 - Senate file for bills not passed
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.	3/13 - Senate file for bills not passed
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		3/13 - Senate file for bills not passed
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.	3/20 - Senate received enrolled bill from printing 3/20 - Senate to Governor
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.	Monitor	Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.	3/13 - Senate file for bills not passed



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S.B. 171 - Student-centered Learning Pilot Program Sen. Howard A. Stephenson	This bill creates the Student-Centered Learning Pilot Program.	Support	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.	3/13 - Senate file for bills not passed
S.B. 209 - School Grading Revisions Sen. Stuart J. Adams	This bill modifies procedures and standards for assigning a letter grade to a school based on the proficiency, learning gains, or college and career readiness of the school's students.	High-Priority Support	Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.	3/13 - Passed House 3rd reading 62-12-1 3/13 - Senate concurs with House amendment 25-0-4 3/20 - Senate received enrolled bill from printing 3/20 - Senate to Governor
S.B. 263 - Small Business Innovation Research Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson	This bill modifies the Technology Commercialization and Innovation Act by allowing small businesses to apply for grants and loans under the act.	Support Request to amend by removing language about "research university"		3/20 - Senate received enrolled bill from printing 3/20 - Senate to Governor
APPROPRIATIONS:				
Compendium of Budget Information for the 2014 General Session IAF (Industrial Assistance Funds)	<p>The Industrial Assistance Fund is a post performance grant utilized for the creation of high paying jobs in the state.</p> <p>Companies looking to expand or relocate to Utah may apply for these grants. Incentives are paid on a post performance basis after jobs are created in yearly increments. In order to receive the grant funding the jobs must be retained over the life of the project. The length of an Industrial Assistance Fund Grant is approximately 5 years. Grants fall into four categories:</p> <p>Urban - requiring the creating of at least 50 jobs paying 125% of the county average wage.</p> <p>Corporate Headquarters - Requires a company to relocate their headquarters to Utah</p> <p>Economic Opportunities - Companies relocating or expanding in Utah providing significant investment in employees, contractors, vendors are eligible under this category.</p> <p>Rural - Up to 20 percent of the Industrial Assistance Fund allocation can be used for economic opportunities in rural areas of the state. Rural jobs receiving incentive funding must be at 100 percent of the county average wage.</p>		2013 - General Fund, One Time - \$1,884,400	
Other:				



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S.J.R 12 - Joint Resolution on State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sen. Stuart C. Reid	<p>This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to: require the Governor's approval and the Senate's consent for an appointment of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and authorize the Governor, after consultation with the State Board of Education, to remove the State Superintendent of Public Instruction from office.</p> <p>Special Clauses: This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters. This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2015 for this proposal</p>	Monitor	Publication and distribution costs of submitting this proposed amendment to the voters will be \$15,300 from the General Fund, One-time in FY 2015.	3/13 - Senate file for bills not passed



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