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<b>SENATE BILLS:</b>					
<a href="#">SJR 5: Joint Resolution on State Superintendent of Public Instruction (Sen. Reid, S.)</a>	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 terminate the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.	High-Priority Support	Publication and distribution costs of submitting this proposed amendment to the voters will be \$14,700 from the General Fund, One-time in FY 2015.	Sponsor struck the enacting clause, bill sent to Senate Rules to be filed with defeated bills.	
<a href="#">SCR 5 SUB 2: Concurrent Resolution Endorsing the Utah Education Excellence Commission (Sen. Stevenson, J.)</a>	Expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by 2020; expresses the Legislature's determination to work with the Governor and Utah's education stakeholders to achieve the 66% goal.	Support	No fiscal impact	Senate final vote 28-0-1, House final vote 71-3-1. Bill passed, enrolled, and waiting for the signature of the Governor.	
<a href="#">SB 51 Sub. 1: Higher Education Tuition Waivers (Sen. Urquhart, S.)</a>	This bill removes the cap on the number of waivers allotted to institutions of higher education for nonresident students who meet certain academic and admission requirements; and extend alumni legacy nonresident scholarships at institutions of higher education to grandchildren of alumni. Requires the State Board of Regents to set certain surcharges related to a tuition waiver.	Support	Dedicated Credit revenue (tuition) will be affected at Utah System of Higher Education institutions. The increase or decrease will depend on the institutional presidents' decisions to waive nonresident tuition will likely vary from year to year.	Passed out of the Senate, the House, and enrolling. Waiting for the Governor's signature.	
<a href="#">SB 55 Sub. 4: Substitute Insurance Coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorder (Sen. Shiozawa)</a>	This bill requires a health benefit plan to provide coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder; grants rulemaking authority to the insurance commissioner; describes minimum coverage amounts and limits for the insurance coverage and provide for the annual adjustment of the coverage amounts based on the Consumer Price Index. Provides an exemption for small employers if premium costs increase by more than a certain percentage.	Oppose	Enactment of this bill could cost between 1 million and 13 million annually for state, public education, and higher education insurance coverage and increased expenditures in the Children's Health Insurance Program. Costs will depend upon prevalence, take-up rates and medical claims experienced. Assuming a take-up rate of one in 154 covered children and average annual claims paid of 4k per patient, enacting the bill could cost state 1.8 million in FY 2014 and 2.3 million beginning in FY 2015.	Died in House Rules, Sent back to Senate Rules to be filed with defeated bills.	
<a href="#">SB 100: Higher Education Scholarship Amendments (Sen. Stevenson, J.)</a>	This bill allows the Board of Regents to assign additional weights to grades earned in International Baccalaureate program courses in determining scholarship eligibility in the Regents' Scholarship Program; beginning July 1, 2013, changes the requirement for a student receiving a New Century scholarship or an Exemplary Academic Achievement award under the Regents' Scholarship Program to: register for at least 15 credit hours per semester and maintain a 3.3 GPA; this bill also exempts the Board of Regents from verifying lawful presence of certain scholarship applicants.	Support	No fiscal impact	Passed Senate 21-7-1, Passed House 65-7-3, enrolled; waiting for the signature of the Governor.	
<a href="#">SB 110: School-based Budgeting Amendments (Sen. Stephenson, H. / Rep. McCay, D.)</a>	This bill requires a school district to distribute certain revenues to schools in accordance with a weighted student formula and requires a principal to determine how to use revenues available to the school to meet students' needs.	Support	Beginning in FY 2018, school districts may see an increase in budgeting costs of \$0 to \$25,000 per school, or up to \$20.5 million. To enable more local budgeting, school districts would like to see cost savings at the school district level of up to \$20.5 million.	Failed in the Senate 12-16-1, Sent to Senate Rules to be filed with defeated bills.	Chet
<a href="#">SB 124 Sub. 1: Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Database Access (Sen. Harper, W.)</a>	This bill enacts a sales and use tax exemption for amounts paid or charged to access a database if the primary purpose for accessing the database is to view or retrieve information.	Support	On a State level, enactment of this bill clarifies current practice, which forgoes up to \$400,000 in sales tax revenue. On a local government level, enactment of this bill clarifies current practice, which forgoes up to \$160,000 in sales tax revenue. Direct expenditures by Utah residents and business, enactment of this bill clarifies current practice, which prevents individuals and businesses from a potential tax increase of \$560,000.	Passed Senate 24-2-3, Passed House Unanimously, Enrolled; Waiting for the Signature of the Governor.	



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<a href="#">SB 133: School Performance Report Amendments (Sen. Stephenson, H.)</a>	This bill modifies the content of a school performance report, which includes information about the academic achievement and demographic characteristics of a school's students; provides for public online access to a school performance report; and requires the State Board of Education, in meeting reporting requirements of a school performance report, to protect students' privacy by not revealing aggregated test scores if fewer than 10 test scores are in the group of aggregated test scores.	Support	Enactment of this bill may cost the State Board of Education \$11,800 one-time from the Education Fund to implement the data reporting provisions outlined in the bill.	Died in Senate rules; filed for defeated bills.	
<a href="#">SB 151: Authorization of Charter Schools by Higher Education Institutions (Sen. Adams, J.)</a>	This bill removes the requirement to obtain the approval of the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees before a campus board of directors enters into an agreement authorizing an individual or not-for-profit entity to establish and operate a charter school; allows a campus board of directors of a college campus within the Utah College of Applied Technology to establish procedures and criteria related to charter school applications; and modifies an annual fee for payment of a board of trustee's costs in providing oversight and technical support to a charter school.	Support	No fiscal impact	Passed Senate unanimously, Passed House 64-3-8, enrolled; Waiting for the signature of the Governor.	
<a href="#">SB 260 Sub 2: Reading Assessment Amendments (Sen. Urquhart)</a>	This bill requires the State Board of Education to develop uniform standards for acceptable growth goals that a school district or charter school adopts in its K-3 Reading Improvement Program plan.	Support	No received yet	Passed Senate 19-8-2; Passed House 49-22-4; enrolled; waiting for the signature of the Governor.	
<a href="#">SB 169: Education Task Force (Sen. Reid, S.)</a>	This bill creates the Education Task Force; provides for membership of the task force and compensation for members; and specifies duties and responsibilities of the task force.	High-Priority Support	Enactment of this bill will appropriate \$64,000 from the General Fund, one-time in FY 2014. Of this amount, \$32,000 is for the Senate, and \$32,000 is the House of Representatives.	Passed out of Senate 23-2-4, Passed House Unanimously; enrolled; waiting for the signature of the Governor.	
<a href="#">SB 175: Assessment of College Readiness (Sen. Stephenson)</a>	This bill modifies provisions regarding the assessment of high school students' college readiness.	Support	This bill eliminates the UBSCCT which costs 1.5 million to administer, and replaces it with a college readiness assessment to be adopted by the State Board of Education. The new system will cost 2.2 million. This bill appropriates 700K from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education to fund the difference.	Passed Senate and House unanimously; enrolled; waiting for the signature of the Governor.	Ernie (more information)
<a href="#">SB 221: Assessment Area Act Amendments (Sen. Van Tassell)</a>	This bill enacts provisions related to an assessment for an energy efficiency upgrade or a renewable energy system.	Support	No fiscal impact	Passed Senate unanimously, Passed House 70-3-2; enrolled; waiting for the signature of the Governor.	
<a href="#">SB 226: Sales and Use Tax Amendments (Sen. Harper)</a>	This bill defines terms; modifies the circumstances under which a person may be required to collect and remit sales and use taxes to the State Tax Commission; and makes technical and conforming changes	High-Priority Oppose	Enactment of this bill may increase sales tax revenue by approximately \$550,000 in FY 2014 and FY 2015. Under current law, a portion of sales taxes is set aside for transportation and other purposes. The set-aside would be approximately \$235,000 of the revenue generated by this bill. The legislative General Counsel has attached a Constitutional note to this bill.	Passed Senate 15-12-1; Died on the House Board Cirled; Sent to House Rules to be filed for defeated bills.	



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<a href="#">SB 271: School Grading Amendments (Sen. Adams)</a>	This bill specifies that the school grading system shall be known and referred to as "school grading"; modifies the criteria and procedures for determining school grades, including" calculation of learning growth; calculation of high school's graduation rate; and measurement of high school students' college and career readiness; and requires the State Board of Education to annually develop a personal student achievement report for each public school student to be delivered to the student's parent or guardian.	High- Priority Support	Enactment of this bill may cost the State Board of Education \$20,000 one-time from the Education Fund to conduct database programming and reporting changes to implement the personal student achievement reports outlined in the bill.	Passed Senate 16-10-3; Passed House 38-36-1; enrolled; waiting for the signature of the Governor.	
<b>HOUSE BILLS:</b>					
<a href="#">HB 59: School Board Elections Provisions (Rep. Nielson, J.)</a>	This bill amends provisions related to the election of the State Board of Education and local school boards; defines terms; and requires the direct nonpartisan election of member of the State Board of Education.	High-Priority Oppose	Enactment of this bill increase local governments' costs of running elections by up to 2.3 million every four years beginning in FY 2015. Revenues from candidate filing fees may increase by up to \$8,000 every four years beginning in FY 2015. Enactment of this bill may increase statewide election costs by up to \$550,000 every four years beginning FY 2015.	Died in House Rules and filed in defeated bills.	
<a href="#">HB 100 SUB 2: Internet Privacy Amendments (Rep. Barlow S.)</a>	This bill modifies provisions addressing labor in general and higher education to enact protections for personal Internet accounts. It defines terms and clarifies actions.	Oppose (Unless Amended)	Court fees will amount to \$50 per case by Utah Residents. Enacting this bill will cost the Courts up to \$8,100 per year ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY 2014.	Passed the House 65-4-6; Passed Senate unanimously; Bill enrolled and sent back to the House clerk.	
<a href="#">HB 139 SUB 1: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Action Center (Rep. Peterson, V.)</a>	This bill creates educational programs for science, technology engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This bill creates a STEM Action Board and Action Center.	High-Priority Support	Enactment of this bill appropriates \$15,000,000 ongoing General Fund to the Governor's Office of Economic Development for establishment of the STEM Action Center. The \$15,000,000 ongoing appropriation is partially offset in FY 2014 by a \$5,000,000 one-time General Fund reduction to GOED. The bill also appropriates 5 million one-time General Fund in FY 2014 to the State Board of Education for grants to the school districts and charter schools for STEM related career and technical education courses.	Bill Passed the House 68-1-6; Passed the senate unanimously; enrolled bill sent to printing.	
<a href="#">HB 265: Workforce Services Job Listings Amendments (Rep. Paul Ray)</a>	This bill requires all government entities and private companies that contract with any government entity to advertise job openings on the state's website; and adds a provision to the procurement code requiring that language be added into contracts and request for proposals that also require contractors to advertise job openings on the state website for the duration of the contract.	Oppose	No fiscal impact	Held in House rules; filed with defeated bills.	
<a href="#">HB 267: State Board of Education Elections (Rep. Moss)</a>	This bill amends provisions in Title 20A, Election Code, relating to the nomination and election of a person to the State Board of Education.	Oppose	No fiscal impact	Held in House rules; filed with defeated bills.	
<b>APPROPRIATIONS:</b>					
Higher Education Appropriations		Support			