



March 15, 2019—FINAL

BUDGET

The following one-time and ongoing appropriations were approved:

\$20,000	Secondary Water Metering
\$80,000	Predator Control Staff Equipment (one-time)
\$400,000	Water Banking Pilot Program (one-time)
\$500,000	RS 2477 Litigation (one-time)
\$500,000	Wildhorse & Burro Economic Study (one-time)
\$550,000	State Fair Park (one-time)
\$500,000	Thanksgiving Point Farm Country (one-time)
\$2,000,000	Water Development Fund (one-time)
\$2,000,000	Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy & Incentive (one-time)
\$2,000,000	Strategic & Targeted Forest Fire Treatment & Mitigation (one-time)
\$2,000,000	Wolf Delisting (one-time)
\$3,000,000	Utah County Wildfire Rehabilitation (one-time)
\$3,000,000	Agriculture Water Efficiency and Optimization Fund (one-time)
\$200,000	Predator Control Increase Trappers (ongoing)

PUBLIC LANDS

The State of Utah has adopted a public lands vision statement which states, “Transfer control of 31.2 million acres of public land currently managed by the federal government to the State of Utah.” Since 2012 (eight legislative sessions), the Utah Legislature has sponsored 46 bills and an additional 28 resolutions, including 16 total this 2019 Session, to help transfer public lands from federal to state management. Utah Farm Bureau supports the transfer of public lands from federal management to state and local governments, including some privatization.

WATER

Fifteen total water bills this Session ranging from exploring future legislation with water banking, provisions with instream flows, clarifying state engineer authorities, mandating secondary water metering and creating procedures for cities to provide water to customers outside their city boundaries. For several consecutive legislative sessions, the Utah Legislature is increasingly funding and passing laws to incentivize water conservation and efficiency. Many of this year’s appropriations and bills reflect this approach to managing both urban and rural water resources.



HOUSE BILLS

HB 12, Instream Flow Water Right Amendments, Rep. Hawkes (R) Centerville (Sandall) - Removes the sunset provision (December 31, 2019) regarding an instream flow application that would be filed for trout habitat. Farm Bureau supports leasing water for instream flow purposes only under certain conditions. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HB 14, State Monuments Act Amendments, Rep. Eliason (R) Sandy (Hinkins) - Requires Utah's Division of State Parks and Recreation to determine if a state monument designation is appropriate. If deemed appropriate, the bill outlines the process for designating a state monument which includes local input and support. Farm Bureau opposes the creation of State Monuments. However, if State Monuments are created, they must be created and managed with local input and support. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HB 31, Water Supply and Surplus Water Amendments, Rep. Coleman (R) West Jordan (Okerlund) - Creates a process for a city to provide water to customers outside the city's boundary. Also, a city cannot sell some or all of its water rights, unless under certain conditions. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.

1S HB 32, Rulemaking Fiscal Accountability Amendments, Rep. Stratton (R) Orem (Grover) - Requires Utah's Department of Environmental Quality to get approval from Utah's Legislative Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Interim Committee before recommending total maximum daily load (TMDL) end point and implementation strategies to the EPA. Also, requires state agencies to submit certain proposed rules to a legislative appropriations committee before the agency enacts the rules. Farm Bureau worked to ensure proposed increased state agency transparency won't negatively impact agriculture producers. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HB 33, Utah Wholesome Food Act Amendments, Rep. Stratton (R) Orem (Okerlund) - Defines the term "produce" to mean a food that is a fruit, vegetable, mix of intact fruits and vegetables, mushroom, sprout from any seed source, peanut tree nut, or herb and a raw agricultural commodity. Expands the definition of "food establishment" to include farms and would allow employees of Utah's Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) to enter a farm for purposes of inspections when administering the Federal Safety and Moderation Act (FSMA). Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HB 66, Year-Round Daylight Saving Time, Rep. Judkins (R) Provo - Would require Utah to remain on Mountain Daylight time year-round once federal congressional legislation authorizes states to opt out of standard time. Farm Bureau supports Mountain Daylight Savings time with time changes in the spring and fall. Sponsor agreed to not run this bill and pursue HJR 15. Farm Bureau opposed.

HB 67, Greenbelt Amendments, Rep. Wilde (R) Croydon - Requires those with Greenbelt parcels, specifically rangelands, to provide written land-use management plans to the County Assessor to ensure the land is used for production agriculture. The purpose of the bill is to minimize those who abuse qualifying greenbelt. Farm Bureau was concerned with burdensome requirements placed on greenbelt landowners. Bill sponsor agreed to hold the bill for further interim review/consideration. Farm Bureau opposed.

3S HB 78, Federal Designations, Rep. Albrecht (R) Richfield (Hinkins) - Requires a local government that is advocating for a federal designation within their jurisdiction to bring the proposal to Utah's legislative Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Interim Committee for review. Properties less than 5,000 acres would not need legislative review. Farm Bureau opposes the creation or expansion of new National Parks/Monuments, unless impacted permittees and local governments are supportive. If Parks/Monuments are to be created/expanded, we support congressional review and evaluation to determine the necessity using the NEPA process. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.

HB 88, Statewide Initiative Process Amendments, Rep. Nelson (R) Grantsville - Changes the deadline for individuals to submit a

signature removal request on statewide initiative petitions. Also, clarifies that an initiative signature that is not declared valid by a county clerk can not be counted toward the petition's total signatures. Farm Bureau supports the initiative process only under certain conditions. Bill did not get a public hearing. Farm Bureau supports.

1S HB 91, Agricultural Land Amendments, Rep. Snider (R) Paradise (Sandall) - Changes the name of the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program to the Critical Land Conservation Program (CLCP). Changes the funding of this program away from Utah's Department of Natural Resources to Utah's Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF). Directs UDAF to conduct a study identifying and classifying private agricultural lands. Farm Bureau supports the Quality Growth Commission and the LeRay McAllister Fund for purposes of preserving agricultural lands throughout the state. Bill was amended to only include the study provision. Passed the House, but was not funding. Farm Bureau supports.

2S HB 99, Catastrophic Wildfire and Other Public Nuisance Revisions, Rep. Ivory (R) West Jordan (Winterton) - Requires the State of Utah to indemnify, defend and hold a chief executive officer or county sheriff harmless from any claims or damages, including court costs and attorney fees that are assessed as a result of the chief executive officer's or county sheriff's action in abating a catastrophic public nuisance (example: wildfire). Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

1S HB 105, Off-Highway Vehicle Permit Amendments, Rep. Owens (R) Nephi (Sandall) - Removes the provision that allows reciprocity of off-highway vehicle permits with other states. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HB 110, Rural Economic Development Incentives, Rep.

Albrecht (R) Richfield (Okerlund) - Increases the maximum grant amount that the Governor's Office of Economic Development may award to a rural business from \$25,000 to \$250,000. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

4S HB 119, Initiatives, Referenda, and other Political Activities, Rep. Daw (R) Orem (Bramble) - Makes changes to how statewide initiatives and referendums are administered, including: publications of information pamphlets available to voters, holding public hearings regarding content and purpose of initiatives, timelines and signature requirements. Farm Bureau supports initiatives under certain conditions, including: the main points of the initiative be disclosed when each signature is collected and those signing the petitions be given 3 business days to remove their signature. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.

HB 125, Quantity Impairment Modifications, Rep. Albrecht (R) Richfield (Hemmert) - Ensures there is a rebuttable presumption of quantity impairment to the extent that, for at least seven consecutive years, a portion of the water right is identified in a change application and has not been diverted from the approved point of diversion or beneficially used at the approved place of use. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

2S HB 133, Initiative Amendments, Rep. Daw (R) Orem (Bramble) - Changes the implementation or effective dates when initiatives take effect. Also, amends the appeal process when there are conflicting initiatives. Farm Bureau supports initiatives under certain conditions. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.



1S HB 135, Wildfire Preparedness Amendments, Rep. Owens (R) Nephi (Okerlund) - Creates and funds the Wildland Fire Preparedness Grants Restricted Account and directs the state forester to make one or more grants to fire departments or volunteer fire departments for purposes of wildfire suppression. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HB 143, Water Conservation Plan Amendments, Rep. Harrison (D) Draper - Requires retail water providers, water conservancy districts and the end users of culinary water to include in their Water Conservation Plans what measures they will enact to reduce per capita water use to 175 gallons per capita day or less and how much this would cost. Farm Bureau supports the wise use of all water, including agricultural water where farmers and ranchers determine that use. Bill sponsor will not advance the bill further. Farm Bureau monitored.

HB 155, Fire Management Provisions, Rep. Snider (R) Paradise (Hinkins) - Imposes specific procedures before conducting large prescribed wildfires. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

1S HB 179, Road Closure Amendments, Rep. Lyman (R) Blanding (Hinkins) - Makes one guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor when temporarily or permanently closing a Class A, B, C, D road or a RS2477 right-of-way. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.



HB 180, Agricultural and Industrial Protection Area Amendments, Rep. Coleman (R) West Jordan - Established a process in which a person may challenge the decision of legislative body's decision of a proposal to create an agricultural protection area, an industrial protection area or a mining protection area. This process would include filing a petition that would be reviewed by the district court. Farm Bureau believes a Constitutional right of judicial review already exists. Bill sponsor will not advance the bill further. Farm Bureau opposed.

1S HB 182, Raw Milk Products, Rep. Coleman (R) West Jordan (Hinkins) - Would allow for the manufacturing, distribution and selling of cream and butter when solely produced from raw milk so long as the standards of manufacturing, distribution and selling of these products meet the current and same standards of raw milk. Farm Bureau believes this legislative attempt to process raw milk has not been properly considered by the industry and regulators for purposes of consumer safety and producer protections. Bill failed due to not getting a full Senate vote. Farm Bureau opposed.

2S HB 195, Initiative and Referendum Amendments, Rep. Handy (R) Layton (McKay) - Modifies signature thresholds for statewide initiatives and referenda and bases the thresholds on a percentage of active voters rather than the number of voters in a previous presidential election. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.

HB 216, Utah Wholesome Food Act Revisions, Rep. Stratton (R) Orem - Would allow food produced, prepared and consumed on a farm be sold and not be subject to inspection by Utah's Department of Agriculture and Food or State and local Health Departments. The bill was amended to only include federally inspected rabbit and poultry and cottage foods. The majority of the food sold and consumed must be produced on the farm and can only be sold 31 days out of the year. Farm Bureau supports direct to consumer sales so long as safety of the entire food chain is taken into consideration. Bill sponsor has agreed to hold the bill and consider administrative and enforcement procedures during the interim. Farm Bureau supports.



1S HB 229, Land Transfer Amendments, Rep. Brammer (R) Pleasant Grove (Hemmert) - Requires Utah's Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) to develop expertise in application procedures and context necessary to dispose of federal lands to the state and local governments. Creates a seven-member Advisory Committee intended to advise PLPCO. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

1S HB 256, Regulation of Shell Egg Producers, Rep. Roberts (R) Spanish Fork (Winterton) - Exempts small chicken producers (less than 3,000) from regulation requirements. The Department of Health would have the authority to investigate foodborne illness or if the producer requests inspection. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

2S HB 288, Critical Infrastructure Materials, Rep. Wilde (R) Croydon (Hinkins) - Creates a "Critical Infrastructure Materials Protection Area" that would provide similar protections currently afforded in Agriculture Protection Areas. Critical infrastructure materials includes the extraction, excavation, processing or reprocessing of sand, gravel or rock. Passed the House. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.

HB 334, Boards and Commissions Membership Requirements, Rep. Thurston (R) Provo (Sandall) - Takes away the requirement that no more than four members of the Livestock Market Committee belong to any one political party. Utah Farm Bureau and six other Utah agriculture organizations recommend names to serve on this Committee. Farm Bureau is non-partisan. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HB 352, Veterinary Medical Practice Act, Rep. McKell (R) Spanish Fork - Allows for a graduated, certified dental equine technician to perform teeth floating under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Sponsor agreed to withhold his bill and support SB 191. Farm Bureau supported.

HB 355, Water General Adjudication Amendments, Rep. Ferry (R) Corinne (Okerlund) - Amends the process to appropriate or permanently change a small amount of water and amends the process to a right to appeal during a general adjudication of water rights. Amends the State Water Engineer's duty to serve summons on claimants during a general adjudication of water rights. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HB 401, Eminent Domain Amendments, Rep. Ray (R) Clearfield - Prohibits the use of eminent domain for economic purposes, including parks, walking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Farm Bureau opposes the use of eminent domain for recreational purposes and private economic development. Bill failed for lack of a public hearing. Farm Bureau supports.

HB 402, Agricultural Vehicle Amendments, Rep. Perry (R) Perry (Sandall) - Amends when an implement of husbandry can incidentally operate on a highway to 100 miles round trip. Also, an implement of husbandry can exceed the single axle weight by 2,000 pounds so long as the total gross vehicle weight of the vehicle is not over the established weight limit and not operating on an interstate. Farm Bureau supports increased tandem weight limits so long as overall weight limits don't exceed the gross weight limit. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

4S HB 412, Domesticated Game Slaughter, Rep. Roberts (R) Spanish Fork (Winterton) - Allows for the slaughter of domesticated wild game by those who hold a license. Farm Bureau supports the custom cutting of meat for private individuals/entities being identical for all species processed. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

1S HB 433, Inland Port Amendments, Rep. Gibson (R) Spanish Fork (Buxton) - Allows for Utah's Inland Port Authority to expand outside its 16,000-acre jurisdiction in Salt Lake City and partner with willing communities, including rural areas. The Utah Inland Port Authority is envisioned to be a global trade hub of shipping yards, rail, truck and air connections. to adopt a project area plan. Furthermore, authorizes the Utah Inland Port Authority to own and operate a trade hub. Farm Bureau believes this can open new, expanding agriculture commodity markets. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HB 441, Tax Equalization and Reduction Act, Rep. Quinn (R) Heber City - Proposes to decrease both the sales tax rate from 4.7

percent to 3.1 percent and the income tax rate from 4.95 percent to 4.75 percent. Then, expand the sales tax to a wide variety of services that currently fall outside the sales tax purview, including: legal services, haircuts, cosmetic surgery, financial services, private flight or golf lessons, professional landscaping and more. Also, delete 15 of the state's 88 sales tax exemptions, including vehicle trade-ins, car washes, newspapers, water, ticket sales to college athletic events. Farm Bureau supports a balanced, simplified tax policy and retaining all sales tax exemptions available to Utah farmers. Bill will not advance this Session and will be further reviewed in the interim. Farm Bureau opposed.

HB 452, Water Facilities Amendments, Rep. Wilde (R) Croydon - Imposes stricter penalties when interfering with or obstructing water facilities. Bill failed for lack of a public hearing. Farm Bureau supports.

1S HCR 2, Concurrent Resolution Supporting Renewable and Sustainable Energy Options to Promote Rural Economic Development, Rep. Arent (D) Millcreek (Hinkins) - Supports the development of wind, solar, hydrogen, small conduit hydroelectric and geothermal energy in rural areas of Utah as a compliment to Utah's diversified energy system and supports the export of those Utah-produced renewable energy sources. Farm Bureau supports responsible development and use of cost effective renewable energy resources as well as free-market principles determining renewable resource integration. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HCR 5, Concurrent Resolution Urging Policies that Reduce Damage from Wildfires, Rep. Ward (R) Bountiful (Winterton) - Urges the federal government to pursue policies that allow for easier reduction of excess forest fuel loads. Farm Bureau supports reducing excess forest fuel loads. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HCR 10, Concurrent Resolution to Address Declining Water Levels of the Great Salt Lake, Rep. Hawkes (R) Centerville (Sandall) - Urges the collaboration of recommendations for policy and actionable solutions to avert economic, social and environmental harm due to declining water levels at the Great Salt Lake and its wetlands. Farm Bureau worked to amend the resolution to ensure proper and fair representation occurs when recommending solutions and further amendments stressing the importance of agriculture in the overall health of the Great Salt Lake. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.



HCR 18, Concurrent Resolution Concerning Bear Lake, Rep. Wilde (R) Croydon (Hillyard) - Recognizes the benefits and challenges of Bear Lake and urges the cooperation with the state of Idaho to develop joint expectations for the continued health, beauty and enjoyment of Bear Lake. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HCR 19, Concurrent Resolutions Concerning Utah's Farmland Assessment Act of 1969, Rep. Ferry (R) Corrine (Hemmert) - Highlights the 50 years of Utah Legislature's supporting the Farmland Assessment Act and recognizes the Farmland Assessment Act (Greenbelt) as landmark legislation that paves the way for Utah's farmers and ranchers to remain a strong steward of Utah's private land and waters. Farm Bureau supports the Farmland Assessment Act. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HJR 1, Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Municipal Water Resources, Rep. Stratton (R) Orem (Grover) - Amends the



Utah Constitution by specifying the circumstances in which a city may commit water resources or supply water outside the city's boundary. If this resolution passes, then voters would vote to amend the Utah Constitution during the 2020 General Election. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

HJR 5, Joint Resolution Approving Notes to Water Rights Addenda, Rep. Owens (R) Nephi (Okerlund) - States it is the intent of the Utah Legislature that the State Water Engineer distribute to the County Recorder's office the water rights addendum to water deeds and land deeds. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

1S HJR 15, Joint Resolution Submitting a Question to the Voters, Rep. Judkins (R) Provo (Harper) - Directs the Lieutenant Governor to place a non-binding opinion question on the 2020 General Election asking voters if they support changing Utah's current Mountain Daylight Savings Time to something else. The Resolution was amended to only urge Congress to pass the Daylight Act. Farm Bureau supports Mountain Daylight Savings time with time changes in the spring and fall. See HB 66. The sponsor abandoned HB 66 and pursuing this resolution. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.

1S HJR 17, Joint Resolution on the Formation of Public Lands Management Plans, Rep. Stratton (R) Orem (Hinkins) - Asserts the State of Utah should legislatively approve land use management plans for federally controlled public lands. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SENATE BILLS

SB 17, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Amendments, Sen. Okurland (R) Monroe (Hawkes) - Creates a process for a city to adopt an ordinance or regulation governing land use outside the city's boundary. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.

SB 18, Sunset Reauthorization - Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands, Sen. Grover (R) Provo (Duckworth) - Extends the repeal date of the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands by 10 years to 2029. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SB 24, State Energy Policy Amendments, Sen. Grover (R) Provo (Stratton) - Adds to the state energy policy the promotion of specific nuclear power generation technologies, increased access to domestic and international energy markets and promotion of energy education in grades K-12. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

3S SB 26, Governmental Nonprofit Corporation Act Amendments, Sen. Henderson (R) Spanish Fork (Hall) - Requires Utah's Auditor to develop and distribute training resources regarding best practices for financial controls and board governance to governmental nonprofit organizations. Private nonprofits are not included. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SB 44, Street-Legal ATV Amendments, Sen. Fillmore (R) South Jordan (Strong) - States a person may not operate a type I, type II or type III all-terrain vehicle as a street-legal vehicle on a highway. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

5S SB 52, Secondary Water Metering Requirements, Sen. Anderegg (R) Lehi (Hawkes) - Requires new commercial, industrial, institutional and residential to meter secondary water beginning April 2020. Requires secondary water suppliers to develop plans and reports for future secondary water systems. Directs the issue to be further studied in the interim. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SB 65, Utah Noxious Weed Act Amendments, Sen. Iwamoto (D) Salt Lake City (Daw) - Allows the Salt Lake County Major or his/her designee to serve on the countywide Weed Control Board. Currently, the County Major is required to serve on the Weed Control Board. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SB 66, Dam Safety Amendments, Sen. Sandall (R) Tremonton (Owens) - Clarifies the State Water Engineer has the authority to regulate the safety of dams for the purpose of protecting public safety. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

3S SB 93, Agricultural Nuisance Amendments, Sen. Sandall (R) Tremonton (Ferry) - Further protects agricultural operations against nuisance complaints. Bill would require those filing a nuisance lawsuit to own property within one-half mile of the farm and file within one-year of living near the farm. The law would supersede any local nuisance ordinances. Farm Bureau supports actions designed to protect the rights of farmers and to ensure from undue liability and nuisance suits. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.



SB 105, Hemp and Cannabinoid Act Amendments, Sen. Vickers (R) Cedar City (Daw) - Requires Utah's Department of Agriculture and Food to establish requirements for a license to cultivate, process or market industrial hemp. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SB 114, Hunting Amendments, Sen. Hinkins (R) Orangeville (Albrecht) - Allows Utah's Department of Agriculture and Food to issue a permit for aerial hunting on private lands and state and federal allotments so long as the permittee of the allotments gives permission. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SB 142, Animal Welfare Amendments, Sen. Davis (D) Salt Lake City - Makes one guilty of a Class A Misdemeanor if one knowingly leaves a dog unattended and unable to reach shelter. "Shelter" is defined as resistant to extreme weather, prevents penetration for moisture and contains sufficient bedding. This bill only applies to Salt Lake County. Farm Bureau is concerned this will have unintended consequences to farmers and ranchers who own dogs, regardless of the county. Bill failed due to not getting a Committee hearing. Farm Bureau opposed.

1S SB 150, Energy Balancing Account Amendments, Sen. Hemmert (R) Orem (Snow) - Repeals the sunset date (December 31, 2019) for an electrical corporation's energy balancing account allowing a corporation to permanently recover 100% of its prudently incurred net power costs. Farm Bureau worked to amend the bill to include reporting requirements every two years to a Legislative Interim Committee. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.

SB 180, Limitations on Landowner Liability Amendments, Sen. Hemmert (R) Orem (Brammer) - Changes the liability of landowners when free recreational activities occur on private lands. Also, limits the available non-economic damages in a claim against a landowner. Farm Bureau supports limiting liability for agritourism. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SB 181, Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing, Sen. Hinkins (R) Orangeville - Allows for pari-mutuel horse racing and wagering in a county in which voters allow, through an election, for pari-mutuel events within the county. Sponsor of the bill decided not to advance the bill. Farm Bureau monitored.

1S SB 184, Nuisance and Code Enforcement Amendments, Sen. Thatcher (R) West Valley City (Ray) - Clarifies the process in which a city and county may designate, inspect and abate nuisance violations. Nuisance includes the growth and spread of



noxious weeds. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.

SB 189, Temporary Land Use Regulation Amendments, Sen. Okerlund (R) Monroe (Lyman) - Allows a county to enact a temporary land use regulation that prohibits a study of water availability, capacity or quality that Utah's Division of Water Quality conducts. Held in House Committee. Bill failed. Farm Bureau monitored.

2S SB 191, Equine Dentistry Amendments, Sen. Hinkins (R) Orangeville (McKell) - Allows an Equine Technician to float teeth if the technician has a valid certification from the International Association of Equine Dentistry or an equivalent certification. Requires the direct supervision of a veterinarian when a technician administers drugs for sedation. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SB 194, Conservation Commission Amendments, Sen. Hinkins (R) Orangeville (Wilde) - Expands the use of Agriculture Resource Development Funds to include: development or implementation of coordinated resource management plans, control or eradicate noxious weeds, projects to improve manure management, control surface runoff and other environmental issues on the farm/ranch. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SB 209, Scenic Byway Modifications, Sen. Anderreg (R) Lehi - Allows for state scenic byways to be established similar to National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads. Removes a private business representative from the Utah State Scenic Byway Committee and replaces that seat with a Outdoor Advertising representative. Farm Bureau worked to amend the bill to ensure agriculture representation continued. Bill will not advance. Farm Bureau monitored.

1S SB 214, Property Tax Relief Modifications, Sen. Fillmore (R) South Jordan (Robertson) - Requires Water Conservancy Districts to make an interim Legislative report that states the percentage and amount of revenue from property taxes, water rates and all other sources. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau monitored.

SB 240, Property Exemption for Wildfire Prevention, Sen. Hemmert (R) Orem - Provides for a property tax exemption for landowners who invest in wildfire prevention projects on private property. See SJR 11. Bill failed to advance to the Senate Floor. Farm Bureau monitored.

1S SB 246, Urban Farming Assessment Act Amendments, Sen. Anderreg (R) Lehi (Ferry) - Changes the minimum acreage requirement to qualify for urban farming assessment from 2 acres to 1 acre. Also, includes forages to qualify for urban farming production. Farm Bureau supports the concepts associated with urban farming so long as qualifying lands have special tax status separate from the Farmland Assessment Act and must be managed as a profitable agricultural business. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SB 270, Vandalism of Public Lands, Sen. Cullimore (R) Salt Lake City (Spendlove) - Makes it a Class B misdemeanor to vandalize public lands. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SCR 9, Concurrent Resolution Regarding Navajo Water Rights Settlement Agreement, Sen. Hinkins (R) Orangeville (Lyman) - Declares support for the negotiated settlement agreement of federal reserved water right claims proposed by a negotiating committee composed of representatives of the Navajo Nation, the state of Utah and the United States. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

1S SCR 13, Concurrent Resolution on Public Lands Strategy, Sen. Hinkins (R) Orangeville (Stratton) - Recognizes that state officials should be involved in the creation and implementation of public land policies. Directs Utah's Legislature to work with the federal government to better manage Utah's public lands. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SJR 1, Joint Resolution Supporting the Study of Water Banking in Utah, Sen. Iwamoto (D) Salt Lake City (Barlow) - Encourages the continued review and study of implementing water banking in Utah as recommended by the 2017 State Recommendation



Water Strategy Plan. Seeks \$400,000 to create a Pilot Water Banking Program. Farm Bureau supports water banking so long as control is maintained locally. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SJR 9, Joint Resolution Calling for a Convention to Amend the United States Constitution, Sen. Vickers (R) Cedar City (Nelson)
- Calls on Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states for the purpose imposing fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power of jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the terms of office for Congressional members. Farm Bureau supports a convention of the states. Waiting for the Governor's signature. Farm Bureau supports.

SJR 11, Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution — Exemption for Fire Prevention, Sen. Hemmert (R) Orem - Authorizes the Utah Legislature to provide a property tax exemption for landowners who engage in efforts to prevent wildfire. Further, directs Utah's Lt. Governor to submit this proposed constitutional amendment to the voters at the next general election. See SB 240. Bill sponsor will not advance this Resolution further. Farm Bureau monitored.

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