



Legislative Update

March 7, 2022

The annual Utah Legislative Session began on Tuesday, January 18 and will conclude on midnight, March 4 for a total of 45 days. It's anticipated the 104 member part-time legislature will consider nearly 900 bills and balance a \$20 billion budget. Utah Farm Bureau will be monitoring these bills full-time either virtually or in person on Capitol Hill, representing its members and grassroots developed policy.

Here is a list of initial bills directly impacting Utah's farmers and ranchers. Updates will be emailed to interested Farm Bureau members Monday morning for eight consecutive weeks. Please make every effort to regularly communicate to your respective Representative and Senator your support and concerns regarding this list of bills. This regular communication, combined with Utah Farm Bureau's activity on Capitol Hill, will strengthen our voice, unify our efforts and increase our effectiveness in policy implementation.

This Utah Farm Bureau Legislative Update is made available to Farm Bureau members via email or on the Utah Farm Bureau website - www.utahfarmbureau.org. For additional information about these bills, contact Wade Garrett, VP Strategic Relationships & Advocacy at wade.garrett@fbfs.com or 435-660-9292. Contact information for your respective legislator is found online at <https://le.utah.gov>.

House Bills

[HB 27 State Monuments Act Amendments](#), Rep. Eliason – Amends the procedure for considering a proposed state monument. **Passed.**

[HB 33 Instream Water Flow Amendments](#), Rep. Ferry – Amends the process of a change application for instream flow. **Passed.**

[HB 35 Economic Development Modifications](#), Rep. Handy – Amends the EDTIF Program to better deals with economic development and growth in rural counties. **Passed.**

[HB 37 State Water Policy Amendments](#), Rep. Stratton – Includes recharge of aquifers as part of the state water policy. **Passed.**

[HB 62 Big Game Amendments](#), Rep. Snider– Modifies provisions related to depredation by big game. **Passed.**

[HB 64 Drinking Water Amendments](#), Rep. Watkins – Implements an annual fee on public water systems to be deposited in the Drinking Water Capacity Account. **Failed.**

[HB 72 Noise Pollution Amendments](#), Rep. Wheatley – Requires vehicles subject to an emissions inspection to be inspected for compliance with noise suppression equipment. **Failed.**

[HB 85 Eminent Domain Amendments](#), Rep. Petersen – Removes the creation of a public park as a public use for which the right of eminent domain may be exercised. **Failed.**

[HB 92 Transportation of Dogs Act](#), Rep. Matthews - Restricts the transportation of dogs in the back of a truck. **Failed.**

[HB 112 Animal Fighting Amendments](#), Rep. Judkins - Broadens the application of the dog fighting statute to all animals. **Failed.**

[HB 115 Water Distribution Efficiency](#), Rep. Ballard - Addresses efficiency in water distribution systems. **Failed.**

[HB 118 Wetland Amendments](#), Rep. Snider- Requires the collection and publication of wetland data and a study of the viability of an in-lieu program for wetland mitigation. **Failed.**

[HB 120 Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act](#), Rep. Snow - enacts the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Act. **Passed.**

[HB 121 Water Conservation Modification](#), Rep. Spendlove - Modifies provisions related to conservation of water and related provisions regarding lawn or turf. Limits turf at State facilities. **Passed.**

[HB 129 Navigable Water Determination](#), Rep. Hawkes - Modifies the Public Waters Access Act to address an administrative process to determine navigability of waters for the purpose of public recreational access. **Not heard.**

[HB 131 Watershed Restorative Initiative](#), Rep. Bennion - Creates the Watershed Restoration Initiative within the DNR. **Passed.**

[HB 132 Uniform Easement Relocation Act](#), Rep. Snow - Establishes the right of a property owner to relocate an easement in certain circumstance. **Passed.**

[HB 145 Wildfire Amendments](#), Rep. Snider - Addresses the state's management of wildfires. **Passed.**

[HB 146 Food Truck Licensing Amendments](#), Rep. Lisonbee - Modifies the Food Truck Licensing and Regulation Act. **Passed.**

[HB 158 Sale of Domesticated Animals Amendments](#), Rep. Shipp - Limits the regulation that a political subdivision may make or enforce against a retail pet store. **Not heard.**

[HB 160 State Resource Management Plans](#), Rep. Stratton - Adopts the statewide resource management plan. **Passed.**

[HB 165 Food Sales Tax Amendments](#), - Rep. Lesser - Removes the state sales and use tax imposed on food. **Not heard.**

[HB 166 Water Facilities Amendments](#), Rep. Watkins - Modifies criminal and civil provisions related to water facilities. **Passed.**

[HB 168 Preferences of Water Rights Amendments](#), Rep. Albrecht- Addresses preferences of wa-

ter rights during a temporary water shortage. **Passed.**

HB 174 Brand Inspection Amendments, Rep. Christofferson - Adds a seat for the slaughterhouse industry to the brand board. **Failed.**

HB 175 Protection of Animal Amendments, Rep. Romera - Concerns protections for an animal under circumstances of domestic violence. **Passed.**

HB 180 Off-Road Vehicle Safety Education, Rep. Albrecht - Requires any individual operating an off-highway vehicle to complete an online education course including a chapter about the importance of gates and fences used in agriculture production. **Passed.**

HB 187 Agricultural Assessments Amendments, Rep. Kohler - Provides that if a person withdraws land from assessment under the Farmland Assessment Act, any portion of the land that is assessed under the Urban Farming Assessment Act is not subject to a rollback tax. **Not heard.**

HB 203 Food Sales Tax Amendments, Rep. Rohner - Removes the state sales and use tax imposed on food. **Not heard.**

HB 204 Trust Land Disposal Requirements, Rep. Snider - This bill imposes conditions of the sale of school and institutional trust lands. **Not heard.**

HB 206 Outdoor Recreation Related Education, Rep. Chew - Modifies provisions to require outdoor recreation education related to gates or fences used for agricultural purposes. **Passed.**

HB 232 Utah Lake Authority, Rep. Brammer - Creates the Utah Lake Authority; defines the status of the Utah Lake Authority and provides for the Authority's purposes, powers, duties, policies, and objectives. **Passed.**

HB 242 Secondary Water Metering Amendments, Rep. Peterson - Imposes requirements related to metering pressurized secondary water. **Passed.**

HB 252 Employee Verification Requirements, Rep. Ferry - Increases the number of employees and employer need to have before being required to use the status verification system. **Passed.**

HB 253 Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, Rep. Ferry - Removes the date by which counties are to adopt a county large concentrated animal feeding operation land use ordinance. **Not heard.**

HB 256 Farm To School Program, Rep. Handy - Creates the Utah Farm to Fork Commission (commission) requires the commission to administer a grant program to provide grants to schools, child-care centers, nonprofit organizations, and farmers to establish or expand farm to school programs. **Failed.**

HB 263 Utah Watershed Council Amendments, Rep. Chew - Modifies the membership of the Utah Watersheds Council. **Passed.**

HB 271 Water Release Amendments, Rep. Lisonbee - Limit the speed at which the flow rate of can be increased from dams on the Provo Weber Rivers. **Failed.**

[HB 281 Transplant of Wildlife Amendments](#), Rep. Chew - Requires the adoption of a mitigation plan before transplanting certain animals. **Failed.**

[HB 304 Eminent Domain Modifications](#), Rep. Snider - Prevents a county from exercising eminent domain for a county road while they are engaged in an RS 2477 right of way in court. **Failed.**

[HB 305 Natural Resource Revisions](#), Rep. Ferry - Moves the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program to UDAF and creates the department of conservation within UDAF to manage land conservation efforts. **Passed.**

[HB 306 Cosmetic Sale Amendments](#), Rep. Barlow - Prohibits the sale of cosmetics that have been tested on animals. **Not heard.**

[HB 343 Water Supply Amendments](#), Rep. Lyman - Addresses a municipality's supply of water to contract water customers. **Not heard.**

[HB 377 Water Rights Adjudication Amendments](#), Rep. Kohler - Amends provisions related to the process for adjudicating water rights. **Passed.**

[HB 381 State Park Designation Amendments](#), Rep. Eliason - Addresses the creation of Monte Cristo State Park. **Not heard.**

[HB 393 Water Reporting Amendments](#), Rep. Ferry - Requires a study and makes changes regarding the use of electrolysis to create hydrogen from water. **Passed.**

[HB 410 Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement](#), Rep. Wilson - Enacts the Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Program. **Passed.**

[HB 416 Property Rights Ombudsmen Amendments](#), Rep. Peterson - Allows the Property Rights Ombudsman to review certain county ordinances to determine if they comply with state law. **Not heard.**

[HB 423 Department of Agriculture and Food Amendments](#), Rep. Ferry - Makes changes related to the authority and administration of the Department of Agriculture and Food. **Passed.**

[HB 429 Great Salt Lake Amendments](#), Rep. Miles - Addresses state actions related to the Great Salt Lake. **Passed.**

[HB 476 Local Agricultural Regulations](#), Rep. Ferry - Modifies the authority of a political subdivision to enact regulations regarding animal enterprises and working animals. **Failed.**

[HCR 1 Concurrent Resolution Work Together to Address Climate, Public Lands, and Carbon Sequestration](#), Rep. Stratton - Recognizes and encourages best management practices to reduce carbon emissions while also preserving and expanding forests and other lands to improve climate outcomes. **Passed.**

[HJR 3 Joint Resolution Supporting Federal Carbon Fee and Dividend Program](#), Rep. Ward - Addresses CO2 pollution, its impact on the environment, and ways to efficiently promote clean air technology. **Failed.**

Senate Bills

[SB 17 Grazing Advisory Board Amendments](#), **Sen. Sandall** – Addresses the sunset date and changes the name of the State Grazing Advisory Board. **Passed.**

[SB 31 Water Rights Proofs on Small Amounts of Water](#), **Sen. Sandall** – Modifies the requirements for a proof submitted to the state engineer regarding a small amount of water. **Passed.**

[SB 68 Trespass Penalty Amendments](#), **Sen. Sandall** – Makes changes related to civil penalties for trespassing on private property. **Passed.**

[SB 72 ATV Weight Limit Amendments](#), **Sen. Hinkins** – Amends the definition of an all-terrain type II vehicle to change the weight limit from 2,500 pounds to 3,500 pounds. **Passed.**

[SB 89 Water Amendments](#), **Sen. Iwamoto** – Requires retail water providers and water conservancy districts to post their water conservation plan and water conservation goals on a public website. **Passed.**

[SB 107 Horse Racing Amendments](#), **Sen. Hinkins** - Appropriate \$2,000,000 ongoing to support and promote horse racing in Utah. **Not heard.**

[SB 110 Water as Part of General Plan](#), **Sen. McKell** - Modifies provisions related to general plans to address water. **Passed.**

[SB 116 State Bird of Prey Designation](#), **Sen. McKell** - Designates the Golden Eagle as the state bird of prey. **Passed.**

[SB 133 Food Security Amendments](#), **Sen. Escamilla** - Creates the State Nutrition Action Coalition at Utah State University to coordinate state efforts in addressing food security. **Passed.**

[SB 136 Air Quality Policy Amendments](#), **Sen. Escamilla** - Requires the Air Quality Policy Advisory Board to oversee a study conducted by the Department of Environmental Quality and make recommendations on a diesel emissions reduction plan framework. **Passed.**

[SB 137 Property Decontamination Amendments](#), **Sen. Mayne** - Authorizes a municipality to designate and regulate the abatement of sources of filth and communicable diseases. **Passed.**

[SB 160 Colorado River Authority of Utah Amendments](#), **Sen. Winterton** - Amends the membership on the Colorado River Authority of Utah to include a person representing tribal interests. **Passed.**

[SB 165 Animal Cruelty Modifications](#), **Sen. Davis** - Amends cruelty to animal provisions. **Not heard.**

[SB 221 Water Related Sale and Use Tax Amendments](#), **Sen. Hinkins** - Removes a cap on sales and use tax revenue kept by the Division of Water Rights; addresses uses of money transferred to the Division of Water Rights. **Passed.**

[SB 225 Farmland Assessment Act Amendments](#), **Sen. Anderegg** - Provides that land withdrawn from assessment under the Farmland Assessment Act is not subject to the rollback tax if the use or development of the withdrawn land is limited by certain state or local laws or ordinances. **Not heard.**

SCR 2 Concurrent Resolution Highlighting Utah's Willingness to Cooperate with the Federal Partners for Efficient and Sustainable Management of Public Lands, Sen. Winterton –

Recognizes the need for and encourages cooperation and coordination between the state of Utah and relevant federal agencies to manage more efficiently the resources and lands of the state of Utah. **Passed.**

SCR 8 Concurrent Resolutions Recognizing the Importance of the Agriculture Industry, Sen.

Winterton - Recognizes the importance of the agriculture industry to the state and declares the Decade of Agriculture. **Passed.**