

UPHE Bill/Appropriations Tracker (Last Updated 2-27-2017)

Bill No.	Title	Description/Action Alert Link	Action Alert	Position	Sponsor	Status
HB 65	Air Conservation Act Amendments	This bill will allow burning of solid fuel if the primary purpose of burning is to cook food (a recent amendment specified noncommercial food cooking). This Act already states that the division may not impose a burning ban prohibiting burning during a specified seasonal period of time (ex.winter inversion). But now with this added exemption, you can be subject to the harmful smoke from BBQ and smokers any time, even on no-burn days, even when the air quality outside is already bad! It also preempts any future regulation on devices to cook food that the DAQ may wish to implement.	Click Here	Oppose	Schultz, M.	Going to Gov. for signature
HB 11 (S02)	State Boards and Commissions Amendments	Removes the requirement for political diversity for numerous boards and commissions including the Air Quality Board and Water Quality Board.	Click Here	Oppose	Thurston, N.	Going to Gov. for signature
HB 134 (S02)	Emissions Testing Amendments	Requires diesel emissions inspections in counties that already test gasoline vehicles. This is a good step in the right direction.		Support	Arent, P.	Senate second reading calendar position 78
HCR 5	Concurrent Resolution on Clean Fuel School Buses	Supports the use of \$20 million of the approx. \$32M from the VW settlement to replace dirty diesel school buses with clean energy alternatives.		Support	Handy, S.	Going to Gov. for signature
HB 23 (S01)	Income Tax Credit Modifications	Phases out individual income tax credit for residential solar and other renewable energy systems.			Peterson, J.	Going to Gov. for signature
HB 29 (S04)	Energy Efficient Vehicle Tax Credit Amendments	Extends income tax credits for the purchase of energy efficient vehicles.		Support original	Handy, S.	Did not pass the House by one vote - tie breaking vote made by Greg Hughes
HB 96	Petroleum Vapor Recovery Amendments	Requires the operator of a gasoline cargo tank to meet certain requirements to control the emission of gasoline vapors and establishes penalties.		Support	Eliason, S.	Going to Gov. for signature
HB 104	Motor Vehicle Emission	Modifies provisions relating to the use of local emissions compliance fee revenues. Allows counties to use revenue from emissions fees to maintain a national ambient air quality standard		Support	Wilde, L.	Going to Gov. for signature
HB 183	Emissions Settlement Amendments	Establishes the Environmental Mitigation and Response Act and Fund, which may use monies from the Volkswagen settlement and other funds to address contaminants in the environment.		Support	Hawkes, T.	Senate second reading calendar position 27

HB 203	Open Burning of Yard Waste Amendments	States that the Division of Air Quality may not prohibit certain city-run programs for the burning of yard waste		Oppose	Froerer, G.	LFA/ fiscal note sent to sponsor
HCR 1 (S2)	Concurrent Resolution on Public Lands Litigation	Encourages the state to pursue legal action to obtain state control over public lands within Utah		Oppose	Stratton, K.	Senate second reading calendar position 98
HCR 11	Concurrent Resolution Urging the President to Rescind the Bears Ears National Monument Designation	Urges the President of the United States to rescind the Bears Ears National Monument		Oppose	Hughes, G.	Signed by Governor
HCR 18	Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Utahns to Consider the Smog Rating When Purchasing a Vehicle	Encourages citizens of the state to consider a vehicle's smog rating; and purchase a vehicle with a smog rating of eight or higher.		Support	Arent, P.	Going to Gov. for signature
SB 154	Solar Access Amendments	For real property governed by a governing document, a governing document may not prohibit or restrict an owner's installation of a solar energy system under certain circumstances (HOA's may not restrict installation of solar energy systems)	Click Here	Support	Fillmore, L.	House Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee
SB 24	Natural Gas Heavy Duty Tax Credit Amendments			Reviewing	Hemmert, D.	Passed House and Senate.
SB 113	Natural Resources Modifications	Decreases the percentage of sales and use tax revenue received by the Division of Water Resources; and increases the percentage of sales and use tax revenue received by the Division of Water Rights.		Reviewing	Dayton, M.	House 3rd reading calendar position 2
SB 151	Property Tax Relief Modifications	Provides that property tax collections of certain water conservancy districts may not exceed a certain amount with exceptions;		Support	Debakis, J.	Senate committee - tabled.
SB 228	Water Infrastructure Revisions	Will possibly provide funds for Bear River diversion project which will expose more of the toxic dust in the Great Salt Lake bed.		Reviewing	Adams, S	Senate received fiscal note
SB 217	Environmental Impact Mitigation Regarding New Prison Project	Seeks to control the pollution from the construction of the new prison site, explores ways to limit pollution through new air quality monitor		Support	Escamilla, L.	Held at Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Standing Committee
SB 218	Air Quality Board Membership Amendments	Modifies the membership of the Air Quality Board, reducing its size from 9 to 7 members, shrinks oil, gas, mining, and manufacturing representation from 3 to 1, adds positions for two scientists, one physician and one public health professional.		Support	Debakis, J.	Senate received fiscal note
SJR 9	Joint Resolution on Climate Change	Expresses the commitment to create and support solutions and studies to address the causes and effects of climate change.		Support	Debakis, J.	Senate sent to Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee

HB 297	Renewable Energy Amendments				Handy, S.	Senate 2nd reading calendar position 11
HB 457	Carbon emissions tax act	Establishes a carbon tax in the state of Utah		Support	Briscoe, J.	Introduced at House

Appropriations

	Air Quality Research	\$250,000 one-time to continue the Uinta Basin Storage Tank Emission Pilot Project		Support	Redd, E.	
	Air Monitoring	\$1.3 million one-time funding and \$150,000 ongoing funding to replace obsolete air monitoring equipment and add a new monitor in Cedar City		Support	Arent, P.	
	Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center	\$2.5 million for UTA to help build Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center to expand compressed natural gas bus fleet and electric buses			Schulz	