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<b>S -- High profile support</b>	<b>s -- Low profile support</b>								
<b>O -- High profile oppose</b>	<b>o -- Low profile oppose</b>								
<b>m -- Monitor</b>	<b>() -- Indicates recommended position</b>								
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<b>PRIORITY BILLS</b>									
HB 50	School Termination Procedures Modifications	Menlove	School districts do not have to provide a reason for not renewing a provisional employee's contract, but must give 60 days notice that they won't renew that contract.	FN: No impact	S	Held			
HB 183	School District Leave Policies	Grover	Prevents union reps from being paid by district for union work.		S				
SB97	Higher Education Mission Based Funding	Urquhart	Requires the State Board of Regents to include the mission of each institution in the master plan for higher education; requires the president of each institution of higher education to establish institutional initiatives each year aligned with the board's strategic priorities and allocate mission based funding to each initiative.		m			Held	
SJR 5s1	Joint Rules Resolution on Fiscal Note Process	Niederhauser	Requires performance notes on new programs and agencies. Authorizes the Executive Appropriations Committee to recommend the elimination of the new program/agency if performance standards aren't met.	FN: No impact	S			P	
<b>NUMBERED BILLS</b>									
<b>House Bills</b>									
HB 17s1	Enterprise Zone Amendments	Powell	Clarifies provisions related to claiming Enterprise Zone Amendments about where qualifying employees may live, what kinds of businesses qualify for these credits (through NAICS codes), when a new full time employee qualifies for the credit.	FN: Decrease \$30,600 starting FY2013; Recommended by Interim committee	s	P			
HB 35	Sales and Use Tax Revisions	Harper	Aligns definitions of electronic products with the definitions of Streamlined Sales Tax.	FN: No impact; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax; Tax Commission bill	s	n/a	P		
HB 36	Assessment, Collections and Refunds Act	Kiser	That act doesn't apply to property tax, equivalent property act or the privilege tax part, so that this assessment and collections act only applies to taxes the Tax Commission administers and collects.	FN: No impact; Tax Commission bill; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax	s	n/a	P		
HB 37	Determination of State Taxable Income	Vickers	Clarifies how to count state taxable income derived from Utah sources, when that income is added or subtracted as part of a revision to tax filing.	FN: No impact; Recommended TRC; Interim Committee bill	s	n/a	P		
HB 38	Severance Tax Amendments	Vickers	Exempts from the oil and gas severance tax interests owned by the United States, the state, or an Indian or Indian tribe.	FN: No impact; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax; Tax Commission bill	s	n/a	P		
HB 65	Public School Funding	Harper	Repeals authority to impose recreation, transportation, board leeway, capital outlay levy, 10% of basic levy or judgment levies; eliminates requirement to levy K3 reading levy; modifies the charter school local replacement funding formula; allows the Legislature to contribute funds towards transportation, if they choose to; fixes the Basic Rate at .003; exempts the increase in the Basic rate from TnT; requires increased revenue from fixed basic rate to go into the WPU; authorizes districts to impose a discretionary local levy no larger than .0018, unless the sum value of the repealed levies was greater than .0018, in which case the ceiling is .0025; provides for a state match to the discretionary local levy, which matching funds are constant for 5 years; creates a discretionary local capital levy.	FN: Decrease \$24.8 million in FY2013	m				

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HB 72	Taxes and Related School Funding Provisions	Noel	Increases the sales tax on food to the regular rate, and then uses that revenue to equalize education funding statewide, with an offset in property taxes.	FN: Increase "school equalization fund" by \$147 million and reduce property taxes by same amount	O				
HB 184	Motor and Special Fuel Tax Act Amendments	Herrod	Defines LNG as a clean fuel; imposes a floating tax of \$.085/gallon equivalent; floats with tax on gas, in the same proportion.	FN: Reduces General Fund by \$3.3 million in FY2012 and \$3.4 million in FY2013. Corresponding increase in Transportation Fund of \$5.0 million in FY2012 and \$5.2 million in FY2013	s				
HB 185	Sales Information Disclosure for Commercial Real Property Transactions	Froerer	Requires disclosure of sales price for commercial real estate to the Multi-County Appraisal Trust, who can then share it with the State Tax Commission and the Realtors; those records are not subject to GRAMA.	FN: No impact	m	P			
HB 190	Delinquent Property Tax Amendments	Froerer	Interest rate on deferred and delinquent personal property taxes must fall within the same 7 to 10% range as interest on deferred and delinquent real property taxes.	FN: Increase local government revenue by \$376,000 annually	s	P			
HB 195	Debt Service Obligations of a Divided School District	Sumsion	When a school district divides, the tax rate imposed to repay bonds of the divided school district by the new and remaining school districts shall be uniform within the new and remaining school districts, and sufficient to repay the outstanding bonded indebtedness of divided school district.	FN: No impact	s	Held			
HB 198	Tobacco Related Penalty Amendments	Ray	Failure to file appropriate tobacco tax reports means a class B misdemeanor, possible revocation or suspension of a tobacco sales license, and/or civil penalties.	FN: Possible \$100K ongoing to the General Fund	m	P	P		
HB 199	Advertisements on School Buses	Bird	Authorizes school districts or charter schools to sell appropriate advertising on the outside of a school bus.	FN: School districts may increase revenue by up to \$3.3 million	s	P	F		
HJR 1	Joint Resolution Amending State and Local Taxing Authority	Wimmer	Proposed amendment to the Utah Constitution requiring a 2/3 majority to pass any tax increase or a fee increase, where that fee increase would be greater than the cost of providing the service.	FN: \$14,700 for FY2013 to put on ballot	s	F			
HJR 8	Joint Resolution Regarding School Supplies	Powell	Teachers should be able to ask students to voluntarily bring in their own school supplies.	FN: \$14,700 for FY2013 to put on ballot	s	Held			
HCR 3	Concurrent Resolution Urging Congress to Pass Balanced Budget Amendment to U.S. Constitution	Wimmer	Title says it all.	FN: No impact	m				
<b>Senate Bills</b>									
SB16	State Tax Commission Tax, Fee or Change Administration and Collections	Niederhauser	Authorizes the Tax Commission to collect administration fees for revenue collection. Admin fees are deposited into State Tax Commission Administration Charge Account. Fees may not exceed 1.5% or the administration costs.		s				

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SB17	State Tax Commission Levy Process Using Depository Institution Data Match System	Bramble	Amends the Financial Information Privacy part and the Revenue and Taxation title to enact a depository institution data match system and a State Tax Commission levy process to collect certain amounts owed by a delinquent taxpayer through the depository institution data match system.	FN: One time general ed increase of \$1.3 million FY 2012, annual increase of \$48,300; Tax Commission bill; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax	m			n/a	P
SB21	Tax Revisions	Niederhauser	Amends the Property Tax Act, the Individual Income Tax Act, and related provisions to address procedures related to the property tax residential exemption, the determination of domicile for individual income tax purposes, and the taxation of a pass-through entity.	TRC bill; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax	S			Held	
SB22	Corporate Franchise and Income Tax Amendments	Adams	Amends the definition of "common ownership" for purposes of corporate franchise and income taxes; repeals provisions related to certain distributions by corporations from depletion reserves; addresses the circumstances under which certain receipts, rents, royalties, or sales are considered to be in this state; addresses intercompany transactions for purposes of apportionment of income to the state.	FN: No impact; Tax Commission bill; Recommended by Interim Rev and Tax	s	P		n/a	P
SB24	Motor Vehicle Division Fee Amendments	Van Tassell	Provides that funds available to the Tax Commission for the purchase and distribution of license plates and decals are nonlapsing; creates the Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account and provides that funds in the account are nonlapsing.	FN: No impact	m			n/a	P
SB30	Extension of Recycling Market Development Zone Act and Related Tax Credits	Valentine	Extends the repeal date for the Recycling Market Development Zone Act from July 1, 2020, to January 1, 2021, and extends certain related tax credits.	FN: reduce ed fund by \$1.4 million in FY2011, \$2 million in FY2012 and \$2.2 million in FY2013	m				
SB 44	State Commission Amendments	Dayton	Eliminates the TRC and the CRC.	FN: No impact	s			P	
SB 49	Oversight of Bonding Counties	Stevenson	County bond Board of Directors may act as an advisory board to executive and legislative bodies regarding the management of the bond project/property.		(m)			P	
SB 105	Legal Notice Publication Requirements	Valentine	Removes legal notice publication exemptions for counties of first and second class.	FN: No impact	m			Held	
SB 115	School Performance Reporting	Stephenson	Board of Educations in collaboration with school districts will collect data and distribute performance reports on student achievement.	FN: No impact	s			P	
SB 119	School District Superintendents Amendments	Stephenson	Removes requirement that superintendents have a administrative or supervisory license from the State Board of Education.	FN: No impact	s			P	
SB 122	Tax Exemptions for Cedar Band of Paiute Tribe	Stowell	Extends current Navajo tribe motor and special fuel tax exemptions to the Cedar Band of the Paiute tribe.	FN: Reduces Transportation Fund \$1.3 million in FY2012 and ongoing \$1.8 million in FY2013	m				
SB 123	Restrictions on Lobbying Expenditures- Public Education	Jenkins	Prohibits schools, school districts or charter schools from using state money to pay for a lobbyist.	FN: No impact	(m)			P	
SB 125	Property Tax Exemptions Amendments	Bramble	Clarifies the definition of "education purposes" for property tax exemptions for "religious, charitable or education purposes" and extends exemptions to property being held for future use for these purposes.		m				
SB 132	Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Energy Efficient Stove or Energy Efficient Stove Fuel	Davis	Provides sales and use tax exemption for energy efficient stoves and stove fuel.		(o)				

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SB 137	Medicaid Amendments	Christensen	Allows antipsychotic and immunosuppressive drugs on the Medicaid preferred drug list. Allocates an additional, ongoing appropriation of \$615,000 from the General Fund to mental health centers. Allocates an additional, ongoing appropriation of \$200,000 from the General Fund to Medicaid dental emergency services.	FN: Reduces \$815,000 from General Fund annually	(m)				
SB 140	State Charter School Board Amendments	Stephenson	Of the seven members of the State Charter School Board appointed by the Governor, three must be nominated by an organization that represents Utah charter schools and have experience administering a charter school.		(s)				
SB 142	Public Official Contact Information	Stephenson	Requires that public officials have a public phone number and email address where they can be reached.		(s)				
SCR 2	Financial Responsibility Concurrent Resolution	Jones	Encourages citizens to increase their personal savings and money management awareness. Makes Feb 20-27 "Utah Saves Week."	FN: No impact	s			P	
SJR 1	Joint Resolution of State Board of Education Authority	Buttars	Amends constitution to specify that State Board of Education controls and supervises public education.	FN:\$14,700 for FY2013 to put on the ballot	s			P	
SJR 9	Joint Resolution on Governance of Public and Higher Education	Reid	Amends constitution to move control and supervision of public education and higher education to the Governor.	FN:\$14,700 for FY2013 to put on the ballot	s			P	