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PRIORITY BILLS									
HB 67	Personal property taxation revisions	Froerer	increases the exemption of an individual's tangible personal property from property tax from \$3,500 to \$10,000		S	P			
HB 75	Occupational and professional licensing amendments	Greene	establishes that licensing is only appropriate where state has a compelling health/safety interest, and licensing is the least restrictive means of accomplishing that interest		(S)				
HB 94	Free market protection and privatization board act amendments	Stratton	remakes the PPB; moves the board to the Auditor's office; allows board to hire outside staff by contract		(S)				
SB 34	Special election date for ballot propositions	Stephenson	prohibits local entities from holding a bond election on the primary election date		S			NA	P
SB 35	Property taxation of business personal property	Harper	Increase exemption from personal property to \$10,000		S			NA	P
SB 124	Sales and use tax exemption for database access	Harper	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		S			P	
NUMBERED BILLS									
House Bills									
HB 12	Alarm company employee licensing	Dunnigan	excludes from the requirement to have an alarm company license those who doesn't install, sell, maintain, alter, etc. an alarm system, and who does not have access to sensitive alarm system information in the normal course of their business	FN: No impact	m	NA	P	P	
HB 16	Disposal of certain surplus property	Barlow	exempts UDOT from using state surplus property program to dispose of surplus property acquired as part of acquiring real property for a state transportation purpose	FN: No impact	m	NA	P	P	
HB 23	High occupancy vehicle lane amendments	Handy	permits UDOT to limit the number of clean fuel decals it issues, as a means of managing traffic flow in the HOT/HOT lanes	FN: No impact	s	P	P		
HB 40	Scheduling of special elections	Powell	Align special election dates in odd years with dates of muni-primary; House amendment has it take effect on Jan. 1, 2014, so special elections already called for June of this year won't be affected	FN: No impact; may need to be correlated with SB 34 on bond election dates; if there is a conflict, we have to support SB 34	m	P	P		
HB 46	Hearing instrument specialist licensing act	D. Brown	removes an hours of practice requirement from the requirements to obtain a hearing instrument specialist license	FN: No impact; would be better to eliminate the licensing requirement, but...	s	n/a	P	P	
HB 49	Voted and board levy programs amendments	Handy	requires full amount of state appropriation for board and voted leeways to be distributed each year	FN: \$8.5M one time in FY13	s				
HB 51	Professional licensing revisions	Dunnigan	modifies a variety of occupational licensing requirements	FN: savings of \$4,900 ongoing to GF/EF	m	NA	P	P	
HB 54, S1	Property tax and appraiser amendments	Froerer	allows counties to hire BOE hearing officers, if the officer has experience in finance, economics, real estate, public administration or law; allows BOE to consider further sales data as part of appeals process; allows property owner to hire anyone to provide price information in property tax appeals process, but only a licensed appraiser may provide an opinion of value; prohibits employee of county assessor's office from being hired as a hearing officer	FN: No impact	S	n/a	P	P	



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HB 55	Amendments related to education funding	Briscoe	fixes the minimum basic levy at .001651; eliminates the need to publish a TnT notice for maintaining the minimum basic levy; fixes the personal exemption value at \$2,850 times 6%	FN: \$10.6M increase in FY14, and \$15.1M in FY15	O				
HB 59	School board election provisions	Nielson	mandates that elections to State and local Boards of Education be direct, non-partisan races; eliminates recruiting and nominating committee process	FN: increase cost of elections by \$550K every 4 years (state) and \$2.3M every 4 years (local)	O				
HB 63	Severance tax amendments	Nielson	statutory enactment of Amendment A from last year; still relies on appropriation for funding; follows same format as previous years, until Constitutional Amendment A takes effect; this just lays out legislative roadmap/intent	FN: No impact	S	P	F		
HB 66, S1	Political subdivision amendments	Webb	creates a 60 day window after city or special district considers a special assessment area/special local district for property owners to file a protest; lowers the threshold for filing a protest from 50% to 25% of total land area and at least 15% of value of area within proposed assessment area; 1st sub allows assessment area fee to appear on the property tax notice	FN: No impact	(S)	P	P		
HB 67	Personal property taxation revisions	Froerer	increases the exemption of an individual's tangible personal property from property tax from \$3,500 to \$10,000	FN: \$2.3M property tax shift statewide	S	P			
HB 74S1	Property tax modifications	Mathis	removes the rollback requirement from land in split estate if the mineral estate owner's mining efforts are the only reason the land goes out of agricultural use	FN: No determinable impact	s	P			
HB 86	Property tax rate certification date	Nelson	gives taxing entities 14 days after they receive the CTR to adopt a proposed/final tax rate, if they receive the CTR less than 7 days before the date they are scheduled to adopt their final budget	FN: No impact	(s)	P			
HB 96	Cleaner burning fuels tax credits amendments	Draxler	extends the existing cleaner burning fuels tax credit, and allows people to claim the credit if their conversion credit meets the Canadian standard		(m)				
HB 97	Clean fuel vehicle tax credit modifications	Snow	Increases the tax credit for a clean fuel vehicle from \$605 to \$1500 for purchases of a used vehicle, and \$3000 for purchases of a new vehicle						
HB 98	Severance tax revisions	B. King	sets the severance tax for oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids at 5% of the value; modifies the stripper well exemption; eliminates other severance tax credits; moves Severance tax revenues from the General Fund to the Education Fund		(O)				
HB 111	Eminent domain amendments	Perry							
HB 112	Assessment of property if threatened or endangered species is present	Noel	requires a county assessor to consider in the county assessor's determination of the fair market value of property whether a threatened or endangered species is present		(s)				
HB 242	Property tax residential exemption amendments	Snow	allows property owners to get a pro-rata portion of the residential exemption when the property transfers from non-primary to primary residence; if transfer occurs after March 1, property owner may claim refund in following year for overpaid property tax	FN: No determinable impact; timing issue is the key here; maybe move the dates depending on the class of counties	S				



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HB 244	Mental health professional practice act amendments	Redd	expands the definition of a mental health therapist to include an "advanced practice registered nurse intern"	FN: No impact; follow up on the training to better understand what preparation they have	(s)				
HB 246	Expanded uses of school district property tax revenue	McCliff	Allows school districts to spend the .0024 capital levy on O/M, if that revenue isn't already dedicated to debt service or bond payments; limited to just FY 2014 and 2015; requires districts doing this to notify taxpayers through the budget process		O				
HB 264	Property tax notice amendments	Powell	requires property tax notice to describe amount of property taxes being distributed to charter schools	FN: No impact	O				
HB 267	State board of education elections	Moss	direct, non-partisan election of members of State Board of Education	FN: No impact	O				
HB 271	Funding for public education	Bird	requires that 10% of total gross revenue from sales of liquor be deposited into the Education Fund, and distributed to LEAs based on each LEAs share of total WPU's statewide	FN: move \$37.6M from GF to EF in FY14, and \$40M in FY15; Do we want to further hitch funding of public education to alcohol sales?	m				
HB 273	Municipal telecommunications amendments	Grover	prohibits cities operating a telecom system from charging a fee for services to people who don't purchase the service	FN: No impact; bill is targeted at Provo, but doesn't solve the Provo problem	(m)				
HB 274	Tax credits for employing a homeless person	King	enacts a \$500 nonrefundable tax credit for employing a homeless person continuously for 6 months, or \$1000 if the homeless person is employed continuously for an additional 6 months	FN: \$248K in FY 14, and \$496K in FY 15 from EF	O	P	P		
HB 293	School parent organization amendments	Eliason	appends "and parent organizations" to any mention in state education code of parent-teacher associations	FN: No impact	(s)				
HB 300	Retention of sales and use tax collections by certain remote sellers	Eliason	allows a remote reseller to retain 50% of the collected sales and use tax, if they voluntarily agree to collect due sales and use tax		(S)				
HB 304	Enterprise zone amendments	Powell	modifies population level to qualify for enterprise zone to no more than 15,000		(m)				
HJR 3	Joint resolution - property tax exemption for public schools	D. Brown	authorizes a statutory exemption from property tax for property, not otherwise exempt, that is used as a school	FN: \$14,700 in FY 2015	(S)				
HJR 4	Joint resolution on remote sales	Eliason	urges Congress to enact legislation permitting states to compel remote sellers to collect sales tax, provided Congressional legislation meets the 6 principles outlined in HJR 14 (2012)	FN: No impact; need to make sure ebay and Overstock are comfortable with this...	(s)	P			
HJR 5	Joint resolution on State Budget accessibility and transparency	Eliason	Creates a budget transparency website, so the public can track how the budget proceeds through its various phases, and how each member of the various appropriations committees voted on all the line items of the budget	This will become a power fight between members of various approps committees, and chairs of eac and leadership	m				
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SB 10	Retirement eligibility amendments	Weiler	clarifies that elected officials and part-time members of public entities do not need to terminate those positions if they wish to retire from another full-time public position		(s)	P		n/a	P
SB 31	Special needs adoption tax credit	Harper	provides an income tax credit for qualified adoptions	FN \$350,000 annually from the Education Fund	O			n/a	P
SB 33	Sales and use tax revisions	Stephenson	provides sales tax exemption for certain inputs with less than a 3 year lifespan; admission fees/membership must make up at least 51% of revenues	FN \$1.7M FY 2014 & \$1.8M FY 2015	(s)			n/a	P
SB 36	Cigarette and tobacco tax and licensing amendments	Harper	modifies definitions of a cigarette manufacturer to bring Utah code in line with federal definitions; specifically brings RYO manufacturers into the code as manufacturers	FN \$61,000 new revenue	s			n/a	P
SB 37	Time period for paying a tax, interest, or penalties after a judicial decision	Henderson	changes the time period for paying a tax, interest, or penalties from 45 days after a decision to 30 days	FN: No impact	m			n/a	P
SB 43	Financial and economic literacy education amendments	Jones	Requires schools districts, charter schools and EHS to administer an online skills certification test adopted by SBoE focused on general financial literacy and requires them to submit annual reports to the SBoE. Extends repeal date for a report to the Edu Interim Comm		s			P	
SB 47	Procurement amendments - small purchases	Okerlund	allows public entities to purchase outside the state procurement system if purchases are less than \$100 and avoid substantial expense shipping, time and travel		(m)				
SB 55	Insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorder	Shiozawa	requires health plans to cover autism treatment up to \$50,000 if child is under 9 y/o and \$25,000 from 9-18 y/o annually		(o)				
SB 58	Amendments to Sales and Use Tax	Harper	addresses how revenues of online sales taxes should be dispersed if Congress or the Supreme Court acts		(s)				
SB 103	Carson Smith Scholarship Amendments	Adams	expands the Carson Smith Scholarship, requiring the amount of money appropriated to increase annually		(S)				
SB 106	Unemployment tax amendment	Bramble	extends the cap of the social unemployment insurance contribution rate for all employers at 0.4% to include calendar year 2013	FN \$7.8M FY 2014 and \$15M FY 2015	s			P	
SB 110	School based budgeting amendments	Stephenson	requires a school district to distribute by July 1, 2017, no less than 85% of the Minimum School Program revenue to schools and directs school principals to prepare a budget		s				
SB 128	Financial transparency in education	Thatcher	requires schoold districts and charter schools to classify transactions in accordance with a uniform chart of accounts when submitting public financial info to the Utah Public Finance Website		s			P	P
SB 133	School performance report amendments	Stephenson	provides online access to school performance reports if the aggregate include more than 10 student scores		s				
SB 136	Construction trades licensing modifications	Knudson	adds heating, air conditioning and ventilation to construction trade licensing provisions	FN \$412,700 new in FY 2014 and \$288,300 annually thereafter	(m)				
SB 149	Governmental immunity amendments	Adams	creates an exemption from waiver of governmental immunity for certain injuries arising from the operation of a law enforcement vehicle in pursuit		(m)				

