

AGENDA

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 • **8:40 a.m.** • Room 30 House Building
Please note earlier start time.

- 8:40-8:45 **1. Committee Business**
- Call to order
 - Approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2014, meeting
- 8:45-8:50 **2. Report on Consumer Electronic Device Recycling**
The Department of Environmental Quality is required to report on consumer electronic device collection, reuse, and recycling systems in the state.
- Scott Anderson, Director, Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste
 - Committee discussion
- 8:50-9:10 **3. Energy Report/Review of Energy Policy**
The governor's energy advisor is required to report on
- a) the status and development of the state's energy resources,*
 - b) the energy advisor's activities, and*
 - c) recommended energy-related executive or legislative action the energy advisor considers beneficial to the state, including updates to the state energy policy.*
- Cody Stewart, Governor's Energy Advisor
 - Laura Nelson, Director, Utah Office of Energy Development
 - Committee discussion
- 9:10-9:30 **4. Raw Milk**
The Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture and Food are required to report on any health problems resulting from the sale of raw whole milk at self-owned retail stores.
- Commissioner Luann Adams, Department of Agriculture and Food
 - Travis Waller, Director, Division of Regulatory Services, Department of Agriculture and Food
 - Jennifer Brown, Division Director, Division of Disease Control and Prevention
 - Committee discussion
- 9:30-9:50 **5. Sage Grouse**
The Department of Natural Resources is required to report on progress and results achieved through a FY 2015 \$2,000,000 appropriation used to hire a contractor for the purpose of delaying a possible sage grouse listing as an endangered species.
- The funding is to be used for*
- a) legal strategies,*

- b) *educating members of Congress, and*
- c) *engaging the public in the process.*

The contractor is required to provide written, quarterly progress reports to the committee.

- Mike Styler, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources
- Ryan Benson, Big Game Forever
- Committee discussion

9:50-10:20

6. Tier III Motor Fuel

The committee will discuss options for encouraging low sulfur fuel production and sales in Utah.

- Alan Matheson, Governor's Senior Environmental Advisor
- Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality
- Committee discussion

10:20-10:40

7. State Fairpark

The Department of Facilities Construction and Management and the Department of Agriculture and Food will review the 2014 State Fair attendance and revenues and the status of plans for Fairpark operations.

- Joshua Haines, Director, Division of Facilities Construction and Management
- Luann Adams, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food
- Committee discussion

8. Air Quality, Wildfires, Wildfire Reduction Strategies, and the Impact of Federal Land Ownership, Intervention, and Policies

10:40-11:00

- Robert Grow, President, Envision Utah
(Mr. Grow will present the recommendations of the Governor's Clean Air Action Team.)

11:00-11:15

- Brian Cottam, State Forester
(Mr. Cottam will report on a "Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy" established by a steering committee organized by the Department of Agriculture and Food. The report will focus on the progress of regionally significant preparedness and prevention projects.)

11:15-11:55

- Panel Discussion on the Impact of Federal Land Ownership, Intervention, and Policies on Wildfires and Air Quality
 - i. Brian Cottam, State Forester,
 - ii. Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality
 - iii. Sen. Evan J. Vickers
 - iv. Mark Ward, Utah Association of Counties
 - v. Dave Whittekiend, Forest Supervisor, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
 - vi. Juan Palma, State Director, Bureau of Land Management

11:55-Noon

9. Other Items/Adjourn