



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## 2014 LEGISLATIVE NOTES



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The 2014 Legislative Session is moving full speed ahead. Committees are holding hearings on bills with full agendas. The final count of bills introduced was 448 – 261 House bills and 187 Senate bills (compared to 492 in 2013 and 471 in 2012. The next deadlines coming up are February 24<sup>th</sup> (L.D. 26) for bills to be sent to the floor of the House of Origin and February 25<sup>th</sup> (L.D. 27) for bills to pass the House of Origin.

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SDATAT was quite successful with its bills this past week with SB 103 being approved in the Senate Transportation Committee on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> by a vote of 6-0 and approved on the Senate floor on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> by a vote of 31-2. It now awaits action in the House. HB 1133 was approved by the House Local Government Committee on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> by a vote of

10-2. It will be on the House floor on Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition, SDATAT testified on HB 1140 in the House Taxation Committee on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> and it is scheduled for Committee action on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>.

Township Day at the Legislature on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> was very successful with 6 gallons of SDSU ice cream being served in the House and Senate lobbies. It was an excellent time for Board Members to visit with Legislators. I would like to thank those

Board Members that testified on SDATAT bills in Committee and the others who were present for their support. This truly makes a difference and Legislators look forward to visits and testimony from elected officials. It is important for you to stay in contact and ask for their support on SDATAT bills whenever you have the opportunity.

## SDATAT BILLS UPDATE

**SB 103 – An Act to establish certain civil penalties for tampering or removing any highway marker, sign, or control device and to distribute the revenue from such civil penalties.** - This bill would impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$2000 and the penalty would be distributed to the political subdivision with jurisdiction on the involved

highway.  
2/5/14 Transportation Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 6, NAYS 0.  
2/6/14 Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 31, NAYS 2.  
2/7/14 First read in House and referred to House Transportation.

## SDATAT BILLS UPDATE CONTINUED:

**HB 1133 - An Act to repeal or revise certain provisions concerning townships.** – This bill repeals and updates several existing township statutes.

2/6/14 Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 10, NAYS 2

2/7/14 House of Representatives Deferred to another day.

**HB 1140 – An Act to permit townships to levy a capital improvement property tax for secondary roads, bridges, and culverts.**

2/6/14 Scheduled for hearing.

2/6/14 Deferred by Chair

2/11/14 Scheduled for hearing.

## OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

**HB 1173 - An Act to provide authority to establish special purpose districts for county roads.**

1/29/14 First read in House and referred to House Transportation.

2/4/14 Transportation Deferred to another day, Passed, YEAS 12, NAYS 1.

**HB 1230 - An act to revise certain provisions concerning the county tax levy for highways and bridges and to permit counties to levy the existing highway and bridge reserve fund tax to make necessary road and bridge improvements.**

2/4/14 First read in House and referred to House Transportation.

**HB 1242 - An act to revise certain provisions concerning the township snow removal reserve fund.**

2/4/14 First read in House and referred to House Taxation.

**HB 1261 - An act to authorize the Transportation Commission to award grants to replace, repair, and renovate county bridges and to make an appropriation therefor.**

2/11/14 Scheduled for hearing.

**SB 134 - An act to authorize a winter load increase of certain motor vehicle weight restrictions.**

1/30/14 First read in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation .

2/10/14 Scheduled for hearing.

**SB 146 - An act to revise certain provisions regarding the closure of county and township roads due to high water.**

1/31/14 First read in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation.

2/5/14 Referred to Senate State Affairs, Passed

**SB 169 - An act to provide for access to and use of public waters on public and private property and to protect private property rights for the citizens of South Dakota.**

2/4/14 First read in Senate and referred to Senate State Affairs.

2/10/14 Scheduled for hearing.

**SB 111 - An act to revise certain property tax limitations.**

2/7/14 Scheduled for hearing.

2/7/14 Deferred by Chair.



## OTHER POTENTIAL BILLS OF INTEREST:

### House Bills:

1006, 1072, 1083, 1097, 1190, 1204, 1208, 1223

### Senate Bills:

8, 46, 58, 83, 93, 117, 134

\*\*More Information on These Bills Next Week

# 89th Legislative Session Calendar

(38 Legislative Days) (Prepared by SD Legislative Research Council)

## FEBRUARY

- 4 - Final day to introduce individual bills and joint resolutions
- 5 - Final day to introduce committee bills and joint resolutions
- 17 - Presidents Day - Holiday
- 21 - Last day to use Joint Rule 5-17
- 24 - Last day to move required delivery of bills or resolutions in the house of origin
- 25 - Last day for a bill or joint resolution to pass the house of origin
- 27 - Last day for commemorations (tentative) and to introduce concurrent resolutions

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# SDATAT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 18 - Beadle County Township Meeting - 1:00 p.m.

February 18 - Sanborn Co Township Meeting - 1:30 p.m.

February 24 - Charles Mix Co Township Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

February 26 - Codington Co Township Meeting - TBA

March 5 - Union Co Township Meeting - TBA

March 6 - Clay Co Township Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

March 10 - Lake Co Township Meeting - 6:00 p.m. (meal) - 6:30 p.m.  
(meeting)

April 7 - Minnehaha Co Township Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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