

**RESOLUTION ASSERTING WATER RIGHTS  
ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE  
STATE ARE SUBJECT TO STATE LAW**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Max W. Young**

**This joint resolution of the Legislature asserting that water rights issued under the authority of the state are held pursuant to and subject to state law unless otherwise provided for by legislative action.**

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, water is a critical and limited resource essential to all citizens of Utah;

WHEREAS, the state must ensure that the development, conservation, and use of water resources, in Utah, is in the best interest of its citizens;

WHEREAS, the ownership and control of water resources should be clear and specific;

**h [-and]**

**WHEREAS, the United States Congress has repeatedly recognized and upheld the State of Utah's right to control, adjudicate, and administer the public waters of the state;**

**WHEREAS, the United States Congress has specifically granted to the State of Utah, the State of Utah's Compact allocations of the waters of the Colorado River and other interstate waters; and h**

WHEREAS, it is critical to the best interest of the citizens of Utah that all water rights in the state remain subject to state law under state jurisdiction:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah asserts that all water rights issued under the authority of the state are held pursuant to and subject to state law unless otherwise provided for by specific action of the Utah State Legislature.

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**Legislative Review Note  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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