

1 **WATER RIGHTS TASK FORCE**

2 2004 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Sponsor: Michael R. Styler**

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LONG TITLE

6 **General Description:**

7 This bill creates the Water Rights Task Force and provides for task force membership,
8 purposes, and compensation.

9 **Highlighted Provisions:**

10 This bill:

- 11 ▶ creates the Water Rights Task Force;
- 12 ▶ provides for membership of the task force and compensation for members;
- 13 ▶ specifies duties and responsibilities of the task force; and
- 14 ▶ specifies issues that the task force will review.

15 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 This bill appropriates:

- 17 ▶ \$197,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2003-04 for a two-year task force.

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2005.

20 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

21 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

23 **Section 1. Water Rights Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Interim rules**
24 **followed -- Compensation -- Staff.**

25 (1) There is created the Water Rights Task Force consisting of the following members:
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28 (a) five members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
29 four of whom may be from the same political party; and

30 (b) eight members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
31 House of Representatives, no more than six of whom may be from the same political party.

32 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
33 under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the committee.

34 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
35 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the committee.

36 (3) In conducting its business, the committee shall comply with the rules of legislative
37 interim committees.

38 (4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the committee shall be paid in accordance
39 with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

40 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
41 to the committee.

42 **Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.**

43 (1) The committee shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

44 (a) instream flow;

45 (b) water conservation and reuse.

46 (c) over-appropriation of water rights;

47 (d) management of ground water and surface water; and

48 (e) water right enforcement and penalties.

49 (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented before
50 November 30, 2005, to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
51 Committee.

52 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

53 There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2003-04, to pay for the
54 two-year Water Rights Task Force:

55 (1) \$18,000 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the
56 committee;

57 (2) \$29,000 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses
58 of representatives on the committee; and

59 (3) \$150,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for
60 staffing the committee.

61 Section 4. **Repeal date.**

62 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2005.

Legislative Review Note
as of 1-26-04 9:02 AM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

State Impact

This bill appropriates \$197,000 from the General Fund in FY 2004. These funds will be distributed \$18,000 to the Senate, \$29,000 to the House of Representatives, and \$150,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>
	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$197,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$197,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.