

1                                   **PROCESS FOR ENTERING INTO THE SNAKE**

2   **VALLEY AGREEMENT**

3   2008 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Chief Sponsor: Bradley A. Winn**

6   Senate Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell

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8                   **LONG TITLE**

9                   **General Description:**

10                   This bill establishes the process for entering into an agreement to divide groundwater  
11 with another state.

12                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13                   This bill:

- 14                   ▶ defines terms; and
- 15                   ▶ authorizes the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources to sign an  
16 agreement dividing groundwater with another state only after the governor and the  
17 Legislature approve the agreement in a concurrent resolution.

18                   **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

19                   None

20                   **Other Special Clauses:**

21                   None

22                   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23                   ENACTS:

24                   **73-1-21**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

27                   Section 1. Section **73-1-21** is enacted to read:



28            **73-1-21.** **Concurrent Resolution for an agreement to divide interstate**  
29 **groundwater.**

30            (1) As used in this section:

31            (a) "Agreement" means the agreement between Utah and Nevada to divide the water  
32 resources of an interstate groundwater flow system required by the Lincoln County  
33 Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-424.

34            (b) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Department of Natural  
35 Resources.

36            (2) (a) The executive director shall submit the proposed agreement to the governor and  
37 the Legislature.

38            (b) The executive director may execute the agreement after the governor and the  
39 Legislature approve the agreement in a concurrent resolution.

40            (3) The agreement is void ab initio without the passage of the concurrent resolution  
41 required by Subsection (2).

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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