

1 **LEGISLATIVE WATER DEVELOPMENT**

2 **COMMISSION AMENDMENTS**

3 2018 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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6 **LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This bill deals with the duties of the Legislative Water Development Commission.

9 **Highlighted Provisions:**

10 This bill:

- 11 ▶ removes the sunset date for the Legislative Water Development Commission;
- 12 ▶ authorizes the Legislative Water Development Commission to meet up to six times
- 13 per calendar year without approval from the Legislative Management Committee;
- 14 and
- 15 ▶ makes technical changes.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **63I-1-273**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 148, 311 and renumbered
23 and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

24 **73-27-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 309

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

27 Section 1. Section **63I-1-273** is amended to read:

28 **63I-1-273. Repeal dates, Title 73.**

29 [~~1~~] Title 73, Chapter 27, State Water Development Commission, is repealed

30 ~~December 31, 2018.]~~

31 [~~2~~] The instream flow water right for trout habitat established in Subsection

32 73-3-30(3) is repealed December 31, 2018.

33 Section 2. Section **73-27-103** is amended to read:

34 **73-27-103. Duties of commission.**

35 (1) The commission shall consider and make recommendations to the Legislature and
36 governor on the following issues:

37 (a) how the water needs of the state's growing municipal and industrial sectors will be
38 met;

39 (b) what the impact of federal regulations and legislation will be on the ability of the
40 state to manage and develop its compacted water rights;

41 (c) how the state will fund water projects;

42 (d) whether the state should become an owner and operator of water projects;

43 (e) how the state will encourage the implementation of water conservation programs;

44 and

45 (f) other water issues of statewide importance.

46 (2) The commission shall:

47 (a) consult with the Division of Water Resources and the Board of Water Resources
48 regarding:

49 (i) recommendations for rules, criteria, targets, processes, and plans described in
50 Subsection 73-10g-105(3); and

51 (ii) the scope of any request for proposals that may be issued by the Division of Water
52 Resources and Board of Water Resources to assist in creating the rules, criteria, targets,
53 processes, and plans described in Subsection 73-10g-105(3); and

54 (b) report the recommendations described in Subsection (2)(a) to the Natural
55 Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and the Legislative Management
56 Committee by October 30, 2016.

57 (3) The commission may:

58 (a) form one or more working groups from the membership of the commission to
59 consider and study the issues described in this section[-]; and

60 (b) meet up to six times per calendar year without approval from the Legislative
61 Management Committee.