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1 Water Commitment Amendments

. 2025 GENERAL SESSION

. STATE OF UTAH

. **Chief Sponsor: Nate Blouin**

. House Sponsor:

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3 LONG TITLE

4 General Description:

5 This bill addresses water commitments by water providers.

6 Highlighted Provisions:

7 This bill:

8 ▶ { defines a term; }

9 ▶ permits a commitment of available water to uses on { sovereign lands } the Great Salt Lake to be included in a water conservation plan; and

11 ▶ makes technical changes.

11 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

12 None

13 None

16 AMENDS:

17 **73-10-32**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 238, 435, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 238, 435

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

20 Section 1. Section **73-10-32** is amended to read:

21 **73-10-32. Definitions -- Water conservation plan required.**

23 (1) As used in this section:

24 (a) "Division" means the Division of Water Resources created under Section 73-10-18.

25 ~~{(b) "Sovereign lands" means the same as that term is defined in Section 65A-1-1.}~~

26 ~~{(b){}} ~~{(c)}~~~~ "Water conservancy district" means an entity formed under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part
10, Water Conservancy District Act.

28 ~~{(c){}} ~~{(d)}~~~~ "Water conservation plan" means a written document that contains existing and
proposed water conservation measures describing what will be done by a water provider, and the
end user of culinary water to help conserve water in the state in terms of per capita use of water
provided through culinary water infrastructure owned or operated by the water provider so that
adequate supplies of water are available for future needs.

34 ~~{(d){}} ~~{(e)}~~~~ "Water provider" means:

35 (i) a retail water supplier, as defined in Section 19-4-102; or

36 (ii) a water conservancy district.

37 (2)

. (a) A water conservation plan shall contain:

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. (A) a clearly stated overall water use reduction goal that is consistent with Subsection (2)(d); and

40 (B) an implementation plan for each water conservation measure a water provider chooses to use,
including a timeline for action and an evaluation process to measure progress;

43 (ii) a requirement that a notification procedure be implemented that includes the delivery of the
water conservation plan to the media and to the governing body of each municipality and county
served by the water provider;

46 (iii) a copy of the minutes of the meeting regarding a water conservation plan and the notification
procedure required in Subsection (2)(a)(ii) that shall be added as an appendix to the water
conservation plan; and

49 (iv) for a retail water supplier, as defined in Section 19-4-102, the retail water supplier's rate
structure that is:

51 (A) adopted by the retail water supplier's governing body in accordance with Section 73-10-32.5; and

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- 53 (B) current as of the day the retail water supplier files a water conservation plan.
- 54 (b) A water conservation plan may include information regarding:
- 55 (i) the installation and use of water efficient fixtures and appliances, including toilets, shower fixtures,
and faucets;
- 57 (ii) residential and commercial landscapes and irrigation that require less water to maintain;
- 59 (iii) more water efficient industrial and commercial processes involving the use of water;
- 61 (iv) water reuse systems, both potable and not potable;
- 62 (v) distribution system leak repair;
- 63 (vi) dissemination of public information regarding more efficient use of water, including public
education programs, customer water use audits, and water saving demonstrations;
- 66 (vii) water rate structures designed to encourage more efficient use of water;
- 67 (viii) statutes, ordinances, codes, or regulations designed to encourage more efficient use of water by
means such as water efficient fixtures and landscapes;
- 69 (ix) incentives to implement water efficient techniques, including rebates to water users to encourage
the implementation of more water efficient measures;
- 71 (x) regional conservation planning and shared shortage agreements; [~~and~~]
- 72 (xi) the commitment of available water to uses on {sovereign lands} the Great Salt Lake; and
- 73 [~~(xi)~~] (xii) other measures designed to conserve water.
- 74 (c) The division may be contacted for information and technical resources regarding measures listed in
Subsection (2)(b).
- 76 (d)
- . (i) The division shall adopt by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
Rulemaking Act, regional water conservation goals that:
- 78 (A) are developed by the division;
- 79 (B) take into consideration goals established in the Colorado River management plan adopted
pursuant to Section 63M-14-204;
- 81 (C) for areas in the Great Salt Lake watershed, take into consideration the Great Salt Lake,
including the water budget associated with the integrated surface and ground water assessment
described in Section 73-10g-402;
- 84 (D) take into consideration how growth and regional conservation goals impact agriculture water
use;

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- 86 (E) are reevaluated by December 31, 2030, and every 10 years after December 31, 2030; and
- 88 (F) define what constitutes "water being conserved" under a water conservation goal after
considering factors such as depletion, diversion, use, consumption, or return flows.
- 91 (ii) As part of a water conservation plan, a water provider shall adopt one of the following:
- 93 (A) the regional water conservation goal applicable to the water provider;
- 94 (B) a water conservation goal that would result in more water being conserved than would be conserved
under the regional water conservation goal; or
- 96 (C) a water conservation goal that would result in less water being conserved than would be conserved
under the regional water conservation goal with a reasonable justification as to why the different
water conservation goal is adopted and an explanation of the factors supporting the reasonable
justification, such as demographics, geography, lot sizes, make up of water service classes, or
availability of secondary water.
- 102 (3)
- . (a) A water provider shall:
- 103 (i) prepare and adopt a water conservation plan; and
- 104 (ii) file a copy of the water conservation plan with the division.
- 105 (b)
- . (i) Before adopting or amending a water conservation plan, a water provider shall hold a public hearing
with reasonable, advance public notice in accordance with this Subsection (3)(b).
- 108 (ii) The water provider shall provide public notice at least 14 days before the date of the public hearing.
- 110 (iii) A water provider meets the requirements of reasonable notice required by this Subsection (3)(b) if
the water provider posts notice of the public hearing:
- 112 (A) for the service area of the water provider, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, for at least
14 days; and
- 114 (B) if the water provider is a private entity and has a public website, on the water provider's public
website.
- 116 (iv) Proof that notice described in Subsection (3)(b)(iii) was given is prima facie evidence that notice
was properly given.
- 118 (v) If notice given under authority of this Subsection (3)(b) is not challenged within 30 days from the
date of the public hearing for which the notice was given, the notice is considered adequate and
proper.

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- 121 (c) A water provider shall:
- 122 (i) post the water provider's water conservation plan on a public website; or
- 123 (ii) if the water provider does not have a public website, make the water provider's water conservation
plan publicly available for inspection upon request.
- 125 (4)
- . (a) The division shall:
- 126 (i) provide guidelines and technical resources to help water providers prepare and implement water
conservation plans;
- 128 (ii) assist water providers by identifying water conservation methods upon request; and
- 130 (iii) provide an online submission form that allows for an electronic copy of the water conservation
plan to be filed with the division under Subsection (3)(a)(ii).
- 132 (b) The division shall post an annual report at the end of a calendar year listing water providers in
compliance with this section.
- 134 (5) A water provider may only receive state funds for water development if the water provider complies
with the requirements of this section.
- 136 (6) A water provider specified under Subsection (3)(a) shall:
- 137 (a) update the water provider's water conservation plan no less frequently than every five years; and
- 139 (b) follow the procedures required under Subsection (3) when updating the water conservation plan.
- 141 (7) It is the intent of the Legislature that the water conservation plans, amendments to existing water
conservation plans, and the studies and report by the division be handled within the existing budgets
of the respective entities or agencies.

142 Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

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