Casey Snider proposes the following substitute bill:

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Water Infrastructure Modifications

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LONG TITLE

4 General Description:

This bill addresses funding and planning for water infrastructure.

6 Highlighted Provisions:

- 7 This bill:
- 8 repeals the Water Resources Cities Water Loan Fund and provides that loan repayments
- 9 go into the Water Infrastructure Fund;
- 10 authorizes transfers of money in water funds and accounts to and from the Water
- 11 Infrastructure Fund;
- requires capital asset management plans and reserve funding under certain circumstances;
- 13 modifies definitions, including the definition of "relevant agency";
- 14 addresses the water infrastructure prioritization process, including exemptions from the
- 15 process;

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- repeals outdated language; and
- 17 makes technical and conforming changes.

18 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

- 19 None
- 20 Other Special Clauses:
- 21 None
- 22 Utah Code Sections Affected:
- 23 AMENDS:
- 63A-3-205, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 100, 451
- 25 **63B-1b-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 100, 451
- 26 **63C-25-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 419
- **73-10-23**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 306
- 28 **73-10-25**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 261

29 **73-10-25.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1996, Chapter 199 30 **73-10c-4**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 142 31 **73-10c-5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 342 32 **73-10g-107**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 335 33 **73-10g-502**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 66 34 **73-10g-601**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 335 35 **73-10g-602**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 335 36 **73-10g-603**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 335 37 **73-10g-604**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 335 38 **73-10g-605**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 335 **ENACTS**: 39 40 **73-10g-502.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953 41 **73-10g-606**, Utah Code Annotated 1953 42 **REPEALS:** 43 **73-10-22**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1995, Chapter 183 44 **73-10g-504**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 66 45 46 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah: 47 Section 1. Section **63A-3-205** is amended to read: 48 63A-3-205. Revolving loan funds -- Standards and procedures. 49 (1) As used in this section, "revolving loan fund" means: 50 (a) the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund, created in Section 51 73-10-24; 52 (b) the Water Resources Construction Fund, created in Section 73-10-8; 53 (c) the Water Resources Cities Water Loan Fund, created in Section 73-10-22; 54 [(d)] (c) the Clean Fuel Conversion Funds, created in Title 19, Chapter 1, Part 4, Clean 55 Fuels and Emission Reduction Technology Program Act; 56 [(e)] (d) the Water Development Security Fund and its subaccounts, created in Section 57 73-10c-5; 58 [(f)] (e) the Agriculture Resource Development Fund, created in Section 4-18-106; 59 $\left[\frac{g}{g}\right]$ (f) the Utah Rural Rehabilitation Fund, created in Section 4-19-105; 60 [(h)] (g) the Permanent Community Impact Fund, created in Section 35A-8-303; 61 [(i)] (h) the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund, created in Section 19-6-409; 62 (i) (i) the Uintah Basin Revitalization Fund, created in Section 35A-8-1602;

- [(k)] (j) the Navajo Revitalization Fund, created in Section 35A-8-1704; and
- 64 [(1)] (k) the Energy Efficiency Fund, created in Section 11-45-201.
- 65 (2) The division shall for each revolving loan fund make rules establishing standards and
- procedures governing:
- 67 (a) payment schedules and due dates;
- (b) interest rate effective dates;
- 69 (c) loan documentation requirements; and
- 70 (d) interest rate calculation requirements.
- 71 Section 2. Section **63B-1b-102** is amended to read:
- 72 **63B-1b-102** . **Definitions**.
- As used in this chapter:
- 74 (1) "Agency bonds" means any bond, note, contract, or other evidence of indebtedness
- 75 representing loans or grants made by an authorizing agency.
- 76 (2) "Authorized official" means the state treasurer or other person authorized by a bond
- document to perform the required action.
- 78 (3) "Authorizing agency" means the board, person, or unit with legal responsibility for
- administering and managing revolving loan funds.
- 80 (4) "Bond document" means:
- 81 (a) a resolution of the commission; or
- 82 (b) an indenture or other similar document authorized by the commission that authorizes
- and secures outstanding revenue bonds from time to time.
- 84 (5) "Commission" means the State Bonding Commission, created in Section 63B-1-201.
- 85 (6) "Revenue bonds" means any special fund revenue bonds issued under this chapter.
- 86 (7) "Revolving Loan Funds" means:
- 87 (a) the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund, created in Section
- 88 73-10-24;
- 89 (b) the Water Resources Construction Fund, created in Section 73-10-8;
- 90 [(c) the Water Resources Cities Water Loan Fund, created in Section 73-10-22;]
- 91 [(d)] (c) the Clean Fuel Conversion Funds, created in Title 19, Chapter 1, Part 4, Clean
- 92 Fuels and Emission Reduction Technology Program Act;
- 93 [(e)] (d) the Water Development Security Fund and its subaccounts, created in Section
- 94 73-10c-5;
- 95 [(f)] (e) the Agriculture Resource Development Fund, created in Section 4-18-106;
- 96 [(g)] (f) the Utah Rural Rehabilitation Fund, created in Section 4-19-105;

- 97 [(h)] (g) the Permanent Community Impact Fund, created in Section 35A-8-303;
- 98 [(i)] (h) the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund, created in Section 19-6-409; and
- 99 [(j)] (i) the State Infrastructure Bank Fund, created in Section 72-2-202.
- Section 3. Section **63C-25-101** is amended to read:
- 101 **63C-25-101** . Definitions.
- 102 As used in this chapter:
- 103 (1) "Authority" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63B-1-303.
- 104 (2) "Bond" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63B-1-101.
- 105 (3)(a) "Bonding government entity" means the state or any entity that is authorized to issue bonds under any provision of state law.
- (b) "Bonding government entity" includes:
- (i) a bonding political subdivision; and
- (ii) a public infrastructure district that is authorized to issue bonds either directly, or
 through the authority of a bonding political subdivision or other governmental
 entity.
- 112 (4) "Bonding political subdivision" means:
- (a) the Utah Inland Port Authority, created in Section 11-58-201;
- (b) the Military Installation Development Authority, created in Section 63H-1-201;
- (c) the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority, created in Section 11-59-201;
- (d) the Utah Lake Authority, created in Section 11-65-201;
- (e) the State Fair Park Authority, created in Section 11-68-201; or
- 118 (f) the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District, created in Section 119 11-70-201.
- 120 (5) "Commission" means the State Finance Review Commission created in Section
- 121 63C-25-201.
- 122 (6) "Concessionaire" means a person who:
- 123 (a) operates, finances, maintains, or constructs a government facility under a contract
 124 with a bonding political subdivision; and
- (b) is not a bonding government entity.
- 126 (7) "Concessionaire contract" means a contract:
- (a) between a bonding government entity and a concessionaire for the operation, finance,
- maintenance, or construction of a government facility;
- (b) that authorizes the concessionaire to operate the government facility for a term of
- five years or longer, including any extension of the contract; and

- 131 (c) in which all or some of the annual source of payment to the concessionaire comes 132 from state funds provided to the bonding government entity.
- 133 (8) "Creating entity" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17D-4-102.
- 134 (9) "Government facility" means infrastructure, improvements, or a building that:
- 135 (a) costs more than \$5,000,000 to construct; and
- (b) has a useful life greater than five years.
- 137 (10) "Large public transit district" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 138 17B-2a-802.
- 139 (11) "Loan entity" means the board, person, unit, or agency with legal responsibility for
- making a loan from a revolving loan fund.
- 141 (12) "Obligation" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63B-1-303.
- 142 (13) "Parameters resolution" means a resolution of a bonding government entity that sets
- 143 forth for proposed bonds:
- 144 (a) the maximum:
- (i) amount of bonds:
- 146 (ii) term; and
- 147 (iii) interest rate; and
- (b) the expected security for the bonds.
- 149 (14) "Public infrastructure district" means a public infrastructure district created under Title
- 150 17D, Chapter 4, Public Infrastructure District Act.
- 151 (15) "Revolving loan fund" means:
- (a) the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund, created in Section
- 153 73-10-24;
- (b) the Water Resources Construction Fund, created in Section 73-10-8;
- 155 [(e) the Water Resources Cities Water Loan Fund, created in Section 73-10-22;]
- 156 [(d)] (c) the Clean Fuel Conversion Funds, created in Title 19, Chapter 1, Part 4, Clean
- 157 Fuels and Emission Reduction Technology Program Act;
- 158 [(e)] (d) the Water Development Security Fund and its subaccounts, created in Section
- 159 73-10c-5;
- 160 [(f)] (e) the Agriculture Resource Development Fund, created in Section 4-18-106;
- [(g)] (f) the Utah Rural Rehabilitation Fund, created in Section 4-19-105;
- 162 [(h)] (g) the Permanent Community Impact Fund, created in Section 35A-8-303;
- [(i)] (h) the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund, created in Section 19-6-409;
- 164 [(i)] (i) the School Building Revolving Account, created in Section 53F-9-206;

165	[(k)] (j) the State Infrastructure Bank Fund, created in Section 72-2-202;
166	[(+)] (k) the Uintah Basin Revitalization Fund, created in Section 35A-8-1602;
167	[(m)] (1) the Navajo Revitalization Fund, created in Section 35A-8-1704;
168	[(n)] (m) the Energy Efficiency Fund, created in Section 11-45-201;
169	[(o)] (n) the Brownfields Fund, created in Section 19-8-120;
170	[(p)] (o) any of the enterprise revolving loan funds created in Section 63A-3-402: and
171	[(q)] (p) any other revolving loan fund created in statute where the borrower from the
172	revolving loan fund is a public non-profit entity or political subdivision, including a
173	fund listed in Section 63A-3-205, from which a loan entity is authorized to make a
174	loan.
175	(16)(a) "State funds" means an appropriation by the Legislature identified as coming
176	from the General Fund or Education Fund.
177	(b) "State funds" does not include:
178	(i) a revolving loan fund; or
179	(ii) revenues received by a bonding political subdivision from:
180	(A) a tax levied by the bonding political subdivision;
181	(B) a fee assessed by the bonding political subdivision; or
182	(C) operation of the bonding political subdivision's government facility.
183	Section 4. Section 73-10-23 is amended to read:
184	73-10-23. Loans for water systems Board of Water Resources authority
185	Procedure.
186	(1) The Board of Water Resources [is authorized to] may make loans to cities, towns,
187	metropolitan water districts, water conservancy districts, improvement districts, special
188	improvement districts, or special service districts within the state for the acquisition or
189	construction of new or existing water systems or the improvement or extension of those
190	systems from [funds] money appropriated for the purpose of this chapter.
191	(2)(a) Cities, towns, or districts which participate in this program shall submit an
192	application for [funds] money to the Board of Water Resources.
193	(b) The application may request a loan to cover all or part of the cost of an eligible
194	project.
195	(c) Requests for loans shall be submitted in a form and shall include information as the [
196	board] Board of Water Resources prescribes.
197	(3)(a) The [board] Board of Water Resources shall establish criteria for determining

eligibility for loans and shall determine appropriate priorities among projects.

199	(b) [Funds-] Money received from the repayment of loans shall be [added to this special
200	fund] deposited into the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund
201	created in Section 73-10-24 and be available for additional loans under the
202	administration of the [board] Board of Water Resources.
203	(c) In determining priorities for eligible projects, the [board] Board of Water Resources
204	shall consider:
205	(i) probable growth of population due to actual or prospective economic development
206	in an area;
207	(ii) possible additional sources of state and local revenue;
208	(iii) opportunities for expanded employment;
209	(iv) present or potential health hazards;
210	(v) water systems which do not meet minimum state standards;
211	(vi) cities, towns, or districts which have insufficient water to meet current demands;
212	(vii) feasibility and practicality of the project;
213	(viii) per capita cost of the project;
214	(ix) per capita income of the residents in the area;
215	(x) the borrowing capacity of the city, town, or district and its ability to sell bonds in
216	the open market; and
217	(xi) the availability of federal [funds] money for the project.
218	(4)(a) The [board] Board of Water Resources shall consult with the Governor's Advisory
219	Council on Community Affairs in the establishment of priorities but that advice is not
220	binding upon the [board] Board of Water Resources.
221	(b) If an application is rejected, the [board] Board of Water Resources shall notify the
222	applicant stating the reasons for the rejection.
223	(5) The Board of Water Resources shall review the plans and specifications for the project
224	prior to approval and may condition approval and the availability of [funds] money on
225	assurances the [board] Board of Water Resources considers necessary to ensure that the
226	proceeds of the loan will be used to pay the cost of the project and that the project will
227	be completed.
228	(6) Any loan shall specify the terms for repayment and may be evidenced by general
229	obligation bonds, revenue bonds, special assessment bonds, or other bonds or
230	obligations legally issued by the appropriate city, town, metropolitan water district,
231	water conservancy district, improvement district, special improvement district, or special
232	service district and purchased by the [board] Board of Water Resources pursuant to the

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233	authority for the issuance that exists at the time of the loan.
234	(7)(a) Upon approval of an application, the [board] Board of Water Resources shall
235	advise the applicant and may provide [funds] money as a loan to cover all or part of
236	the costs of eligible projects.

- (b) Costs of an eligible project may include all costs of acquisition and construction as well as costs incurred for preliminary planning to determine the economic and engineering feasibility of a proposed project, the engineering, architectural, legal, fiscal, and economic investigations and studies, surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications, procedures, and other action necessary to the project and its financing; the cost of erection, building, acquisition, modification, improvement, or extension of water system facilities and the inspection and supervision of the construction of such facilities.
- (8) [No loan shall-] A loan may not include any project costs for which the applicant receives federal financial assistance, other than federal loans [which] that must be repaid by the applicant.
- Section 5. Section **73-10-25** is amended to read:
- 73-10-25 . Contents of fund -- Investment -- Contributions -- Transfers.
- 250 (1) The Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund consists of:
- 251 (a) money appropriated to it by the Legislature;
- 252 (b) money received from the sale of project water and power, less operating and maintenance costs;
- (c) annual payments on contracts for projects constructed under Section 73-10-24 or the
 State Water Conservation Program; [and]
- 256 (d) other money or tax revenues designated by the Legislature to be credited to the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund[-]; and
- (e) money transferred from the Water Infrastructure Fund in accordance with Subsection 73-10g-603(1)(f).
- 260 (2) Money deposited into the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund shall 261 be invested by the state treasurer with interest accruing to the Water Resources 262 Conservation and Development Fund, except for payments, if any, necessary to comply 263 with Section 148(f), Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 264 (3) A contribution of money, property, or equipment may be received from a political subdivision of the state, federal agency, water users' association, or person for use in carrying out the purposes of Section 73-10-24.

267 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the division shall transfer a payment on a loan to the 268 Water Infrastructure Restricted Account, created in Section 73-10g-103, if the loan: 269 (a) is issued from the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund on or after 270 July 1, 2023; and 271 (b) relates to a project described in Subsection 73-10g-104(4). 272 (5) The Board of Water Resources may direct the transfer of money out of the Water 273 Resources Conservation and Development Fund to the Water Infrastructure Fund in 274 accordance with Section 73-10g-107. 275 Section 6. Section **73-10-25.1** is amended to read: 276 73-10-25.1. Credit enhancement and interest buy-down agreements. 277 (1) The Board of Water Resources may enter into credit enhancement agreements with 278 political subdivisions containing terms and provisions that the board determines will 279 reasonably improve the security for or marketability of water project obligations 280 financed using the [Water Resources Cities Water Loan Fund created in Section 281 73-10-22 or the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund created in 282 Section 73-10-24. Credit enhancement agreements may include provisions for loans to 283 political subdivisions to pay the costs of obtaining letters of credit or other forms of 284 insurance or security to provide security for water project obligations. 285 (2) The Board of Water Resources may make loans or grants from [the Water Resources 286 Cities Water Loan Fund or Ithe Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund 287 to political subdivisions for interest buy-down agreements for water development 288 projects. 289 Section 7. Section **73-10c-4** is amended to read: 290 73-10c-4. Credit enhancement and interest buy-down agreements -- Loans or 291 grants -- Hardship grants -- Transfer of money. 292 (1) On behalf of the state, the Water Quality Board and the Drinking Water Board may each 293 enter into credit enhancement agreements with political subdivisions containing terms 294 and provisions that the acting board determines will reasonably improve the security for 295 or marketability of drinking water and wastewater project obligations, including any of 296 the following: 297 (a) a term providing security for drinking water and wastewater project obligations, as 298 provided in Subsection 73-10c-6(2)(b), by agreeing to purchase the drinking water or 299 wastewater project obligations of, or to make loans to, political subdivisions from a

subaccount of the security fund for the purpose of preventing defaults in the payment

301	of principal and interest on drinking water and wastewater project obligations;
302	(b) a term making loans to political subdivisions to pay the cost of obtaining:
303	(i) letters of credit from banks, savings and loan institutions, insurance companies, or
304	other financial institutions;
305	(ii) municipal bond insurance; or
306	(iii) other forms of insurance or security to provide security for drinking water and
307	wastewater project obligations; and
308	(c) a term providing other methods and assistance to political subdivisions that are
309	reasonable and proper to enhance the marketability of or security for drinking water
310	and wastewater project obligations.
311	(2)(a) The Drinking Water Board and the Water Quality Board may each make loans
312	from a security fund subaccount to political subdivisions to finance all or part of
313	drinking water and wastewater project costs by following the procedures and
314	requirements of Sections 73-10c-4.1 and 73-10c-4.2.
315	(b) These loans may only be made after credit enhancement agreements, interest
316	buy-down agreements, and all other financing alternatives have been evaluated by the
317	acting board and the board determines those options are unavailable or unreasonably
318	expensive for the subdivision requesting assistance.
319	(c) Loans may be made from the security fund subaccount at interest rates determined by
320	the board.
321	(3)(a) The Drinking Water Board and the Water Quality Board may each make loans or
322	grants from the security fund to political subdivisions for interest buy-down
323	agreements for drinking water or wastewater project obligations.
324	(b) The Drinking Water Board may make loans or grants from the security account to
325	political subdivisions for planning for drinking water projects.
326	(4)(a) Of the total amount of money annually available to the Drinking Water Board and
327	Water Quality Board for financial assistance to political subdivisions, at least 10%
328	shall be allocated by each board for credit enhancement and interest buy-down
329	agreements.
330	(b) The requirement specified in Subsection (4)(a) shall apply only so long as sales and
331	use tax is transferred to the Utah Wastewater Loan Program Subaccount and
332	Drinking Water Loan Program Subaccount as provided in Section 59-12-103.
333	(5) To the extent money is available in the hardship grant subaccounts of the security fund,
334	the Drinking Water Board and the Water Quality Board may each make grants to

335	political subdivisions that meet the drinking water or wastewater project loan
336	considerations respectively, but whose projects are determined by the granting board to
337	not be economically feasible unless grant assistance is provided.
338	(6) The Drinking Water and Water Quality Boards may at any time transfer money out of
339	their respective hardship grant subaccounts of the security fund to their respective loan
340	program subaccounts.
341	(7) The Water Quality Board may make a grant from the Hardship Grant Program for
342	Wastewater Projects Subaccount created in Subsection 73-10c-5(2)(c) for a nonpoint
343	source project as provided by Section 73-10c-4.5 if:
344	(a) money is available in the subaccount; and
345	(b) the Water Quality Board determines that the project would not be economically
346	feasible unless a grant were made.
347	(8)(a) The Water Quality Board may direct the transfer of money out of the Water
348	Quality Security - Utah Wastewater Loan Program Subaccount created by Subsection
349	73-10c-5(2)(a) to the Water Infrastructure Fund in accordance with Section
350	<u>73-10g-107.</u>
351	(b) The Drinking Water Board may direct the transfer of money out of the Drinking
352	Water Security - Drinking Water Loan Program Subaccount created by Subsection
353	73-10c-5(3)(a) to the Water Infrastructure Fund in accordance with Section
354	<u>73-10g-107.</u>
355	Section 8. Section 73-10c-5 is amended to read:
356	73-10c-5 . Water Development Security Fund created Water Quality Security
357	and Drinking Water Security Subaccounts created Use Revolving loan funds
358	Hardship grants.
359	(1) There is established an enterprise fund known as the Water Development Security Fund
360	which includes the Water Quality Security Subaccount and the Drinking Water Security
361	Subaccount.
362	(2) The Water Quality Security Subaccount consists of four subaccounts:
363	(a) the Utah Wastewater Loan Program Subaccount, which consists of:
364	(i) money appropriated to the subaccount by the Legislature;
365	(ii) money received from the repayment of the principal of loans made by the Water
366	Quality Board under Sections 73-10c-4 and 73-10c-6 from the Utah Wastewater
367	Loan Program Subaccount; [and]
368	(iii) money deposited in the subaccount under any other law; and

369	(iv) money transferred from the Water Infrastructure Fund in accordance with
370	Subsection 73-10g-603(1)(f);
371	(b) the Utah State Revolving Fund for Wastewater Projects Subaccount, which consists
372	of:
373	(i) money appropriated to the subaccount by the Legislature;
374	(ii) money received from the Utah Wastewater Loan Program Subaccount applied to
375	meet match requirements for federal funds under 33 [U.S.C.A.] U.S.C. 1251 et
376	seq., federal Clean Water Act;
377	(iii) money received from the repayment of loans made by the Water Quality Board
378	under Section 73-10c-4 from the Utah State Revolving Fund for Wastewater
379	Projects Subaccount;
380	(iv) money received from the repayment of loans made by the Water Quality Board
381	under Section 73-10c-4.5;
382	(v) money deposited in the subaccount under any other law;
383	(vi) money received under and subject to the restrictions of 33 [U.S.C.A.] U.S.C.
384	1251 et seq., federal Clean Water Act, and which is eligible for use in state
385	revolving loan funds established to meet the requirements of the act; and
386	(vii) all investment income derived from money in the Utah State Revolving Fund fo
387	Wastewater Projects Subaccount;
388	(c) the Hardship Grant Program for Wastewater Projects Subaccount, which consists of:
389	(i) money appropriated to the subaccount by the Legislature;
390	(ii) money received as interest payments on loans made by the Water Quality Board
391	under Sections 73-10c-4 and 73-10c-6, from the Utah Wastewater Loan Program
392	Subaccount;
393	(iii) money deposited in the subaccount under any other law;
394	(iv) the Hardship Grant Assessment charged to State Revolving Fund loan recipients
395	and
396	(v) all investment income derived from money in the Utah Wastewater Loan Program
397	Subaccount or the Hardship Grant Program for Wastewater Projects Subaccount;
398	and
399	(d) the Water Quality Origination Fee Subaccount, which consists of the origination fee
400	paid under Section 73-10c-10.
401	(3) The Drinking Water Security Subaccount consists of four subaccounts:
402	(a) the Drinking Water Loan Program Subaccount, which consists of:

403	(i) money appropriated to the subaccount by the Legislature;
404	(ii) money received from the repayment of the principal of loans made by the
405	Drinking Water Board under Sections 73-10c-4 and 73-10c-6, from the Drinking
406	Water Loan Program Subaccount; [and]
407	(iii) money deposited in the subaccount under any other law; and
408	(iv) money transferred from the Water Infrastructure Fund in accordance with
409	Subsection 73-10g-603(1)(f);
410	(b) the State Revolving Fund for Drinking Water Projects Subaccount, which consists of:
411	(i) money appropriated to the subaccount by the Legislature;
412	(ii) money received from the Utah Drinking Water Loan Program Subaccount and
413	applied to meet match requirements for federal funds under 42 [U.S.C.A.] U.S.C
414	300f et seq., federal Safe Drinking Water Act;
415	(iii) money received from the repayment of loans made by the Drinking Water Board
416	under Section 73-10c-4 from the State Revolving Fund for Drinking Water
417	Projects Subaccount;
418	(iv) money deposited in the subaccount under any other law;
419	(v) money received under and subject to the restrictions of 42 [U.S.C.A] U.S.C. 300f
420	et seq., federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and which is eligible for use in state
421	revolving loan funds established to meet the requirements of the act; and
422	(vi) all investment income derived from money in the State Revolving Fund for
423	Drinking Water Projects Subaccount;
424	(c) the Hardship Grant Program for Drinking Water Projects Subaccount, which consists
425	of:
426	(i) money appropriated to the subaccount by the Legislature;
427	(ii) money received from interest payments on loans made by the Drinking Water
428	Board under Sections 73-10c-4 and 73-10c-6, from the Drinking Water Loan
429	Program Subaccount;
430	(iii) money deposited in the subaccount under any other law;
431	(iv) the Hardship Grant Assessment charged to State Revolving Fund loan recipients;
432	and
433	(v) all investment income derived from money in the Drinking Water Loan Program
434	Subaccount or the Hardship Grant Program for Drinking Water Projects
435	Subaccount; and
436	(d) the Drinking Water Origination Fee Subaccount, which consists of the origination

437	fee paid under Section 73-10c-10.
438	(4) State money in the Water Quality Security Subaccount and the Drinking Water Security
439	Subaccount may be applied to meet match requirements for federal funds under the
440	Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq. and the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42
441	U.S.C. Sec. 300f et seq.
442	(5) If the money in the security fund is insufficient for the purposes for which the security
443	fund is established, the council shall ask the governor to request the Legislature to
444	appropriate additional money to the account.
445	(6)(a) The Drinking Water Board and Water Quality Board may use the money in the
446	appropriate security fund subaccount only to the extent of the money available in the
447	account, for the support of drinking water projects and wastewater projects in
448	accordance with the terms of credit enhancement agreements, grant agreements, and
449	loan agreements.
450	(b) Repayments to the security fund from loans made by the acting board, money
451	allocated by the Legislature, and interest accrued on the money shall remain available
452	for use by that board for further project funding.
453	(c) The Drinking Water Board and Water Quality Board may use the money in the
454	origination fee subaccount to administer this chapter.
455	(7) Funds received under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 300f et seq. may be
456	used for providing financial assistance to community water systems and nonprofit
457	noncommunity water systems as defined and within the limits of that act.
458	Section 9. Section 73-10g-107 is amended to read:
459	73-10g-107 . Water Infrastructure Fund.
460	(1) There is created an enterprise fund known as the "Water Infrastructure Fund," which is
461	referred to in this section as the "fund."
462	(2) The fund shall consist of:
463	(a) appropriations from the Legislature;
464	(b) money from the federal government;
465	(c) grants or donations from a person;
466	(d) money made available to the state for purposes of water infrastructure projects from
467	any source;
468	(e) money received for the repayment of loans made from [the fund; and] the Water
469	Resources Cities Water Loan Fund that were issued before May 7, 2025;

(f) money transferred to the fund under Subsection (5); and

4/1	$[\frac{(t)}{g}]$ interest and earnings on the fund.
472	(3) The state treasurer shall invest the money in the fund according to Title 51, Chapter 7,
473	State Money Management Act, except that interest or other earnings derived from those
474	investments shall be deposited into the fund.
475	(4)(a) The Water Development Coordinating Council may use money in the fund to pay
476	for the costs of administering Part 6, Planning and Prioritization, including staff
477	directly related to the activities of the Water Development Coordinating Council
478	under Part 6, Planning and Prioritization.
479	(b) The division may use money in the fund to pay for the costs of the study required by
480	Section 73-10-39.
481	(c) Fund money may be used[to issue loans or grants prioritized] in accordance with
482	Section 73-10g-603[-], to provide money to a relevant agency, as defined in Section
483	73-10g-601.
484	(5)(a) Each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2027, the Division of Finance shall
485	transfer the money described in this Subsection (5) to the fund at the close of the
486	fiscal year.
487	(b) The Water Quality Board shall at the close of a fiscal year beginning with fiscal year
488	<u>2027:</u>
489	(i) determine the amount of money in the Water Quality Security - Utah Wastewater
490	Loan Program Subaccount, created in Section 73-10c-5, that is in excess of the
491	money needed to fund loans authorized in the previous fiscal year under the Utah
492	Wastewater Loan Program;
493	(ii) determine the amount of the money described in Subsection (5)(b)(i) that should
494	be transferred under this Subsection (5)(b); and
495	(iii) direct the Division of Finance to transfer the amount of money described in
496	Subsection (5)(b)(ii) to the fund.
497	(c) The Drinking Water Board shall at the close of a fiscal year beginning with fiscal
498	year 2027:
499	(i) determine the amount of money in the Drinking Water Security - Drinking Water
500	Loan Program Subaccount, created in Section 73-10c-5, that is in excess of the
501	money needed to fund loans authorized in the previous fiscal year under the
502	Drinking Water Loan Program;
503	(ii) determine the amount of the money described in Subsection (5)(c)(i) that should
504	be transferred under this Subsection (5)(c); and

505	(iii) direct the Division of Finance to transfer the amount of money described in
506	Subsection (5)(c)(ii) to the fund.
507	(d) The Board of Water Resources shall at the close of a fiscal year beginning with fiscal
508	year 2027:
509	(i) determine the amount of money in the Water Resources Conservation and
510	Development Fund, created in Section 73-10-24, that is in excess of the sum of the
511	money:
512	(A) specified in Subsection 59-12-103(5)(d) for the purposes described in
513	Subsection 59-12-103(5)(d); and
514	(B) needed to fund loans or grants authorized in the previous fiscal year under
515	Chapter 10, Board of Water Resources - Division of Water Resources;
516	(ii) determine the amount of the money described in Subsection (5)(d)(i) that should
517	be transferred under this Subsection (5)(d); and
518	(iii) direct the Division of Finance to transfer the amount of money described in
519	Subsection (5)(d)(ii) to the fund.
520	Section 10. Section 73-10g-502 is amended to read:
521	73-10g-502. Capital asset management for a water conservancy district.
522	(1) As a condition of receiving state or federal financing or grants to be used for an
523	improvement to a capital asset related to water infrastructure, the governing body of a
524	water [provider] conservancy district shall commit to adopt a capital asset management
525	plan.
526	(2)[(a) The Drinking Water Board shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G,
527	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish the elements of a
528	capital asset management plan required under Subsection (1) for a water provider that
529	is a retail water supplier.]
530	[(b)] The Board of Water Resources shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G,
531	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish the elements of a
532	capital asset management plan required under Subsection (1) for a water provider that
533	is a water conservancy district.
534	(3) A qualified water conservancy district, as defined in Section 17B-2a-1010, is not subject
535	to this section but shall comply with Section 17B-2a-1010.
536	Section 11. Section 73-10g-502.5 is enacted to read:
537	73-10g-502.5 . Capital asset management and reserve funding analysis for public
538	water systems.

539	(1) As used in this section:
540	(a) "Board" means the Drinking Water Board appointed under Section 19-4-103.
541	(b) "Public water system" means the same as that term is defined in Section 19-4-102.
542	(c) "Reserve analysis" means a detailed evaluation of a public water system's reserves,
543	assessing fund balances and projected future needs to ensure sufficient money is set
544	aside to cover repairs, replacements, or restoration of water infrastructure capital
545	assets and operational needs to determine:
546	(i) the need for a reserve fund to accumulate reserve money; and
547	(ii) the appropriate amount of money in a reserve fund, as determined by the public
548	water system through recognized financial practices for public water systems,
549	such as updated rate studies, budgeting, asset management, and financing
550	resources.
551	(2) By no later than July 1, 2028, as a condition of receiving state or federal financing or
552	grants, the governing body of a public water system that is not a water conservancy
553	district shall adopt a capital asset management plan.
554	(3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
555	Drinking Water Board shall make rules that establish the elements of a capital asset
556	management plan for a public water system that is not a water conservancy district.
557	(4) By no later than July 1, 2028, as a condition of receiving state or federal financing or
558	grants, the governing body of a public water system shall adopt a capital asset reserve
559	funding plan that includes:
560	(a) an inventory of the major capital assets identified in a reserve analysis that
561	reasonably require reserve money;
562	(b) a statement of the condition and probable remaining useful life, as of the date of the
563	reserve analysis, of each capital asset identified under Subsection (4)(a);
564	(c) an estimate of the cost to renew, replace, or upgrade each capital asset identified
565	under Subsection (4)(a);
566	(d) an estimate of the total annual contribution to a reserve fund necessary to meet the
567	costs identified in Subsection (4)(c) during a capital asset's useful life and at the end
568	of a capital asset's useful life;
569	(e) an analysis of a reserve fund's relationship to the setting of water rates, including the
570	setting of rates pursuant to recognized affordability metrics for nondiscretionary
571	indoor water use for health and sanitation; and
572	(f) a reserve funding plan that:

573		(i) recommends how the public water system may fund the costs described in
574		Subsection (4)(c), which may include long term financing strategies in addition to
575		cash reserves such as municipal bonding when authorized; and
576		(ii) does not rely on obtaining grants to fund the reserve fund.
577	<u>(5)</u>	The governing body of a public water system required to adopt a capital asset reserve
578		funding plan under this section shall update the public water system's capital asset
579		reserve funding plan every five years.
580	<u>(6)</u>	The governing body of a public water system required to adopt a capital asset reserve
581		funding plan under this section shall collect money in accordance with the capital asset
582		reserve funding plan recommendations described in Subsection (4)(f).
583	<u>(7)</u>	In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
584		Drinking Water Board shall make rules that:
585		(a) provide a process under which the division may monitor a public water system's
586		compliance with this section; and
587		(b) impose administrative penalties similar to the penalties imposed under Section
588		19-4-109 for failure to comply with this section.
589		Section 12. Section 73-10g-601 is amended to read:
590		73-10g-601 . Definitions.
591		As used in this part:
592	(1)	"Agency plan" means a water infrastructure plan adopted by a relevant agency.
593	(2)	"Executive director" means the executive director of the Department of Natural
594		Resources.
595	(3)	"Relevant agency" means:
596		(a) the Division of Water Resources;
597		(b) the Division of Drinking Water; and
598		(c) the Division of Water Quality[;] .
599		[(d) the Housing and Community Development Division; and]
600		[(e) the Department of Agriculture and Food.]
601	(4)	"State council" means the Water Development Coordinating Council created in Sections
602		73-10c-3 and 79-2-201.
603	(5)	"Utah Watersheds Council" means the Utah Watersheds Council created in Section
604		73-10g-304.
605	(6)	"Water infrastructure fund money" means money in:
606		(a) the Water Infrastructure Fund, created by Section 73-10g-107[-]:

607	(b) the Water Quality Security - Utah Wastewater Loan Program Subaccount, created in
608	Section 73-10c-5;
609	(c) the Drinking Water Security - Drinking Water Loan Program Subaccount, created in
610	Section 73-10c-5;
611	(d) the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund, created in Section
612	<u>73-10-24; or</u>
613	(e) another fund or account administered by a relevant agency:
614	(i) unless use of the money is restricted by federal law; or
615	(ii) except as provided in Section 73-10g-606.
616	Section 13. Section 73-10g-602 is amended to read:
617	73-10g-602. Unified water infrastructure plan Annual reporting.
618	(1)(a) The state council shall adopt a unified water infrastructure plan in accordance with
619	this section by no later than March 1, 2026.
620	(b) The state council shall update the unified water infrastructure plan as needed, but at
621	least every four years.
622	(c) A relevant agency may request that the state council amend the unified water
623	infrastructure plan.
624	(2) A unified water infrastructure plan shall:
625	(a) describe water infrastructure projects:
626	(i) needed to maintain the reliable supply of safe and clean water within the state; and
627	(ii) organized in 10-year phases up to at least a 20-year plan;
628	(b) be consistent with the policies, goals, and recommendations of the state water plan;
629	and
630	(c) be based primarily on agency plans submitted by the relevant agencies.
631	(3) Beginning on June 30, 2025, a relevant agency shall:
632	(a) annually adopt a water infrastructure agency plan that describes and ranks needed
633	water infrastructure projects under the jurisdiction of the relevant agency;
634	(b) include in the agency plan ranking justifications and descriptions of whether a water
635	infrastructure project is:
636	(i) ready for construction;
637	(ii) planning for construction; or
638	(iii) a future project;
639	(c) organize an agency plan under this section in 10-year phases up to at least a 20-year
640	plan; and

641	(d) annually submit the agency plan to the state council by no later than June 30.
642	(4) Before adopting or amending a unified water infrastructure plan, the state council shall
643	provide a draft of the proposed unified water infrastructure plan to the Utah Watersheds
644	Council and the Utah Watersheds Council may advise the state council concerning the
645	unified water infrastructure plan.
646	(5)(a) Beginning September 1, 2024, a relevant agency shall annually prepare a report
647	and submit it to the state council concerning the funds or accounts that the relevant
648	agency administers.
649	(b) The report required by this Subsection (5) shall provide for the fund or account:
650	(i) the balance at the beginning of the fiscal year of the report;
651	(ii) revenues received from any source during the fiscal year;
652	(iii) the ending balance after the close of the fiscal year; and
653	(iv) projected revenues and disbursements for the coming fiscal year.
654	(c) The state council shall compile the reports submitted pursuant to this Subsection (5)
655	by no later than October 1 and distribute the compiled report to:
656	(i) the governor;
657	(ii) the Legislative Management Committee;
658	(iii) the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee; [and
659	(iv) the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations
660	Subcommittee[-]; and
661	(v) the Legislative Water Development Commission.
662	Section 14. Section 73-10g-603 is amended to read:
663	73-10g-603. Ranking and prioritizing water infrastructure projects.
664	(1) The state council, in consultation with the relevant agencies, shall develop a written
665	prioritization process for ranking and prioritizing water infrastructure projects that are or
666	will be funded by water infrastructure fund money beginning with fiscal year 2027. The
667	written prioritization process shall:
668	(a) identify water infrastructure projects listed in the unified water infrastructure plan
669	described in Section 73-10g-602; [and]
670	(b) establish a process under which an applicant may apply for funding of a water
671	infrastructure project listed in the unified water infrastructure plan;
672	(c) provide for the assignment by the state council of a water infrastructure project
672	application to a relevant agancy:

[(b)] (d) provide for a relevant agency to rank the water infrastructure projects [identified

675	under Subsection (1)(a).] assigned to the relevant agency under Subsection (1)(c);
676	(e) on the basis of the ranking of water infrastructure projects under Subsection (1)(d),
677	establish a process for the state council to prioritize water infrastructure projects; and
678	(f) establish a process for transferring money from the Water Infrastructure Fund,
679	created in Section 73-10g-107, into a fund or account described in Subsection
680	73-10g-601(6) to fund water infrastructure projects prioritized by the state council.
681	(2) The following shall be included in the written prioritization process under Subsection
682	(1):
683	(a) subject to Subsection (3), categories of the types of water infrastructure projects
684	against which other water infrastructure projects are prioritized, including:
685	(i) drinking water projects;
686	(ii) wastewater projects;
687	(iii) stormwater projects;
688	(iv) secondary water projects;
689	(v) dam and reservoir projects;
690	(vi) off-farm agriculture projects; and
691	(vii) water reuse projects;
692	(b) exclusion of the following types of water infrastructure projects:
693	(i) an emergency water infrastructure project; or
694	(ii) a small water infrastructure project that receives less than an amount of water
695	infrastructure fund money established by rule made by the state council in
696	accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
697	(c) hardship criteria that at a minimum refer to the hardship criteria of the Division of
698	Drinking Water and the Division of Water Quality;
699	(d) criteria related to the public interest, including conservation and the protection of
700	public health and safety;
701	(e) criteria to ensure that the project is adequately designed based on sound engineering
702	and geologic considerations;
703	(f) criteria for ranking or prioritizing a local water infrastructure project based on:
704	(i) a local water infrastructure plan that is consistent with this section; and
705	(ii) consultation with local entities about local water infrastructure projects;
706	(g) criteria for ranking or prioritizing a water infrastructure project when water
707	infrastructure fund money will be used to match federal funding;
708	(h) a requirement that a person who receives water infrastructure fund money for a water

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709	infrastructure project:
710	(i) engage in long-term planning consistent with Section 73-10g-602; and
711	(ii) comply with Section 73-10g-605; and
712	(i) any other provision the state council considers appropriate.
713	(3) When including categories of types of water infrastructure projects used in the written
714	prioritization process, the state council shall consider:
715	(a) whether to apply percentages of water infrastructure fund money assigned to each
716	category;
717	(b) the size and resources of recipients; and
718	(c) the potential purposes of the different types of water infrastructure projects, such as
719	agricultural, municipal, or industrial uses.
720	(4) In developing the written prioritization process, the state council shall seek and consider
721	public comment related to developing the written prioritization process by holding
722	public meetings at locations throughout the state in accordance with Title 52, Chapter 4,
723	Open and Public Meetings Act.
724	(5)(a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
725	the state council shall make rules establishing the written prioritization process under
726	Subsection (1).
727	(b) The state council shall submit a proposed rule to [a committee or commission
728	designated by the Legislative Management Committee] the Legislative Water
729	<u>Development Commission</u> for review before taking final action on the proposed rule
730	or a proposed amendment to the rule described in this Subsection (5).
731	(6) In determining priorities and funding levels of water infrastructure projects, the state
732	council shall use the ranked list of water infrastructure projects based on the criteria
733	adopted in the written prioritization process under Subsection (1).
734	(7) A relevant agency shall annually report to the state council on the status of new water
735	infrastructure projects, including water infrastructure projects that are funded by the
736	Legislature in an appropriation act.
737	(8) For a fiscal year before fiscal year 2027, a relevant agency shall prioritize water
738	infrastructure projects within the jurisdiction of the relevant agency and not the state
739	council.
740	Section 15. Section 73-10g-604 is amended to read:
741	73-10g-604. State council's general duties related to prioritizing Reporting

743	(1) The state council shall:
744	(a) beginning with fiscal year 2027, determine priorities and funding levels of water
745	infrastructure projects for each fiscal year based on [ranked] the water infrastructure
746	projects ranked by relevant agencies under Section 73-10g-603;
747	(b) hold public meetings in accordance with Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public
748	Meetings Act, and otherwise provide for public input on funding of water
749	infrastructure projects; and
750	(c) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
751	Rulemaking Act, necessary to perform the state council's duties related to:
752	(i) adopting the unified water infrastructure plan;
753	(ii) adopting a written prioritization [plan] process; and
754	(iii) prioritizing and setting funding levels for water infrastructure projects.
755	(2)(a) For water infrastructure projects prioritized with funding provided under this title,
756	the state council shall annually report, by no later than the October interim meeting of
757	the Legislature, to [a committee or commission designated by the Legislative
758	Management Committee] the Legislative Water Development Commission:
759	(i) a prioritized list of the water infrastructure projects and the funding levels
760	available for those water infrastructure projects; and
761	(ii) the unfunded water infrastructure projects and maintenance needs within the state.
762	(b) The [committee or commission designated by the Legislative Management
763	Committee under Subsection (2)(a)] Legislative Water Development Commission
764	shall:
765	(i) review the <u>prioritized</u> list reported by the state council; and
766	(ii) recommend to the Legislature:
767	(A) the amount of additional funding to allocate to water infrastructure projects;
768	and
769	(B) the source of revenue for the additional funding allocation under Subsection
770	(2)(b)(ii)(A).
771	(3) A relevant agency shall administer money prioritized under this part in a manner
772	consistent with this part.
773	Section 16. Section 73-10g-605 is amended to read:
774	73-10g-605. Capital asset management and reserve analysis Assistance for
775	person seeking state funds.
776	(1) As a condition of receiving water infrastructure fund money for a water infrastructure

777	project by a loan or grant, a recipient shall:
778	(a) conduct a reserve study showing how the recipient shall:
779	(i) repay the loan if the recipient receives a loan; and
780	(ii) collect money for repair and replacement of the water infrastructure project;
781	(b) if the recipient receives a loan, update the reserve study described in Subsection
782	(1)(a) every five years or until the loan is repaid; and
783	(c) comply with the relevant capital asset management requirements under:
784	(i) Section 19-5-202 for a water infrastructure project related to wastewater or sewage
785	infrastructure; [or]
786	(ii) Section 73-10g-502 for a water [provider's] conservancy district's, as defined in
787	Section 73-10g-501, water infrastructure project that is not described in
788	Subsection $(1)(c)(i)[-]$; or
789	(iii) Section 73-10g-502.5, for a public water system, as defined in Section
790	73-10g-502.5, that is not a water conservancy district.
791	(2) A reserve study required under this section shall include:
792	(a) a list of the components identified in the reserve analysis that will reasonably require
793	reserve funds;
794	(b) a statement of the probable remaining useful life, as of the date of the reserve
795	analysis, of each component identified in the reserve analysis;
796	(c) an estimate of the cost to repair, replace, or restore each component identified in the
797	reserve analysis;
798	(d) an estimate of the total annual contribution to a reserve fund necessary to meet the
799	cost to repair, replace, or restore each component identified in the reserve analysis
800	during the component's useful life and at the end of the component's useful life; and
801	(e) a reserve funding plan that recommends how the system may fund the annual
802	contribution described in Subsection (2)(d).
803	(3) If a person seeking [water infrastructure fund money under this part] state or federal
804	financing or grants establishes a need to the satisfaction of a relevant agency, the
805	relevant agency may provide the person:
806	(a) water infrastructure fund money to assist the recipient in complying with the
807	planning, reserve analysis, and capital asset management requirements of this part or
808	Part 5, Capital Assets for Water; or
809	(b) technical assistance with the planning, reserve analysis, or capital asset management

requirements of this part or Part 5, Capital Assets for Water.

811	Section 17. Section 73-10g-606 is enacted to read:
812	<u>73-10g-606</u> . Scope of part.
813	This part does not apply to:
814	(1) the Water Resources Construction Fund created in Section 73-10-8; and
815	(2) the Water Infrastructure Restricted Account created in Section 73-10g-103.
816	Section 18. Repealer.
817	This bill repeals:
818	Section 73-10-22, Water Resources Cities Water Loan Fund Annual appropriation -
819	Interest.
820	Section 73-10g-504, Review and reporting by the Water Development Coordinating
821	Council.
822	Section 19. Effective Date.
823	This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.