

1 **Water Usage Notification Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens**

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill addresses notification of usage of water by end users.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

- 8 ▶ defines terms;
- 9 ▶ grants rulemaking authority;
- 10 ▶ requires a retail water supplier to provide certain notifications regarding water usage;
- 11 ▶ requires a secondary water supplier to provide certain notifications regarding water usage,
- 12 with exceptions;
- 13 ▶ directs rulemaking;
- 14 ▶ provides for the method of notification; and
- 15 ▶ addresses liability.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 ENACTS:

22 **73-10-32.7**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

25 Section 1. Section **73-10-32.7** is enacted to read:

26 **73-10-32.7 . Water use escalation notifications.**

27 (1) As used in this section:

28 (a) "Fully metered" means the same as the term "fully metering" is defined in Section  
 29 73-10-34.

30 (b) "Public water system" means the same as that term is defined in Section 19-4-102.

- 31 (c) "Retail water supplier" means the same as that term is defined in Section 19-4-102.
- 32 (d) "Secondary water supplier" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 33 73-10-34.
- 34 (2) On and after July 1, 2027, a retail water supplier shall administer an automated system
- 35 under which the retail water supplier:
- 36 (a) measures water usage by an end user;
- 37 (b) records the amounts used by an end user; and
- 38 (c) notifies an end user when the end user's water use significantly escalates during a
- 39 month.
- 40 (3)(a) For a secondary water supplier that is fully metered on July 1, 2027, on and after
- 41 July 1, 2027, the secondary water supplier shall administer an automated system
- 42 under which the secondary water supplier:
- 43 (i) measures water usage by an end user;
- 44 (ii) records the amounts used by an end user; and
- 45 (iii) either directly or through the public water system that serves an end user of the
- 46 secondary water supplier, notifies an end user when the end user's water use
- 47 significantly escalates during a month.
- 48 (b) For a secondary water supplier that is not described in Subsection (3)(a), within six
- 49 months of the day on which the secondary water supplier is fully metered, the
- 50 secondary water supplier shall administer an automated system under which the
- 51 secondary water supplier:
- 52 (i) measures water usage by an end user;
- 53 (ii) records the amounts used by an end user; and
- 54 (iii) either directly or through the public water system that serves an end user of the
- 55 secondary water supplier, notifies an end user when the end user's water use
- 56 significantly escalates during a month.
- 57 (c) Notwithstanding whether a secondary water supplier is fully metered, by no later
- 58 than July 1, 2031, the secondary water supplier shall administer an automated system
- 59 under which the secondary water supplier:
- 60 (i) measures water usage by an end user;
- 61 (ii) records the amounts used by an end user; and
- 62 (iii) either directly or through the public water system that serves an end user of the
- 63 secondary water supplier, notifies an end user when the end user's water use
- 64 significantly escalates during a month.

- 65 (4) The Division of Water Resources, shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G,  
66 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act:
- 67 (a) defining what constitutes "significantly escalates"; and  
68 (b) outlining best practices in measuring when usage during a month significantly  
69 escalates.
- 70 (5) Notification under this section may be made:
- 71 (a) electronically or by first-class United States mail; and  
72 (b) on a monthly statement, by separate notice, or by an end user specific Internet portal  
73 that provides information on the end user's usage more frequently than monthly.
- 74 (6) This section does not apply to a secondary water supplier that is:
- 75 (a) exempt from metering under Subsection 73-10-34(9), (10), or (11); or  
76 (b) authorized to meter at strategic points of the system under Subsection 73-10-34(13).
- 77 (7) This section does not create a cause of action against a retail water supplier or secondary  
78 water supplier for an act or failure to act under this section.
- 79 **Section 2. Effective Date.**
- 80 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.