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

Section 1. Section **63A-5b-1108** is amended to read:

63A-5b-1108. Water conservation and state government facilities.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Division" means the Division of Water Resources.

(b) "Grounds" means the real property, whether fenced or unfenced, of the parcel of land on which is located a state government facility, including a public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, or parking garage on the property.

(c)

(i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c)(ii), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

(ii) "Lawn or turf" does not include a golf course, park, athletic field, or sod farm.

(d) "Reconstructed" means that a building is subject to construction that affects the exterior of the building or the building's grounds.

(e)

(i) "State agency" means a department, division, office, entity, agency, or other unit of state government.

(ii) "State agency" includes an institution of higher education.

(f)

(i) "State government facility" means a building, structure, or other improvement that is constructed on property owned by the state, the state's departments, commissions, institutions, or other state agency.

(ii) "State government facility" does not include:

(A) an unoccupied structure that is a component of the state highway system;

(B) a privately owned structure that is located on property owned by the state, the state's department, commission, institution, or other state agency; or

(C) a structure that is located on land administered by the trust lands administration under a lease, permit, or contract with the trust lands administration.

(2)

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- (a) Unless exempted under Subsection (2)(b), a state agency that owns or occupies a state government facility that is built or reconstructed on or after May 4, 2022, may not have more than 20% of the grounds of the state government facility be lawn or turf.
- 51 (b) The division may exempt a state government facility from the restrictions of Subsection (2)(a) if the division determines that the purposes of a state agency that occupies the state government facility requires additional lawn or turf.
- 54 (3)
- (a) A state agency shall reduce the state agency's outdoor water use as compared to the state agency's outdoor water use for fiscal year 2020:
- 56 (i) in an amount equal to or greater than 5% by the end of fiscal year 2023; and
- 57 (ii) in an amount equal to or greater than 25% by the end of fiscal year 2026.
- 58 (b) A state agency shall submit the following information to the division:
- 59 (i) by no later than October 1, 2022:
- 60 (A) the state agency's water use for fiscal year 2020; and
- 61 (B) the state agency's water use for fiscal year 2022;
- 62 (ii) by no later than October 1, 2023, the state agency's water use for fiscal year 2023; and
- 64 (iii) by no later than October 1, 2026, the state agency's water use for fiscal year 2026.
- 65 (c) The division shall:
- 66 (i) post the information provided to the division under this Subsection (3) on a public website; and
- 68 (ii) by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, establish a uniform measure for purposes of this section of a state agency's water use.
- 71 (4) Except when allowed by the division, a state agency may not water landscapes at a state government facility between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- 73 (5) A state agency shall do the following at a state government facility:
- 74 (a) follow weekly lawn watering guides if issued by the division;
- 75 (b) manually shut off systems during rain and wind events if the landscape irrigation system does not have rain and wind shutoff functions;
- 77 (c) implement a leak-detection and repair program for outdoor use;
- 78 (d) coordinate with the division to implement water efficient methods, technologies, and practices; ~~and~~ {
- 80 (e) at least annually:

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- 81 (i) evaluate opportunities to update irrigation technology with devices that:
- 82 (A) meet national recognized standards for efficiency;
- 83 (B) include rain and wind shutoff functions; and
- 84 (C) include soil moisture sensors;
- 85 (ii) evaluate opportunities to:
- 86 (A) subject to Subsection (2), limit lawn or turf on the grounds of a state government facility and
replace lawn or turf with water-wise plants; and
- 88 (B) update facility-management technology to include metering for water-consuming processes related
to irrigation and mechanical systems; and
- 90 (iii) audit and repair a landscape irrigation system so that the landscape irrigation system is operating at
maximum acceptable efficiency[-] , except that for a landscape irrigation system installed on or after
May 6, 2026, the minimum {efficiency} distribution uniformity of the landscape irrigation system
shall equal or exceed 75%;
- 94 (f) select low-water turf grass when replacing or installing lawn or turf except that the division may
exempt a state agency from this requirement if use of low-water turf is not practical due to the
existing slope, erosion, stoniness, or other features of the landscape; and
- 98 (g) work cooperatively with state institutions of higher education to use best practices and the most
recent technologies in landscape irrigation systems.
- 100 (6)
- (a) The Division of Facilities Construction and Management shall routinely audit state government
facilities to {determine the efficiency of a landscape irrigation system used at a state government
facility, except that for a landscape irrigation system installed on or after May 6, 2026, the Division
of Facilities Construction and Management shall determine whether the efficiency at which the
landscape irrigation system operates equals or exceeds 75%.} ;
- 103 (i) document distribution uniformity at the time of the audit of a landscape irrigation system; and
- 105 (ii) for a landscape irrigation system that does not meet or exceed 75% distribution uniformity,
identify and document specific action items required to achieve at least 75% distribution
uniformity.
- 106 (b) The director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management may make rules, in
accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to incorporate an audit

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under this Subsection (6) with a facility condition audit conducted by the Division of Facilities Construction and Management.

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Section 2. **Effective date.**

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This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

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