

# **A Performance Audit of Projections of Utah's Water Needs**

## **Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee**

### **Potential Conclusions and Recommendations**

#### **Background**

- Audit Sections
  - Reliability of Water Use Data
  - Water Conservation and Demand
  - Growth in Future Water Supply
- Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee designated as “lead committee” by the Legislative Audit Subcommittee chaired by the Speaker and President

#### **Report**

- For each recommendation to the Legislature:
  - Draft legislation
  - Conclude that more time is needed to develop solutions
  - Conclude that there is insufficient committee support to study the issue further
- For other audit recommendations, determine whether appropriate action is being taken by agencies to address audit findings

#### **Potential Committee Action**

- Recommendations to the Legislature
  - *Adopt policies that will require the phasing in of universal metering*
  - *Reduce water provider reliance on property taxes currently used to subsidize water system costs (Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee)*
  - *Require that water providers create reserve funds to cover the cost of infrastructure repair and replacement*
  - *Promote the use of conservation pricing structures*