

Water Conservation Legislation & Appropriations 2022-2020

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This document is not a comprehensive list of every water related bill or appropriation. This list is comprised of examples of legislation and major appropriations dealing directly with water conservation within the state for the past three years. For a full list of legislation and appropriations dealing with water please reach out to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

2022

Legislation

[H.B. 33 Instream Water Flow Amendments](#) (Rep. Ferry) (Sen. Sandall)

This bill makes changes related to change applications for certain uses of water.

[H.B. 37 State Water Policy Amendments](#) (Rep. Stratton) (Sen. Sandall)

This bill amends the state water policy by including the recharge of aquifers as part of the state water policy.

[H.B. 39 State Construction Code Amendments](#) (Rep. Ferry) (Sen. Bramble)

This bill amends provisions of Title 15A, State Construction and Fire Codes Act, by amending statewide amendments related to certain fixtures.

[H.B. 121 Water Conservation Modifications](#) (Rep. Spendlove) (Sen. McKell)

This bill modifies provisions related to conservation of water and related provisions regarding lawn or turf.

[H.B. 131 Watershed Restoration Initiative](#) (Rep. Bennion) (Sen. Vickers)

This bill codifies the Watershed Restoration Initiative within the Department of Natural Resources.

[H.B. 157 Sovereign Lands Revenue Amendments](#) (Rep. Hawkes) (Sen. Stevenson)

This bill addresses issues related to revenues received by the state from activities on sovereign lands and creates the Great Salt Lake Account.

[H.B. 168 Preferences of Water Rights Amendments](#) (Rep. Albrecht) (Sen. McKell)

This bill addresses preferences of water rights during a temporary water shortage emergency.

[H.B. 242 Secondary Water Metering Amendments](#) (Rep. Peterson) (Sen. McKell)

This bill addresses secondary water metering.

[H.B. 269 Capital Assets Related to Water](#) (Rep. Stratton) (Sen. Sandall)

This bill addresses management of capital assets related to water.

[H.B. 282 Water Wise Landscaping Amendments](#) (Rep. Wilcox) (Sen. McKell)

This bill modifies provisions regarding water wise landscaping.

[H.B. 326 State Innovation Amendments](#) (Rep. Spendlove) (Sen. Millner)

This bill creates the Strategic Innovation Grant Pilot Program (pilot program) within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GO Utah office), for awarding grants to businesses to implement projects that address air quality or water conservation

[H.B. 410 Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement](#) (Rep. Wilson) (Sen. Vickers)

This bill enacts the Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Program.

[H.B. 423 Department of Agriculture and Food Amendments](#) (Rep. Ferry) (Sen. Hinkins)

This bill amends provisions related to the use of the Agricultural Water Optimization Account.

[H.B. 429 Great Salt Lake Amendments](#) (Rep. Miles) (Sen. Sandall)

This bill addresses state actions related to the Great Salt Lake.

[S.B. 89 Water Amendments](#) (Sen. Iwamoto) (Rep. Hawkes)

This bill addresses information related to water including water conservation.

[S.B. 110 Water as Part of General Plan](#) (Sen. McKell) (Rep. Wilcox)

This bill modifies provisions related to general plans to address water.

Appropriations

FY 2022 - \$393,265,600 and FY 2023 - \$85,585,000

Major Conservation Appropriations:

Secondary Water Metering – \$200,000,00

Agricultural Water Optimization - \$50,000,000

Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement - \$40,010,300

Water Conservation Modifications - \$5,150,000

2021

Legislation

[H.B. 297 Colorado River Amendments](#) (Rep. Wilson) (Sen. Adams)

This bill addresses Utah's management of Utah's Colorado River system interests.

[S.B. 199 Water Amendments](#) (Sen. McKell) (Rep. Hawkes)

This bill addresses secondary water metering and directs the Legislative Water Development Commission to support the development of a unified, statewide water strategy to promote water conservation and efficiency.

[H.J.R. 101 Joint Resolution Extending State of Emergency Due to Drought Conditions](#) (2021 First Special Session) (Rep. Stratton) (Sen. Hinkins)

This joint resolution extends a state of emergency due to drought conditions.

Appropriations

FY 2021 - \$23,510,800 and FY 2022 - \$33,341,800

Major Conservation Appropriations:

Water Development and Conservation Grants (2021 First Special Session) - \$70,000,000

Agriculture Water Optimization Fund - \$3,000,000

Water Amendments - \$2,000,000

Great Salt Lake Groundwater Studies - \$750,000

Integrating Water Planning and Land Use Planning - \$270,000

2020

Legislation

[H.B. 41 State Water Policy Amendments](#) (Rep. Stratton) (Sen. Hinkins)

This bill outlines the water policies of the state.

[H.B. 96 Water Forfeiture Amendments](#) (Rep. Ferry) (Sen. Okerlund)

This bill addresses issues related to forfeiture of water.

[H.B. 130 Water Use Amendments](#) (Rep. Hawkes) (Sen. Iwamoto)

This bill addresses regulation of the uses of water.

[H.C.R. 22 Concurrent Resolution Concerning the Protection, Development, and Beneficial Use of Utah's Colorado River Compact Allocation](#) (Rep. Last) (Sen. Ipson)

This concurrent resolution addresses Utah's use of its Colorado River compact allocation.

[S.B. 26 Water Banking Amendments](#) (Sen. Iwamoto) (Rep. Hawkes)

This bill authorizes the Board of Water Resources, the state engineer, and the Division of Water Resources to implement water banking.

[S.B. 51 Secondary Water Requirements](#) (Sen. Anderegg) (Rep. Albrecht)

This bill addresses the metering of pressurized secondary water.

Appropriations

FY 2020 - \$165,000 and FY 2021 - \$16,411,000

Major Water Conservation Appropriations:

Watershed Councils - \$133,800

Water Banking Amendments - \$65,000



Resources

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