

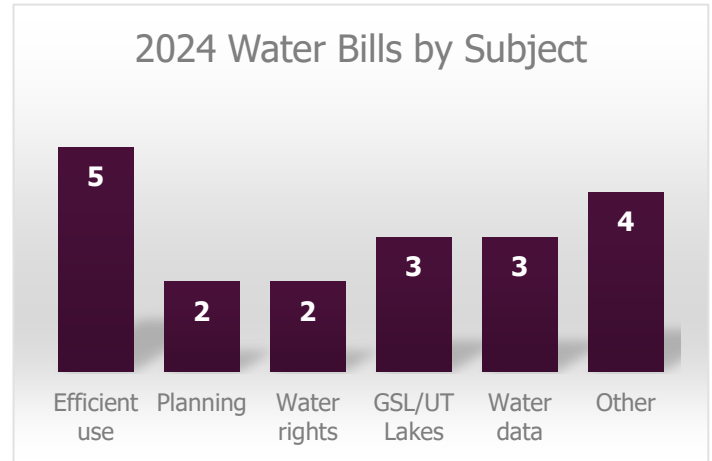


2024 Passed Legislation

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The Legislature passed 19 bills during the 2024 General Session related to water. The Legislative Water Development Commission discussed seven of those bills. The figure to the right shows the 19 bills, grouped by subject. The table below lists each bill and provides a summary. Bill numbers are hyperlinked to the full bill.

This document is a general resource for legislators and may not include every piece of 2024 water legislation. For example, it does not include budget bills or bills that affect all state agencies. Please contact the Legislative Water Development Commission staff with questions, comments, or for additional information.



Number	Bill Name	Sponsor	Summary
Water Bills Discussed by LWDC			
H.B. 11	Water Efficient Landscaping Requirements	Rep. Owens/ Sen. Winterton	Restricts the use of overhead spray irrigation by certain governmental entities.
H.B. 42	Water Rights Publication Amendments	Rep. Briscoe/ Sen. McKell	Permits the state engineer to confirm publication of a notice of application through electronic means.
H.B. 61	Water Measuring and Accounting Amendments	Rep. Albrecht/ Sen. McKell	Modifies the state water policy to address telemetry and grants rulemaking authority regarding measurement and accounting.
H.B. 62	Utah Water Ways Amendments	Rep. Owens/ Sen. Sandall	Outlines coordination between Utah Water Ways and the public education system to create water related resources for grades K-12.
H.B. 280	Water Related Changes	Rep. Snider/ Sen. Sandall	Requires a study of the financing of water infrastructure projects. Enacts provisions related to planning and prioritizing water infrastructure projects and creates the Water Infrastructure Fund. Modifies provisions related to the formulation of a state water plan, the Water Development Coordinating Council, and the Watershed Councils Act.
S.B. 18	Water Modifications	Sen. Sandall/ Rep. Snider	Addresses provisions related to saved water. Modifies requirements for grants for agricultural water optimization and repeals certain language related to agricultural water optimization.
S.B. 39	Water Shareholder Amendments	Sen. Sandall/ Rep. Snider	Addresses the timing of a water company's response to a shareholder's proposed change application.



Other Water Bills

H.B. 57	Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council Amendments	Rep. Brooks/ Sen. Sandall	Repeals the Snake Valley Aquifer Council chapter and removes language citing provisions of that chapter.
H.B. 206	Columbia Interstate Compact Amendments	Rep. Peterson/ Sen. Sandall	Removes Utah's ratification of the Columbia Interstate Compact.
H.B. 275	Water Amendments	Rep. Snider/ Sen. Sandall	Addresses homeowners associations and water-wise landscaping. Clarifies who is eligible for grant money for water conservation efforts other than secondary water metering. Permits the state engineer to require data be submitted in a particular format under certain circumstances.
H.B. 295	Produced Water Amendments	Rep. Lund/ Sen. Vickers	Addresses the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining's regulation of produced water. Enacts the Produced Water Act. Addresses water right issues and enacts provisions related to possessory interests and control.
H.B. 453	Great Salt Lake Revisions	Rep. Snider/ Sen. Sandall	Addresses actions affecting the Great Salt Lake, including addressing mineral lease and royalty agreement provisions, modifying provisions related to severance taxes, enacting the Great Salt Lake Preservation Act, and directing the state engineer to develop a Great Salt Lake distribution management plan related to water rights.
H.B. 507	Construction Amendments	Rep. Musselman/ Sen. Bramble	Establishes standards regarding how municipality systems regulate controls for storm water runoff and inspect construction sites impacting storm water runoff. Establishes penalties for non-compliance.
S.B. 17	Safe Drinking Water Act Sunset Extension	Sen. Sandall/ Rep. Brooks	Extends the sunset date for the Safe Drinking Water Act from 2024 to 2029.
S.B. 77	Water Rights Restricted Account Amendments	Sen. Sandall/ Rep. Snider	Modifies the purposes for which money in the Water Rights Restricted Account may be expended.
S.B. 125	Secondary Water Amendments	Sen. Hinkins/ Rep. Albrecht	Modifies who may meter at strategic points of a system as approved by the state engineer. Changes certain caps on grants for secondary water metering.
S.B. 211	Generational Water Infrastructure Amendments	Sen. Adams/ Rep. Schultz	Addresses the development of water resources, including creating the Water District Water Development Council to plan for generational water infrastructure and providing for the appointment of the Utah water agent to explore and negotiate possible water importation projects.
S.B. 242	Utah Lake Modifications	Sen. McKell/ Rep. Brammer	Repeals the Utah Lake Restoration Act and the provisions related to the Utah Lake Diking Project.
S.B. 270	Utah Lake and Great Salt Lake Study Amendments	Sen. Bramble/ Rep. Stratton	Requires the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to conduct a study to determine how to enhance certain benefits associated with Utah Lake.