

Division of Drinking Water



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UTAH DEPARTMENT of
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
**DRINKING
WATER**

Our mission

Protecting and improving Utah's drinking water while supporting communities and growth statewide.



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Safe and reliable drinking water



Drinking Water Standards



Adequate Water



Emergency and Technical Assistance



Our 2025 performance



95.4%

Public Water Systems
in compliance



99.5%

Population served by an
approved Public Water
System



45 Projects

\$87.2M Total

\$58.4M Loans

\$28.8M Grants

2025 Projects & Funding





Public feedback matters

*Requested fee changes and
justifications*

- Fee cut in half
- Delayed a year

Lead-Free School & Child Care Initiative



Cybersecurity

Before



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Cybersecurity

Today





Cybersecurity

HB19 – Alert within two hours of security breach

Require emergency response plans for community public water systems

Sponsored by Rep. Jack

Cosponsored by Sen. Balderree

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H.B. 19 Drinking Water Utilities Amendments

Bill Text

Status

Hearings/Debate

Introduced

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Drinking Water Utilities Amendments

H.B. 19

Bill Sponsor:



Rep. Jack, Colin W.

Floor Sponsor:



Sen. Balderree, Heidi

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Colin W. Jack

Senate Sponsor: Heidi Balderree

Drafting Attorney: Ryan C. Williams

Fiscal Analyst: Lacey K. Moore

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3 LONG TITLE

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5 Committee Note:

6 The Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee
recommended this bill.

7 Legislative Vote: 14 voting for 0 voting against 4 absent

8 General Description:

9 This bill addresses security at drinking water facilities.

Bill Tracking

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Current Version: H.B. 19

Text

Introduced (Currently Displayed)

Fiscal Note 

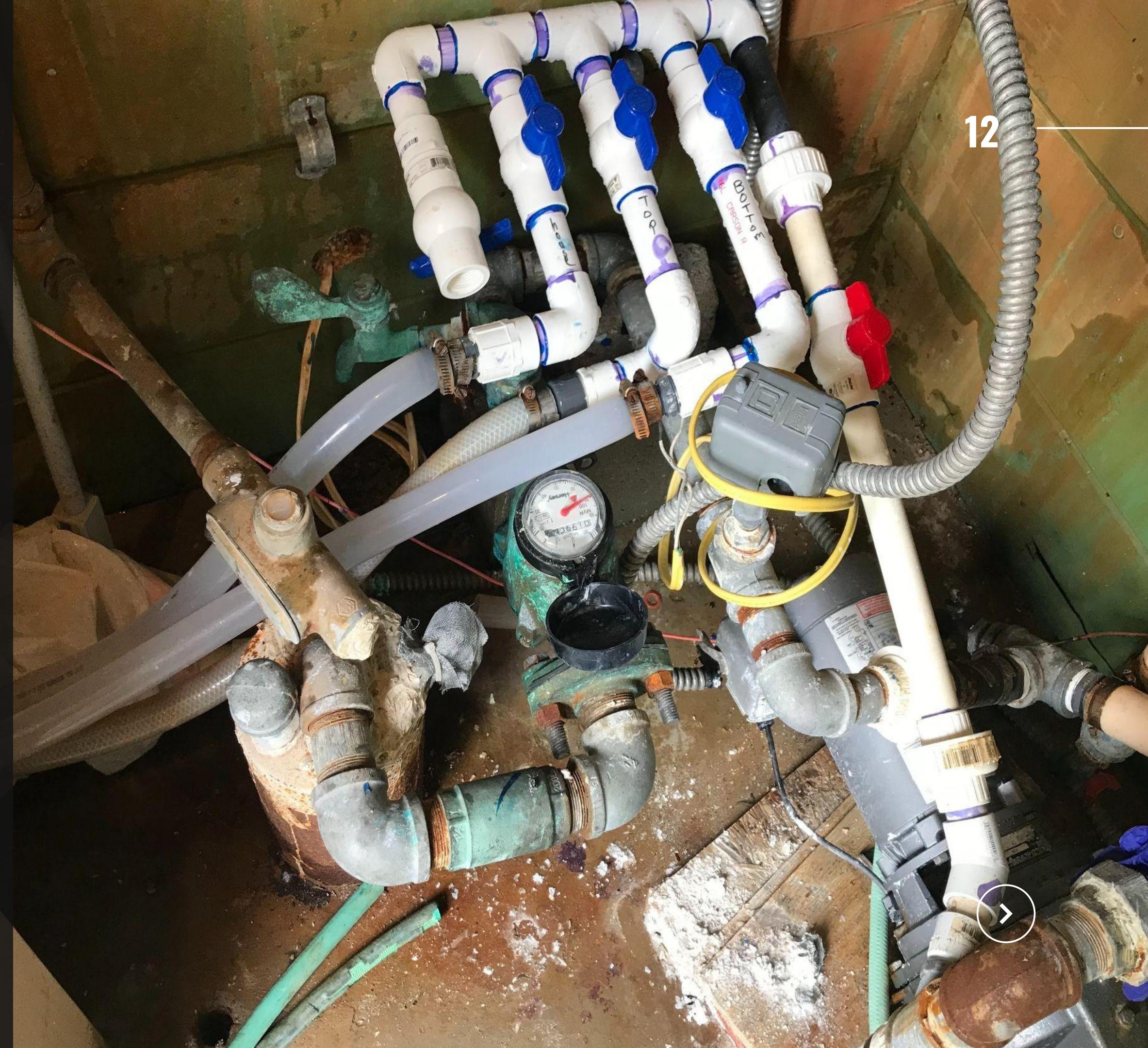


Impact on Utah's Growth and Economy

Drinking Water - No. 1 limiting factor

Linked to Utah's prosperity

Fewer Resources



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More Resources





Restructuring

HB69 – Administrative update to support restructuring

Senate amendment to ensure guardrails before civil court actions

Sponsored by Rep. Albrecht

Cosponsored by Sen. Stratton

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H.B. 69 Drinking Water Restructuring Amendments

Bill Text

Status

Hearings/Debate

Introduced [Printer Friendly](#)

H.B. 69

Bill Sponsor:



Rep. Albrecht, Carl R.

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Sen. Stratton, J. J.

1 Drinking Water Restructuring Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht

5 Senate Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

6 Drafting Attorney: Ryan C. Willi

7 Fiscal Analyst: Lacey K. Moore

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5 Committee Note:

6 The Legislative Water Development Commission recommended this bill.

7 Legislative Vote: 10 voting for 0 voting against 4 absent

8 General Description:

9 Bill Tracking

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11 Current Version: H.B. 69

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