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# 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

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# 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

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# Cybersecurity

Before





# 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

The screenshot shows the Utah State Legislature website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Utah State Legislature logo and links for Legislators, Bills, Code, Committees, Audits, and Budget. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Home > 2026 General Session > H.B. 19. The main heading is "H.B. 19 Drinking Water Utilities Amendments". There are three tabs: "Bill Text" (selected), "Status", and "Hearings/Debate". The "Bill Text" tab shows the bill's details: "Introduced 1", "Printer Friendly" icon, "H.B. 19", "Drinking Water Utilities Amendments", "2026 GENERAL SESSION", "STATE OF UTAH", "Chief Sponsor: Colin W. Jack", and "Senate Sponsor: Heidi Balderree". To the right, there are two columns for "Bill Sponsor" (Rep. Jack, Colin W.) and "Floor Sponsor" (Sen. Balderree, Heidi). Below these are "Drafting Attorney: Ryan C. Williams" and "Fiscal Analyst: Lacey K. Moore". A "Bill Tracking" section has a "Track this" button and a "My Legislation" link. The "Current Version: H.B. 19 Text" section shows "Introduced (Currently Displayed)". A "Fiscal Note" section is partially visible at the bottom.



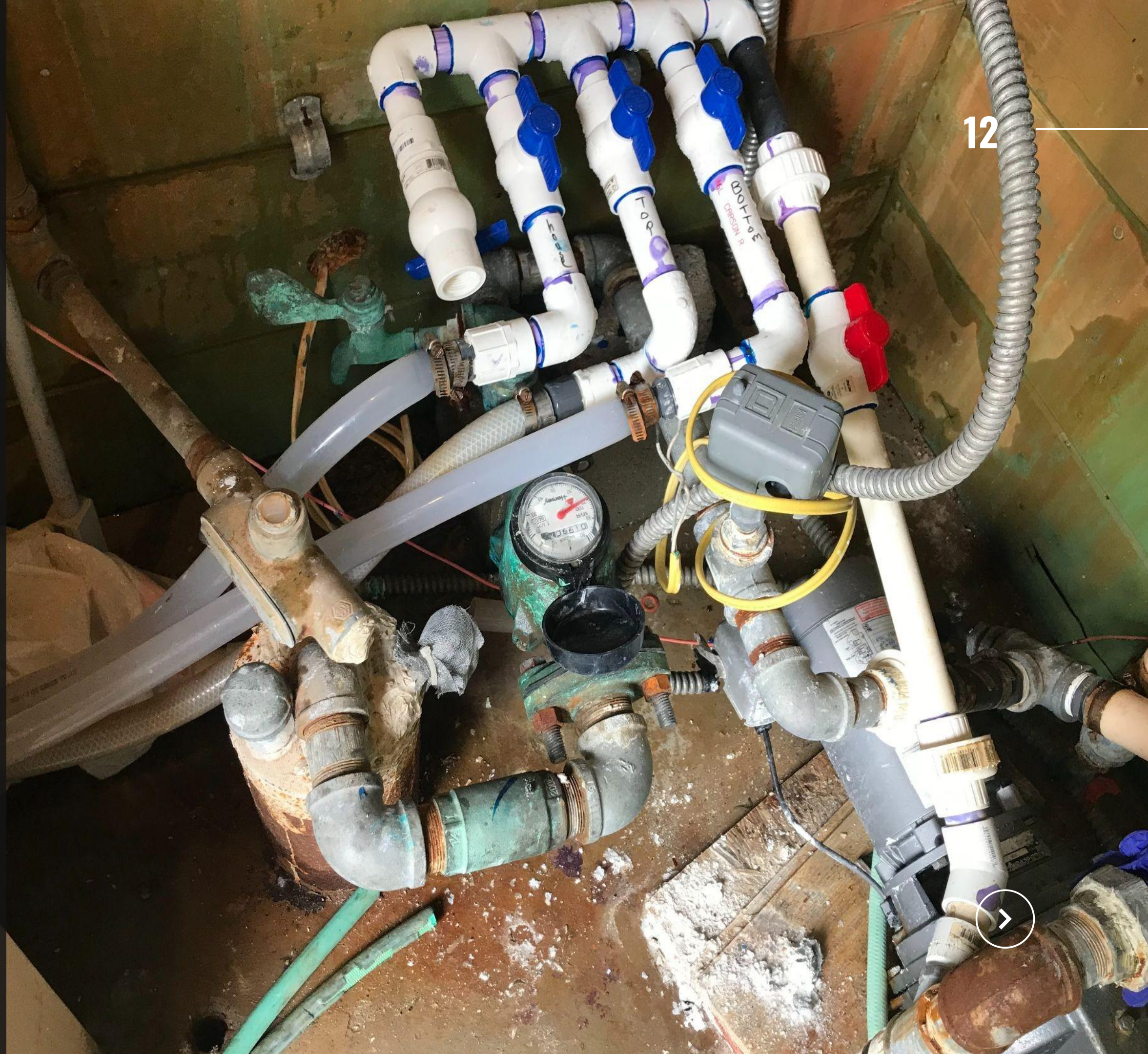
# Impact on Utah's Growth and Economy

*Drinking Water – No. 1 limiting factor*

*Linked to Utah's prosperity*



# Fewer Resources



# 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

The screenshot shows the Utah State Legislature website for H.B. 69. The top navigation bar includes 'Search', 'Settings', and 'UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE' with links for 'Legislators', 'Bills', 'Code', 'Committees', 'Audits', and 'Budget'. The breadcrumb trail shows 'Home', '2026 General Session', and 'H.B. 69'. The main heading is 'H.B. 69 Drinking Water Restructuring Amendments'. Below this is a tabbed interface with 'Bill Text' selected. The bill details include: 'Introduced', 'Printer Friendly', 'H.B. 69', '1 Drinking Water Restructuring Amendments', '2026 GENERAL SESSION', 'STATE OF UTAH', 'Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht', and 'Senate Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton'. On the right, there are portraits and names for 'Rep. Albrecht, Carl R.' and 'Sen. Stratton J.'. Below the portraits, it lists 'Drafting Attorney: Ryan C. Williams' and 'Fiscal Analyst: Lacey K. Moore'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Bill Tracking' section with a 'Track this' button and 'My Legislation' link, and a 'Current Version: H.B. 69 Text' section with a '14 Introduced (Currently Displayed)' status and a 'Fiscal Note' link.

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