

HB 328 Water Usage Amendments

What This Bill Does

- **Limits Overhead Spray Irrigation:** Prohibits the use of overhead spray irrigation on "nonfunctional turf" for new commercial, industrial, institutional, and multifamily construction within the Great Salt Lake (GSL) Basin.
- **Defines "Nonfunctional Turf":** Introduces a formal, statewide definition for nonfunctional turf—developed in collaboration with the Division of Water Resources (DWR) and major water districts—to ensure consistency across the state.
- **Mandates Notification:** Requires cities and counties to notify developers of these standards during the planning process, though **enforcement remains optional** for local governments.

What This Bill Does Not Do

- **Does Not Affect Residential Lawns:** The bill does not apply to single-family residential turf of any kind.
- **Does Not Limit Functional Turf:** Actively used grass—such as lawns for play, leisure, or community gatherings at multifamily complexes—remains unaffected and can still use overhead spray.
- **No "Rip-Out" Mandate:** This bill only applies to **new** construction and redevelopment; it does not require anyone to remove existing grass.

Why Define "Nonfunctional Turf"?

- **Policy Consistency + Efficiency:** Current standards are wordy and inconsistent across jurisdictions. A single, statewide definition provides developers and local governments with the clarity needed for objective implementation and enforcement.
- **Expert Alignment:** The Division of Water Resources **2025 [Municipal and Industrial Water Conservation Opportunities Study](#)** identifies a formal "nonfunctional turf" definition as a necessary policy tool for meaningful depletion reduction.