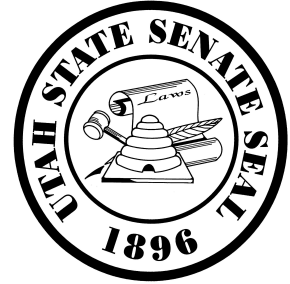




**Performance Note**  
**HB0381 - Agricultural Water**  
**Optimization Fund**  
Sponsor: Rep. Hawkes, Timothy D.



Performance Note Report

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Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Funding For:

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New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

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**Purpose:** To identify critical issues facing the state's long-term water supply, to optimize agricultural water supply for future needs and to sustain Utah's vital agriculture industry and heritage. This will also identify obstacles, constraints and quantification of agricultural water use as well as recommend ways to improve the quantification of agricultural water use. See lines 71-80 of the bill.

**Services:** The task force, through the Division of Water Resources, will issue requests for proposals, prioritize proposals and award grants to study the issues. See lines 81-82 of the bill.

**Expected Outcome:** Research and study projects to address the purposes described above. See lines 83-98 of the bill.

**Implementations and Resources:** The bill will be implemented by creating the Agricultural Water Optimization Fund by one-time appropriation of \$1,175,000 from several different sources. See lines 112-128 of the bill.

**How:** It will help the State to look at the potential to to improve agricultural water use practices to create benefits for farmers to optimize water use and protect water quantity and quality for all uses in river systems. Results of this research, program and results will be disseminated to legislative Water Development Commission, the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee, the Executive Water Task Force, water providers and the general public.

Performance Measures

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## Goal

Title: Water supply gains from agricultural water optimization.

Description: Identification and quantification of agricultural optimization methodologies that will work in specific basins to look at potential water gains that would be further used within the basin.

Collection Method: The information provided by the research will be collected and compiled by the staff at the Division of Water Resources and the Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force.

	2018	2019	2020
Number of methodologies studied	0.00	7.00	10.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

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