



Fiscal Note

S.B. 51

2020 General Session
 Secondary Water Requirements
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General, Education, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-5-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/EF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$0	\$0	\$0

State Government

UCA 36-12-13(2)(b)

Revenues	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Enactment of this legislation likely will not materially impact state revenue.

Expenditures	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Water Resources C and D	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
New Account Created By Bill (FN Only)	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$10,050,000	\$10,050,000

Enactment of this legislation could cost the newly created Secondary Water Metering Restricted Account up to \$10 million per year, starting in FY 2021 through FY 2041. This legislation does not appropriate money into the Secondary Water Metering Restricted Account. The legislation could also cost the Division of Water Resources \$50,000 ongoing from the Water Conservation and Development Fund, starting in FY 2021, for additional staff to research and respond to the requests for exemption allowed in the bill.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(10,050,000)	\$(10,050,000)

Local Government

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this legislation is likely to increase the costs to secondary water suppliers, requiring them to install meters on new and existing connections. There are approximately 176,000 secondary water connections in the state of Utah in class 1 and 2 counties. The estimated cost to retrofit an existing connection with a meter is approximately \$1,300 per connection. The total costs to meter the use of existing secondary water for residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional uses by December 31, 2040 could be \$228.8 million. Up to 25% of these costs could be offset by loans and up to 50% by grants offered by the state to secondary water suppliers.

Individuals & Businesses

UCA 36-12-13(2)(d)

Enactment of this legislation is likely to increase the costs to secondary water suppliers, requiring them to install meters on new and existing connections. To the extent that secondary water supplies pass along meter installation costs to individual and business customers, enactment of this legislation could result in an estimated cost of up to \$1,300 per customer for an average of \$228.8 million by December 31, 2040. Up to 25% of these costs could be offset by loans and up to 50% by grants offered by the state to secondary water suppliers.

Regulatory Impact

UCA 36-12-13(2)(e)

Enactment of this legislation could result in a large increase in the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

Performance Note

JR4-2-404

Required of the DNR - Water Resources and due by January 21, 2020

Notes on Notes

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