

## Sponsor's Performance Note HB0013 - School and Child Care Center Water Testing Requirements (Rep. Stephen G. Handy)

### Funding For:

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- New Agency
- New Services or benefit
- Serving a new or larger population

### Public Benefit

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**Purpose:** The purpose of the legislation is to address testing of drinking water in public and private schools including child care centers for lead content. Dependent upon results, certain actions will be required if lead test results are above the action level of 10 parts per billion. Records of lead concentration testing must also be kept as publicly available for a period of up to five years and made available upon request.

**Services:** Publicly available information about lead concentrations of drinking water from consumable taps in the state's public and private schools as well as child care centers and exempt providers. Mitigation efforts for consumable taps which tested at or above the action level.

**Expected Outcome:** By December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 20% of all consumable taps in public and private schools and child care centers will be tested for lead concentration levels, with all consumable taps expected to be tested by the repeal date.

**Implementations and Resources:** At least 20% of all consumable taps will be tested by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, with at least 20% of the remainder being tested in each subsequent calendar year until all consumable taps have been tested (by 2028).

**How:** A \$2,000,000 appropriation from the state will allow Utah State Office of Education to ensure that public schools can be reimbursed for testing costs at certified laboratories. (Subject to appropriation amounts and fund availability, reimbursement may also be made for the costs associated with mitigation for eligible public schools.) A federal grant

awarded to the Department of Environmental Quality will facilitate reimbursement of private schools and child care centers with testing costs from certified laboratories.

## Performance Measures

### Goal

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**Title:** Current Compliance Rate (percentage of all consumable taps tested in Utah's public schools).

**Description:** This metric would provide Utah State Office of Education, Department of Environmental Quality and policy makers with the progress of the policy as measured by the current compliance rate of testing ahead of the initial requirement of 20% being tested by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**Collection Method:** Utah State Office of Education and the Department of Environmental Quality may request by rule a report on the number of taps tested as a requirement of reimbursement, and the number of taps yet to be tested. This would provide the state with compliance information.