



**Fiscal Note**  
**H.B. 64 1st Sub. (Buff)**  
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 Drinking Water Amendments  
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**General, Education, and Uniform School Funds**

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/EF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$0	\$(700)	\$(700)

**State Government**

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

Revenues	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
New Account Created By Bill (FN Only)	\$0	\$1,563,300	\$1,563,300
Total Revenues	\$0	\$1,563,300	\$1,563,300

Enactment of this legislation could generate \$1,563,300 ongoing beginning in FY 2023 from fee revenue to be deposited into the newly created Drinking Water Capacity Account (GFR). This legislation would authorize a maximum fee of \$1.20 per equivalent residential connection (ERC) served by a public water system, with a minimum charge of \$25 per system. The Division of Drinking Water estimates there are 1,292,099 ERCs in the state, in addition to 511 system charges with 21 connections or fewer (subject to minimum system charge).

Expenditures	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$700	\$0
New Account Created By Bill (FN Only)	\$0	\$1,563,300	\$1,563,300
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$1,564,000	\$1,563,300

Enactment of this legislation could cost \$700 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2023 for the Division of Finance to create the Drinking Water Capacity Restricted Account. This legislation appropriates to the Division of Drinking Water \$1,563,300 ongoing starting in FY 2023 from the newly created Drinking Water Capacity Fund to assist public water systems in meeting drinking water standards, providing technical assistance and training to systems, and to review applications for new systems or system expansions and upgrades.

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(700)	\$0

**Local Government**

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

Enactment of this legislation would require local governments that operate a public water system to pay a fee. The fee cannot exceed \$1.20 per equivalent residential connection served by the public water system (with a minimum charge of \$25 per system).

**Individuals & Businesses**

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

Enactment of this legislation would require public water systems to pay a fee on retail water, which cannot exceed \$1.20 per equivalent residential connection served by the system (or a minimum of \$25 per system). This cost would likely be passed on to individuals, or retail water consumers.

**Regulatory Impact**

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

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

**Performance Evaluation**

JR1-4-601

This bill does not create a new program or significantly expand an existing program.

**Notes on Notes**

Fiscal notes estimate the direct costs or revenues of enacting a bill. The Legislature uses them to balance the budget. They do not measure a bill's benefits or non-fiscal impacts like opportunity costs, wait times, or inconvenience. A fiscal note is not an appropriation. The Legislature decides appropriations separately.