

**Fiscal Note S.B. 277 2nd Sub. (Salmon)** 2023 General Session Water Conservation and Augmentation Amendments by Sandall, S. (Sandall, Scott.)



JR4-4-101

# General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (revexp.)	\$0	\$(170,000,000)	\$(170,000,000)

State Government			UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)
Revenues	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Agricultural Water Optimization Restricted Account (GFR)	\$0	\$200,000,000	\$0
Water Resources C and D	\$0	\$45,000,000	\$50,000,000
Total Revenues	\$0	\$245,000,000	\$50,000,000

Enactment of this legislation appropriates \$170,000,000 from the General Fund and \$30,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act to the Agricultural Water Optimization Account for irrigation efficiency grants. Enactment of this legislation also transfers \$45,000,000 one-time in FY 2024 and \$50,000,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2025 from the Water Infrastructure Restricted Account to the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund for a loan to Washington County for various purposes as outlined in intent language.

Expenditures	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$170,000,000	\$0
Federal Funds - American Rescue Plan	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0
Agricultural Water Optimization Restricted Account (GFR)	\$0	\$125,000,000	\$0
Water Infrastructure Restricted Account (GFR)	\$0	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$375,000,000	\$50,000,000

Enactment of this legislation transfers \$170,000,000 from the General Fund and \$30,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act one-time in FY 2024 to the Agricultural Water Optimization Account. This legislation also appropriates \$125,000,000 from the Agricultural Water Optimization Account to the Division of Resource Conservation for grants to improve water efficiency of agriculture water users through various technologies as outlined in the bill. Enactment of this legislation appropriates \$45,000,000 one-time in FY 2024 and \$50,000,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2025 from the Water Infrastructure Restricted Account (WIRA) to the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund for a loan to be used in the Colorado River drainage in Utah. Finally, enactment of this legislation appropriates \$5,000,000 one-time from WIRA to the Division of Water Resources for a grant to pay for construction on the Hyrum Reservoir.

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(130,000,000)	\$0

#### Local Government

Enactment of this legislation likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

#### Individuals & Businesses

Enactment of this legislation likely will not result in direct expenditures from tax or fee changes for Utah residents and businesses.

### Regulatory Impact

Enactment of this legislation likely will not change the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

## Performance Evaluation

This bill creates a new program or significantly expands an existing program. For a list of questions lawmakers might ask to improve accountability for the proposed program, please see: https://budget.utah.gov/newprogram

#### **Notes on Notes**

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