

1                                   **NATURAL RESOURCES BENEFICIAL USE**

2   **PRESUMPTION**

3   2001 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Sponsor: Stephen H. Urquhart**

6   **This act modifies provisions relating to Statutes to add a presumption that statutes adopted**  
7   **by the Legislature are intended to protect the beneficial use of the state's natural resources.**

8   This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

9   ENACTS:

10                   **68-3-12.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

11   *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

12                   Section 1. Section **68-3-12.5** is enacted to read:

13                   **68-3-12.5. Presumption of beneficial use of natural resources.**

14                   Unless clearly indicated to the contrary in the text of a statute, it shall be presumed that the  
15   statutes adopted by the Legislature are intended to protect the beneficial use of the state's natural  
16   resources so that tax bases within the state's boundaries are preserved or expanded.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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