

1 **TASK FORCE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF**
2 **WATER FLUORIDATION**

3 2001 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: L. Steven Poulton**

6 **This act creates the Task Force on Implementation of Water Fluoridation. The act provides**
7 **for task force membership, task force chairs, and compensation of task force members. The**
8 **act outlines the duties of the task force and reporting requirements. The act provides for**
9 **staff support to the task force. The act appropriates a total of \$22,000 from the General**
10 **Fund for fiscal year 2000-01 to the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Office of**
11 **Legislative Research and General Counsel to fund the task force. This act is repealed**
12 **November 30, 2001.**

13 This act enacts uncodified material.

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

15 Section 1. **Task Force on Implementation of Water Fluoridation -- Creation --**
16 **Membership -- Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.**

17 (1) There is created the Task Force on Implementation of Water Fluoridation consisting
18 of the following 13 members:

19 (a) three members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
20 two of whom may be from the same political party;

21 (b) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House
22 of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;

23 (c) the executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality or the director's
24 designee; and

25 (d) the following six members, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
26 and the president of the Senate:

27 (i) one dentist practicing in the state of Utah;



- 28 (ii) two representatives of local boards of health;
- 29 (iii) one representative of a public water system which primarily uses treated water;
- 30 (iv) one representative of a public water system which primarily uses wells; and
- 31 (v) one representative of a rural public water system.
- 32 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under
- 33 Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.
- 34 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
- 35 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.
- 36 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitute a quorum. The action of a
- 37 majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the task force.
- 38 (4) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall be
- 39 paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.
- 40 (b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation for
- 41 their work associated with the task force, but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel
- 42 expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates established by the Division of Finance
- 43 under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- 44 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to
- 45 the task force.

46 Section 2. **Duties -- Interim report.**

- 47 (1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:
- 48 (a) state-wide standards for the fluoridation of public water supplies, including standards
- 49 for treated water and well water;
- 50 (b) the cost of fluoridating public water supplies;
- 51 (c) funding sources for the fluoridation of public water supplies;
- 52 (d) liability issues associated with the fluoridation of public water supplies, including
- 53 governmental immunity; and
- 54 (e) possible exemptions from a county-wide fluoridation mandate, including functionally
- 55 separate systems and systems which cross county lines.
- 56 (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the Natural
- 57 Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee before November 30, 2001.

58 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

59 There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2000-01:
60 (1) \$3,500 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the task
61 force;
62 (2) \$3,500 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses of
63 representatives on the task force; and
64 (3) \$15,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for staffing
65 the task force.
66 Section 4. **Repeal date.**
67 This act is repealed November 30, 2001.

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

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel