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Representative Fred C. Cox proposes the following substitute bill:

STORM WATER CAPTURE AMENDMENTS

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Fred C. Cox

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill prohibits the state engineer from commencing an enforcement action under certain circumstances and provides for the collection and use of precipitation without obtaining a water right in certain circumstances.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits the state engineer from commencing an enforcement action under certain circumstances;
- ▶ provides for the collection and use of precipitation without obtaining a water right in certain circumstances; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

73-2-25, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 282 and 382

73-3-1.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 14

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

Section 1. Section **73-2-25** is amended to read:

73-2-25. State engineer enforcement powers.

(1) For purposes of this section, "initial order" means one of the following issued by the state engineer:

- (a) a notice of violation; or
- (b) a cease and desist order.

(2) (a) ~~[The]~~ Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the state engineer may commence an enforcement action under this section if the state engineer finds that a person:

- (i) is diverting, impounding, or using water for which no water right has been established;
- (ii) is diverting, impounding, or using water in violation of an existing water right;
- (iii) violates Section 73-5-4;
- (iv) violates Section 73-5-9;
- (v) violates a written distribution order from the state engineer;
- (vi) violates an order issued under Section 73-3-29 regarding the alteration of the bed or bank of a natural stream channel;

(vii) violates a notice or order regarding dam safety issued under Chapter 5a, Dam Safety;

(viii) fails to submit a report required by Section 73-3-25; or

(ix) engages in well drilling without a license required by Section 73-3-25.

(b) The state engineer may not commence an enforcement action against a person under Subsection (2)(a)(i), if the person directly captures, or stores, precipitation on the surface

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of, or under, a parcel owned or leased by the person, including in a catch basin, storm drain pipe, swell, or pond, if:

~~(i) the collection or storage is part of:~~

~~(A) a government storm water management requirement; and~~

~~(B) a commercial, mixed use, or multifamily project~~ is consistent with local laws and ordinances:

(ii) does not interfere with an existing water right; and

(iii) is designed to slow, detain, or retain storm water or protect watersheds from pollution; and

~~(ii) with the intention that~~ the precipitation:

(A) absorbs into the ground;

~~(B) evaporates; or~~

~~(C) is released for discharge; and~~

(B) is not put to beneficial use.

~~(b)~~ (c) To commence an enforcement action under this section, the state engineer shall issue an initial order, which shall include:

(i) a description of the violation;

(ii) notice of any penalties to which a person may be subject under Section 73-2-26;

and

(iii) notice that the state engineer may treat each day's violation of the provisions listed in Subsection (2)(a) as a separate violation under Subsection 73-2-26(1)(d).

~~(c)~~ (d) The state engineer's issuance and enforcement of an initial order is exempt from Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

(3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the state engineer shall make rules necessary to enforce an initial order, which shall include:

(a) provisions consistent with this section and Section 73-2-26 for enforcement of the initial order if a person to whom an initial order is issued fails to respond to the order or abate the violation;

(b) the right to a hearing, upon request by a person against whom an initial order is issued; and

(c) provisions for timely issuance of a final order after:

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(i) the person to whom the initial order is issued fails to respond to the order or abate the violation; or

(ii) a hearing held under Subsection (3)(b).

(4) A person may not intervene in an enforcement action commenced under this section.

(5) After issuance of a final order under rules made pursuant to Subsection (3)(c), the state engineer shall serve a copy of the final order on the person against whom the order is issued by:

(a) personal service under Utah Rules of Civil Procedure 5; or

(b) certified mail.

(6) (a) The state engineer's final order may be reviewed by trial de novo by the district court in:

(i) Salt Lake County; or

(ii) the county where the violation occurred.

(b) A person shall file a petition for judicial review of the state engineer's final order issued under this section within 20 days from the day on which the final order was served on that person.

(7) The state engineer may bring suit in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce a final order issued under this section.

(8) If the state engineer prevails in an action brought under Subsection (6)(b) or (7), the state may recover all court costs and a reasonable attorney fee.

Section 2. Section **73-3-1.5** is amended to read:

73-3-1.5. Capture and storage of precipitation.

(1) As used in this section, "parcel" means an identifiable contiguous unit of property that is treated as separate for valuation or zoning purposes and includes an improvement on that unit of property.

(2) Notwithstanding Section 73-3-2, a person may:

(a) directly capture and store precipitation on a parcel owned or leased by the person in accordance with Subsection (3) ~~3. [or] (4) [;]~~ or ~~(6) 4~~; and

(b) place the water captured and stored as provided in Subsection (2)(a) to beneficial use on the parcel on which the water is captured and stored.

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~~[(3) If a person collects or stores precipitation in an outdoor underground storage container, the person may collect and store precipitation:]~~

~~[(a) in only one underground storage container for a parcel if the underground storage container:]~~

~~[(i) has a maximum capacity of no more than 2,500 gallons; and]~~

~~[(ii) is installed in accordance with relevant provisions of the State Construction Code or an approved code under Title 15A, State Construction and Fire Codes Act; and]~~

~~[(b) after registering for the capture and storage of precipitation in accordance with Subsection (5)[]:]~~

~~[(4) If a person collects or stores precipitation in ~~{} a {}~~ an outdoor covered storage container, the]~~

(3) After registering for the capture and storage of precipitation in accordance with Subsection (5), a person may collect and store precipitation in a container installed in accordance with the State Construction Code or an approved code under Title 15A, State Construction and Fire Codes Act, if:

(a) for a person who uses only one container on a parcel, the total capacity of the container is no more than 2,500 gallons; or

(b) for a person who uses more than one container on a parcel, the aggregate capacity of the containers is no more than 2,500 gallons.

(4) A person may collect and store precipitation, without registering under Subsection (5), in no more than two covered storage containers[] if the maximum storage capacity of any one covered storage container is not greater than 100 gallons.

(5) (a) The state engineer shall provide a website on which a person may register as required by Subsection (3).

(b) To register, a person shall complete information required by the state engineer including the:

(i) name and address of the person capturing or storing precipitation;

(ii) total capacity of all containers storing precipitation; and

(iii) street address or other suitable description of the location where precipitation is to be captured and stored.

~~{ (6) (a) If a person collects and stores precipitation in a swimming pool, the person may;~~

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within the swimming pool, beneficially use the water.

~~—— (b) A person may beneficially use precipitation collected on a parcel if the water is stored and used inside a business or residential structure on the parcel, in accordance with the State Construction Code or an approved code under Title 15A, State Construction and Fire Codes Act.~~

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