

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES STUDY UPDATE

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Joel Ferry

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses studying diverting Green River water into the Wasatch Front.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ directs the Division of Water Resources as to what it should study; and
- ▶ requires reporting.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

73-10-35, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **73-10-35** is enacted to read:

73-10-35. Division of Water Resources to conduct certain study.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "2002 Study" means the Green River Pipeline Cost Analysis prepared by the



28 Division of Water Resources in 2002, including the addendum.

29 (b) "Division" means the Division of Water Resources.

30 (2) The division shall:

31 (a) update the 2002 Study to provide current cost estimates related to the feasibility of
32 diverting Green River water into the Wasatch Front through the Bear River or the Weber River;
33 and

34 (b) study reasonable alternative methods, if any, of diverting Green River water into
35 the Wasatch Front that are not addressed in the 2002 Study.

36 (3) The studies required by Subsection (2) shall include an analysis of both diversion
37 through the Bear River and diversion through the Weber River.

38 (4) (a) The division shall present the study required by Subsection (2)(a) to the Natural
39 Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by no later than the 2020
40 November interim meeting of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
41 Committee.

42 (b) The division shall present the study required by Subsection (2)(b) to the Natural
43 Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by no later than the 2021
44 November interim meeting of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
45 Committee.