

**Representative Joel Ferry** proposes the following substitute bill:

**DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES STUDY UPDATE**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Joel Ferry**

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

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**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:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2021, as a one-time appropriation:

- ▶ to Department of Natural Resources - Division of Water Resources:
  - from the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund, \$200,000.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**73-10-35**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



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

27 **73-10-35. Division of Water Resources to conduct certain study.**

28 (1) As used in this section:

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

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

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

32 (2) The division shall:

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

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

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

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

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

48 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

49 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
50 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
51 fiscal year 2021. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures  
52 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
53 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

54 ITEM 1

55 To Department of Natural Resources - Division of Water Resources

56 From Water Resources Conservation and Development

