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Mr. Speaker,

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 41**, STATE WATER POLICY AMENDMENTS, by Representative K. J. Stratton, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Line 35 through 37:*

35        (a) Utah shall pursue adequate, reliable, affordable, sustainable, and clean water  
36        resources, recognizing that Utah is {~~the second most arid state~~} ~~one of the most~~  
             ~~arid states~~ in the nation and as such, there is,  
37        and will continue to be, a need to ensure Utah's finite water resources are used  
             beneficially;

2. *Page 2, Line 56 through 58:*

56        (B) adequately cover infrastructure needs; and  
57        (C) balance social, economic, ~~public interest,~~ and environmental values;  
58        (viii) respect for water rights;

3. *Page 4, Line 100 through 103:*

100        (c) Utah supports the timely and appropriate negotiated settlement of federally  
             reserved  
101        water right claims for both Native American trust lands and other existing federal  
             reservations,  
102        and opposes ~~any~~ future {~~reservations~~} ~~designation~~ of public lands that  
             {~~result in unquantified federal reservations~~}

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103 ~~of water~~ } does not quantify any associated federally reserved water rights .

Respectfully,

Keven J. Stratton  
Chair

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