

DRINKING WATER AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to funding implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Drinking Water Capacity Account; and
- ▶ authorizes the Division of Drinking Water to implement an annual fee on public water systems to be deposited into the Drinking Water Capacity Account.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

19-4-115, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **19-4-115** is enacted to read:

19-4-115. Drinking Water Capacity Account.



- 28 (1) As used in this section:
- 29 (a) "Account" means the Drinking Water Capacity Account created in this section.
- 30 (b) "Equivalent residential connection" means a measure of the impact on a public
- 31 facility that is equal to the impact of one typical single-family detached dwelling unit.
- 32 (c) "Retail" means the level of distribution of water that supplies water directly to the
- 33 end user.

34 (2) There is created a restricted account in the General Fund known as the "Drinking

35 Water Capacity Account."

- 36 (3) (a) The account consists of:
- 37 (i) revenue generated under Subsection (5);
- 38 (ii) appropriations of the Legislature; and
- 39 (iii) interest and earnings earned on the account.

40 (b) The Office of the Treasurer shall deposit interest and other earnings derived from

41 investment of money in the account into the account.

42 (4) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the division may use the money in the

43 account to implement this chapter, including to:

- 44 (a) assist a public water system in meeting drinking water standards;
- 45 (b) provide direct technical assistance and training to a public water system;
- 46 (c) assist a public water system in planning for and serving future growth; and
- 47 (d) review an application for a new public water system, expansion of a public water
- 48 system, or upgrade of a public water system.

49 (5) (a) In accordance with Section [63J-1-504](#) and subject to Subsection (5)(b), the

50 division shall, for the purposes described in Subsection (4), impose and collect an annual fee

51 on retail water provided by a public water system.

52 (b) The division shall determine the annual fee imposed under this Subsection (5) on

53 the basis of equivalent residential connections, except that the fee each year may not exceed the

54 greater of:

- 55 (i) \$1.20 per equivalent residential connection served by the public water system; or
- 56 (ii) a minimum of \$25.

57 (c) The division shall deposit money from the fee imposed under this Subsection (5)

58 into the account.

59 Section 2. **Effective date.**

60 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2022.