

Representative Christine F. Watkins proposes the following substitute bill:

DRINKING WATER AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

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:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2023:

- ▶ to the Department of Environmental Quality -- Drinking Water, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from General Fund Restricted - Drinking Water Capacity Account, \$1,563,300.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:



26 [19-4-115](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

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

30 **19-4-115. Drinking Water Capacity Account.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "Account" means the Drinking Water Capacity Account created in this section.

33 (b) "Equivalent residential connection" means a measure of the impact on a public
34 facility that is equal to the impact of one typical single-family detached dwelling unit.

35 (c) "Retail" means the level of distribution of water that supplies water directly to the
36 end user.

37 (2) There is created a restricted account in the General Fund known as the "Drinking
38 Water Capacity Account."

39 (3) (a) The account consists of:

40 (i) revenue generated under Subsection (5);

41 (ii) appropriations of the Legislature; and

42 (iii) interest and earnings earned on the account.

43 (b) The Office of the Treasurer shall deposit interest and other earnings derived from
44 investment of money in the account into the account.

45 (4) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the division may use the money in the
46 account to implement this chapter, including to:

47 (a) assist a public water system in meeting drinking water standards;

48 (b) provide direct technical assistance and training to a public water system;

49 (c) assist a public water system in planning for and serving future growth; and

50 (d) review an application for a new public water system, expansion of a public water
51 system, or upgrade of a public water system.

52 (5) (a) In accordance with Section [63J-1-504](#) and subject to Subsection (5)(b), the
53 division shall, for the purposes described in Subsection (4), impose and collect an annual fee
54 on retail water provided by a public water system.

55 (b) The division shall determine the annual fee imposed under this Subsection (5) on
56 the basis of equivalent residential connections, except that the fee each year may not exceed the

57 greater of:

58 (i) \$1.20 per equivalent residential connection served by the public water system; or

59 (ii) a minimum of \$25.

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

61 into the account.

62 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

63 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

64 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for

65 fiscal year 2023. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures

66 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts

67 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

68 ITEM 1

69 To Department of Environmental Quality -- Drinking Water

70 From General Fund Restricted - Drinking Water Capacity Account \$1,563,300

71 Schedule of Programs:

72 Safe Drinking Water Act \$240,000

73 System Assistance \$1,083,300

74 State Revolving Fund \$240,000

75 Section 3. **Effective date.**

76 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2022.