

**WATER RELEASES AMENDMENTS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karianne Lisonbee**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses limitations on flow rates from certain water facilities.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ imposes limitations on flow rates; and
- ▶ addresses application to federally owned facilities.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**73-1-22**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **73-1-22** is enacted to read:

**73-1-22. Releases from dam or reservoir.**

(1) As used in this section, "applicable dam or reservoir" means a dam or reservoir on the Provo River or Weber River.



28           (2) (a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b) and except in the case of an emergency, an operator  
29 of an applicable dam or reservoir may not increase the flow rate of the applicable dam or  
30 reservoir in an amount that is greater than 25% of the total flow every 15 minutes within a  
31 natural channel.

32           (b) When an operator increases the flow rate of an applicable dam from a point of no  
33 release, the operator may make the first release to a minimum safe level for the applicable dam  
34 facility and then shall comply with Subsection (2)(a).

35           (3) This section applies to a federally owned dam or reservoir when a nonfederal  
36 operator is contractually responsible for the operation and maintenance of the federally owned  
37 dam or reservoir, unless compliance with this section puts the nonfederal operator in breach of  
38 the contract.