

**GOLF RELATED WATER MODIFICATIONS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses the reporting of water use by golf courses or driving ranges.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
  - ▶ requires reporting of water use for the operation of a golf course or driving range;
- and
- ▶ provides for the publication of the information on websites.

**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. Reporting water use by golf courses.**

(1) As used in this section:



28 (a) "Division" means the Division of Water Resources.

29 (b) (i) "Golf course or driving range" means:

30 (A) real property that may be used for golfing, golfing practice, or a driving range by  
31 the public or by the members and guests of a private club; and

32 (B) improvements to the real property described in Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A), including  
33 turf, bunkers, trees, irrigation, lakes, lake liners, bridges, practice ranges, golf greens, golf tees,  
34 paths, and trails.

35 (ii) "Golf course or driving range" does not include a clubhouse, pro shop, restaurant,  
36 or other building that is associated with a golf course or driving range.

37 (2) (a) The owner or operator of a golf course or driving range shall report to the  
38 division and publish on a website by no later than July 1 of each year:

39 (i) the annual amount of water used in gallons in the previous calendar year for the  
40 operation and maintenance of the golf course or driving range:

41 (A) including any water used to expand or alter the golf course or driving range; and

42 (B) excluding water that is reused by the golf course or driving range; and

43 (ii) the one or more sources of the water described in Subsection (2)(a)(i).

44 (b) The owner or operator shall ensure that the website and information required to be  
45 published under this Subsection (2):

46 (i) is available to the public at a website to where the public is directed to find  
47 information about the golf course such as how to schedule tee times; and

48 (ii) remains posted throughout the year.

49 (3) The division shall publish the information reported under Subsection (2) on a  
50 website that the division maintains that is available to the public.