

26 ENACTS:

27 79-2-407, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

30 Section 1. Section 63I-2-279 is amended to read:

31 **63I-2-279. Repeal dates: Title 79.**

32 (1) Section 79-2-206, Transition, is repealed July 1, 2024.

33 (2) Section 79-2-407, which directs the Department of Natural Resources to study
34 funding for water infrastructure costs, is repealed July 1, 2025.

35 [~~(2) Title 79, Chapter 6, Part 8, Voluntary Home Energy Information Pilot Program~~
36 ~~Act, is repealed January 1, 2022.~~]

37 Section 2. Section 79-2-407 is enacted to read:

38 **79-2-407. Study of funding for water infrastructure costs.**

39 (1) The department shall:

40 (a) study the use of property tax revenue for payment of costs related to supplying
41 drinking and irrigation water, including infrastructure, treatment, and delivery; and

42 (b) make recommendations for funding of the costs described in Subsection (1)(a).

43 (2) As part of the study and to prepare the recommendations described in Subsection
44 (1), the department shall:

45 (a) analyze the use of tax revenue for water infrastructure in other states with similar
46 climate and water supply challenges as the state of Utah;

47 (b) review the use of property tax revenue for construction, operation, maintenance,
48 repair, and replacement of water facilities, including facilities related to:

49 (i) diversion, treatment, and storage of drinking and irrigation water; and

50 (ii) the delivery of drinking and irrigation water to end users;

51 (c) investigate policies that would ~~H~~→ [address tax exempt entities' lack of contribution to
52 the cost of water infrastructure paid for with property tax revenue] ensure all users contribute to

52a the cost of water infrastructure ←~~H~~ ;

53 (d) identify methods of developing tiered water rate structures that promote water
54 conservation and ensure reasonable revenue stability;

55 (e) analyze the effect of eliminating or reducing property tax revenue as a funding
56 source for costs related to water infrastructure, treatment, or delivery, including: