

AGRICULTURAL WATER USE AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses reporting on agricultural water use.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the Division of Water Rights to prepare a report about agricultural use of water; and
- ▶ addresses distribution of the report.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

73-2-30, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **73-2-30** is enacted to read:

73-2-30. Agriculture water reporting by division.

(1) As used in this section:



28 (a) "Agricultural use" means a use of water on land assessed under Title 59, Chapter 2,
29 Part 5, Farmland Assessment Act.

30 (b) "Division" means the Division of Water Rights.

31 (2) The division shall prepare a report concerning agricultural use of water. The report
32 shall include:

33 (a) the amount of water for agricultural use that is used in the state;

34 (b) of the water described in Subsection (2)(a), the amount distributed:

35 (i) by flood irrigation;

36 (ii) by drip irrigation;

37 (iii) through pressurized systems; or

38 (iv) using a different irrigation method;

39 (c) the amount of water for agricultural use that is subject to metering;

40 (d) the amount of water for agricultural use that is owned by different ownership types,
41 such as by a special service district, municipality, or private entity;

42 (e) explanations of unique regional issues that affect metering of water for agricultural
43 use; and

44 (f) any other information the division determines to be relevant to metering agricultural
45 use of water.

46 (3) (a) By November 1, 2020, the division shall:

47 (i) complete the report required by Subsection (2); and

48 (ii) provide a copy of the report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and

49 Environment Interim Committee and the Economic Development and Workforce Services
50 Interim Committee.

51 (b) At the request of the chairs of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment
52 Interim Committee or the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee,
53 the division may present the report in the November meeting of the requesting committee.