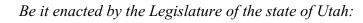
1	OUTDOOR RECREATION INITIATIVE
2	2023 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Jeffrey D. Stenquist
5	Senate Sponsor:
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7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill addresses coordinated investment in outdoor recreation infrastructure.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	defines terms;
13	 creates the Recreation Coordinated Investment Initiative;
14	grants rulemaking authority;
15	requires reporting; and
16	addresses funding of the initiative.
17	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
18	None
19	Other Special Clauses:
20	None
21	Utah Code Sections Affected:
22	ENACTS:
23	79-7-501 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
24	79-7-502 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
25	79-7-503 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
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28	Section 1. Section 79-7-501 is enacted to read:
29	<u>79-7-501.</u> Definitions.
30	As used in this part:
31	(1) "Initiative" means the Recreation Coordinated Investment Initiative created in this
32	part.
33	(2) "Outdoor recreation infrastructure" includes:
34	(a) a trail, trail head infrastructure, signage, and crossing infrastructure for both
35	nonmotorized and motorized recreation;
36	(b) a campground or day-use recreation site;
37	(c) water recreation infrastructure, including a pier, dock, or boat ramp; and
38	(d) outdoor recreation facilities that are accessible to visitors with disabilities.
39	(3) "Public lands" includes local, state, and federal lands.
40	Section 2. Section 79-7-502 is enacted to read:
41	79-7-502. Recreation Coordinated Investment Initiative.
42	(1) There is created within the division an initiative known as the "Recreation
43	Coordinated Investment Initiative."
44	(2) The initiative is to manage, maintain, expand, restore, and improve outdoor
45	recreation infrastructure on public lands within the state, including building new or expanding
46	existing outdoor recreation infrastructure to address increased usage and to minimize
47	overcrowding or overuse.
48	(3) Consistent with this part, the division may enter into:
49	(a) a partnership agreement to accomplish the objectives listed in Subsection (2) for
50	outdoor recreation infrastructure, such as a shared stewardship agreement, a challenge
51	cost-share agreement, or other formal agreement; and
52	(b) a recreation management agreement to maintain outdoor recreation infrastructure,
53	including motorized or nonmotorized trails, trail networks, or trails across multiple
54	jurisdictions.
55	(4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
56	division may make rules, after notifying the commission, establishing procedures consistent
57	with Subsections (2) and (5) for entering into an agreement described in Subsection (3).
58	(5) To accomplish the objectives listed in Subsection (2), the initiative shall develop

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59	and oversee a project proposal process to:
60	(a) develop statewide priorities that reflect eligibility criteria established under this
61	section, including projects that:
62	(i) are of interest and benefit to recreation users;
63	(ii) offer the advantages and effectiveness of participation between state and other land
64	management agencies;
65	(iii) would benefit local communities; and
66	(iv) can be completed in a timely manner; and
67	(b) address funding amounts allocated in the agreements described in Subsection (3).
68	(6) The director of the division shall designate staff with relevant expertise or
69	experience to administer the initiative.
70	(7) (a) The initiative staff shall compile data and provide a performance report to the
71	Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee on or before November 1
72	of each year.
73	(b) An annual performance report under this Subsection (7) shall include for a fiscal
74	<u>year:</u>
75	(i) by source, the initiative's total annual resources, including partner funds;
76	(ii) the total amount of outdoor recreation infrastructure project areas that are benefited
77	by the initiative during the fiscal year;
78	(iii) the total amount of trail miles that receive maintenance;
79	(iv) the total amount of state funding or in-kind resources that are used to leverage
80	non-state partner resources; and
81	(v) other performance metrics that demonstrate the effectiveness of the initiative.
82	Section 3. Section 79-7-503 is enacted to read:
83	79-7-503. Funding of initiative.
84	The initiative is funded from the following sources:
85	(1) appropriations made to the initiative by the Legislature, including any appropriation
86	from the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account created in Section 51-9-902;
87	<u>and</u>
88	(2) contributions, including in-kind assistance, from public and private sources,
89	including a federal agency, state agency, local government, or private entity.