

ADOPT-THE-OUTDOORS PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill creates an Adopt-the-Outdoors Program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates an Adopt-the-Outdoors Program;
- permits a person to sponsor a recreational outdoor location;
- grants the department rulemaking authority to administer the Adopt-the-Outdoors Program; and
- requires the department to appoint a manager to administer the Adopt-the-Outdoors Program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-279, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 68

ENACTS:

79-7-501, Utah Code Annotated 1953

28 [79-7-502](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31 Section 1. Section **63I-1-279** is amended to read:

32 **63I-1-279. Repeal dates: Title 79.**

33 (1) Subsection [79-2-201](#)(2)(p), related to the Heritage Trees Advisory Committee, is
34 repealed July 1, 2026.

35 (2) Subsection [79-2-201](#)(2)(q), related to the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure
36 Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.

37 (3) Subsection [79-2-201](#)(2)(r)(i), related to an advisory council created by the Division
38 of Outdoor Recreation to advise on boating policies, is repealed July 1, 2024.

39 (4) Subsection [79-2-201](#)(2)(s), related to the Wildlife Board Nominating Committee, is
40 repealed July 1, 2023.

41 (5) Subsection [79-2-201](#)(2)(t), related to regional advisory councils for the Wildlife
42 Board, is repealed July 1, 2023.

43 (6) Section [79-7-206](#), creating the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory
44 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.

45 (7) Section [79-7-207](#), creating the Adopt-the-Outdoors Program, is repealed July 1,
46 2028.

47 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Title 79, Chapter 8, Part 4, Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant
48 Program, is repealed January 1, 2028.

49 Section 2. Section **79-7-501** is enacted to read:

50 **79-7-501. Definitions.**

51 As used in this part:

52 (1) "Manager" means the individual appointed by the director under Section [79-7-502](#).

53 (2) "Program" means the Adopt-the-Outdoors Program created in Section [79-7-502](#)
54 that provides a person the opportunity to adopt a recreational outdoor location for trail
55 maintenance, enhancement, and development.

56 (3) "Recreational outdoor location" means:

57 (a) a trail, trailhead infrastructure, signs, or crossing infrastructure, for either
58 nonmotorized or motorized recreation;

(b) a campground or picnic area;

(c) water recreation infrastructure, including a pier, dock, or boat ramp; or

(d) a recreation facility that is accessible to visitors with disabilities.

Section 3. Section **79-7-502** is enacted to read:

79-7-502. Adopt-the-Outdoors Program.

(1) There is created within the division the Adopt-the-Outdoors Program, under the general supervision of the director or the director's designee, to:

(a) permit a person to volunteer labor or funding to clean or maintain a recreational outdoor location; and

(b) recognize the person providing the labor or funding via a sign or other indication.

(2) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to administer the program, including rules for:

(a) recreational outdoor location maintenance;

(b) partnerships between private and public entities; and

(c) the duties of the manager.

(3) The director shall appoint a manager to administer the program.

(4) A person desiring to adopt a recreational outdoor location shall submit an application to the division on a form provided by the division.