

OUTDOOR RECREATION AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill authorizes private support for maintenance of outdoor recreation infrastructure.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- permits the Division of Outdoor Recreation to accept private funding and labor for maintenance of outdoor recreation infrastructure;
- grants the division rulemaking authority regarding private funding and labor for maintenance of outdoor recreation infrastructure; and
- provides a repeal date, subject to legislative review.

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 2023, Chapter 211

ENACTS:

79-7-601, Utah Code Annotated 1953

79-7-602, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

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

- (1) Subsection 79-2-201(2)(p), related to the Heritage Trees Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- (2) Subsection 79-2-201(2)(q), related to the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- (3) Subsection 79-2-201(2)(r)(i), related to an advisory council created by the Division of Outdoor Recreation to advise on boating policies, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- (4) Subsection 79-2-201(2)(s), related to the Wildlife Board Nominating Committee, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- (5) Subsection 79-2-201(2)(t), related to regional advisory councils for the Wildlife Board, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- (6) Section 79-7-206, creating the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- (7) Title 79, Chapter 7, Part 6, Private Maintenance, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Title 79, Chapter 8, Part 4, Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program, is repealed January 1, 2028.

Section 2. Section **79-7-601** is enacted to read:

Part 6. Private Maintenance

79-7-601 . Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (1) "Director" means the director of the division, as described in Section 79-7-202.
- (2) "Outdoor recreation infrastructure" means the same as that term is defined in Section 51-9-901.

Section 3. Section **79-7-602** is enacted to read:

79-7-602 . Private funding for maintenance of outdoor recreation infrastructure.

- (1) The division may:
- (a) permit a person to volunteer labor or funding to maintain outdoor recreation infrastructure; and
- (b) recognize the person providing the labor or funding through signage or other indication.
- (2) A person desiring to volunteer labor or funding to maintain outdoor recreation infrastructure shall submit an application to the division on a form provided by the division.
- (3) The director shall appoint a manager to oversee the administration of this section.

- 61 (4) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
62 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to implement Subsection (1), including rules for:
63 (a) outdoor recreation infrastructure maintenance;
64 (b) partnerships between private and public entities; and
65 (c) the duties of the manager.
66 Section 4. **Effective date.**
67 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.