



REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PAST LEGISLATIVE INTENT LANGUAGE

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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ISSUE BRIEF

The purpose of this document is to report on the implementation of the legislative intent language included in the appropriations bills during the 2012 General Session.

Nonlapsing Intent Language

UCA 63J authorizes agencies who have obtained legislative approval to carry forward certain amount of their appropriation into the next fiscal year as “nonlapsing.” The following table provides the nonlapsing amounts by line item approved by the 2012 Legislature and the actual amount each line item carried forward at the end of FY 2012. The column on the far right shows the difference between the authorized and actual amounts. None of the entities exceeded the nonlapsing amount authorized by the Legislature.

Nonlapsing Amounts, FY 2012			
Line Item	Approved	Actual	Difference
DNR Admin	225,000	176,700	48,300
Watershed	700,000	679,300	20,700
Forestry	600,000	597,000	3,000
Oil & Gas	400,000	400,000	0
DWR Admin	100,000	-	100,000
DWR Capital	800,000	471,700	328,300
Parks	490,500	359,100	131,400
Geological Survey	1,630,000	1,029,600	600,400
Water Resources	200,000	78,900	121,100
Water Rights	350,000	342,500	7,500
Energy Development	350,000	250,800	99,200
Environmental Quality	679,500	579,000	100,500
Public Lands Office	400,000	322,000	78,000
Agriculture Administration	1,718,500	1,421,400	297,100
State Fair	191,200	86,800	104,400
Predator Control	200,000	200,000	0
Resource Conservation	135,000	44,300	90,700
Rangeland Improvement	1,346,000	860,000	486,000
Total	10,515,700	7,899,100	2,616,600

Other Intent Language

The following pieces of intent language were included in H.B. 2, New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act, and pertain to FY 2013.

DNR Administration

- The Legislature intends that \$50,000 be transferred to the Bear Lake Regional Commission to be used for watershed improvement projects.*

Bear Lake Commission applied for funding to shape and restore 1500 linear feet of stream-bank in Rich County. The commission was awarded \$50,000 of which \$25,000 was released to provide initial funding for the project. The remainder of the funding will be provided as receipts for work completion of the project are

provided. At this point in time, no receipts for project completion have been received from the Bear Lake Commission.

2. *The Legislature intends that the Department of Natural Resources and SITLA will work with DFCM to identify a location for a future regional office in the Richfield area and a source of funding for the facility. The Legislature further intends that an economic analysis of the project will be performed and the results will be reported to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee on its findings by no later than October 30, 2012.*

The agencies did not report to the subcommittee as required by the intent language. DNR reported that they have met with representatives from SITLA and DFCM to identify a location for the future Richfield regional area office to house employees from SITLA and DNR divisions of Forestry, Fire and Lands, Wildlife Resources, and Water Rights. As directed by the intent language, funding sources were discussed including an option whereby SITLA would provide financing for the building under a lease-to-own arrangement with DNR. During the research process DNR identified an additional alternative for the regional structure through a potential agreement with Sevier County. Economic analysis is ongoing. DNR has committed to complete the implementation of this intent language in 2013.

Wildlife Operations

3. *The Legislature intends that up to \$700,000 of Wildlife Resources budget may be used for big game depredation expenses. The Legislature also intends that half of these funds be from the General Fund Restricted - Wildlife Resources account and half from the General Fund. The Legislature further intends that this appropriation shall not lapse at the close of FY 2012.*

The Division of Wildlife Resources is in the process of implementing this piece of intent language and the final data is not available until the end of FY 2013.

4. *The Legislature intends that up to \$140,000 be spent on livestock damage. \$90,000 will be from the General Fund and up to \$50,000 will be from the General Fund Restricted - Wildlife Resources account.*

The Division of Wildlife Resources is in the process of implementing this piece of intent language and the final data is not available until the end of FY 2013.

Parks

5. *The Legislature intends that the proceeds of the hunts for bison, deer and Bighorn sheep on Antelope Island, up to the amount of \$300,000, be used on Antelope Island State Park. Both conservation and regular hunts will be coordinated through a cooperative agreement between the Division of State Parks and the Division of Wildlife Resources.*

The hunt was coordinated through a cooperative agreement as directed by the intent language.

6. *The Legislature intends that the Division of Parks and Recreation complete its study of state owned golf course management, including completion of a study by the National Golf Foundation, and upon completion of the study, the division will provide recommendations on whether to contract for non-governmental management of state owned golf courses through the issuance of a request for proposal (RFP). The Legislature further intends that the division report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee on its findings by no later than October 30, 2012.*

The division reported briefly the results of the study to the subcommittee, since the final report was not yet available.

7. *The Legislature intends that the \$50,000 appropriation increase for This Is the Place Heritage Park be transferred to the park only after the park has received matching funds of at least \$50,000 from Salt Lake City and at least \$50,000 from Salt Lake County.*

At this point in time, no matching funds have been identified by This Is the Place Heritage Park. The state appropriation remains unexpended.

Water Rights

8. *The Legislature intends that the Department of Natural Resources study water rights issues and report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee on or before their October 2012 meeting.*

The department reported to the interim committee as required.

Agriculture—Resource Conservation

9. *The Legislature intends that the Department of Agriculture and Food and the Utah Association of Conservation Districts provide a detailed report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee no later than November 30, 2012 on how the funding for Agricultural Resource Development Loan (ARDL), Grazing Improvement Projects (GIP), and Conservation District support has been used.*

The two organizations reported to the subcommittee as required.

Agriculture General Administration

10. *The Legislature intends that the Department of Agriculture and Food purchase five vehicles in FY 2013 for use in the department.*

The vehicles were purchased.