

Grazing Amendments
2025 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses provisions related to grazing.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ requires the Division of Wildlife Resources, before purchasing or acquiring a grazing permit, to obtain approval from:

- a local land use authority;
 - the Department of Natural Resources; and
 - the Department of Agriculture and Food; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

23A-3-205, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 103

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

Section 1. Section **23A-3-205** is amended to read:

23A-3-205 . Wildlife Conservation Fund.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Fund" means the Wildlife Conservation Fund created by this section.

(b) "Land use authority" means:

(i) a land use authority, as that term is defined in Section 10-9a-103, of a

- 29 municipality; or
30 (ii) a land use authority, as that term is defined in Section 17-27a-103, of a county.
31 [~~(b)~~] (c) "Wildlife conservation permit program" means a program under which the
32 division issues permit opportunities to be sold by a conservation organization for
33 auction to the highest bidder at a fund-raising event.
34 [~~(c)~~] (d) "Wildlife exposition program" means a program under which the division
35 allocates permits to a drawing administered by a selected conservation organization
36 as part of a regional or national exposition for the purpose of generating revenue to
37 fund wildlife conservation activities in Utah.
38 (2) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Wildlife
39 Conservation Fund."
40 (3) The fund consists of:
41 (a) wildlife conservation permit program revenue transferred to the division pursuant to
42 rules, made by the Wildlife Board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
43 Administrative Rulemaking Act;
44 (b) wildlife exposition program revenue transferred to the division pursuant to rules,
45 made by the Wildlife Board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
46 Administrative Rulemaking Act;
47 (c) money appropriated to the fund by the Legislature;
48 (d) contributions, grants, gifts, transfers, bequests, and donations to the fund accepted by
49 the division and specifically directed to the fund; and
50 (e) interest and earnings on the fund.
51 (4)(a) The fund shall earn interest and other earnings.
52 (b) The interest and earnings described in Subsection (4)(a) shall be deposited into the
53 fund.
54 (5)(a) The division shall use proceeds in the fund to carry out the purposes of the
55 wildlife conservation permit program or wildlife exposition program.
56 (b) Deposits into and expenditures from the fund shall specifically identify the wildlife
57 conservation permit program or wildlife exposition program to which the deposits
58 and expenditures apply.
59 (c) The division shall make expenditures from the fund consistent with the rules
60 governing the applicable program.
61 (6)(a) Before the division may use or approve the use of money in the fund to purchase
62 or acquire a grazing permit, the division shall obtain approval from:

63 (i) the land use authority for the land in which the grazing permit is located;

64 (ii) the Department of Natural Resources created in Section 79-2-201; and

65 (iii) the Department of Agriculture and Food created in Section 4-2-102.

66 (b) If a request to purchase or acquire a grazing permit under Subsection (6)(a) is not
67 denied by a land use authority, the Department of Natural Resources, or the
68 Department of Agriculture and Food within 60 days after the day on which the
69 division submits the request, the division may consider the request as approved.

70 (c) An action of a land use authority under this Subsection (6) is not a land use decision
71 subject to:

72 (i) Title 10, Chapter 9a, Municipal Land Use, Development, and Management Act; or

73 (ii) Title 17, Chapter 27a, County Land Use, Development, and Management Act.

74 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) The division shall annually report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and
75 Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee regarding:

76 (a) the amount of money in the fund;

77 (b) the sources of money in the fund; and

78 (c) how the money is expended.

79 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

80 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.