

1 **Pollinator Program Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ashlee Matthews

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill makes changes to the pollinator pilot program.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

- 8 ▶ renames the pollinator pilot program to the pollinator habitat program;
- 9 ▶ repeals the scheduled sunset date for the pollinator pilot program;
- 10 ▶ makes the pollinator habitat program permanent; and
- 11 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

12 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

13 None

14 **Other Special Clauses:**

15 None

16 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

17 AMENDS:

18 **4-2-701**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 375

19 **63I-1-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

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

22 Section 1. Section **4-2-701** is amended to read:

23 **4-2-701 . Pollinator habitat program.**

24 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the department shall implement a [
25 ~~three-year pollinator pilot program~~] pollinator habitat program that includes one or more
26 of the following:

- 27 (a) public education efforts that include workshops, planting guides, or a public
28 education campaign to raise awareness about creating pollinator habitats;
- 29 (b) distribution of pollinator-friendly native flowering plants or seeds for native
30 flowering plants for planting within the state to protect a diversity of pollinators;

- 31 (c) pollinator programs run by local governments and nonprofit organizations with
 32 support from the department; and
- 33 (d) grants that:
- 34 (i) are provided on a [~~first-come-first-serve~~] first-come, first-served basis; and
- 35 (ii) cover up to [~~25%~~] 75% of the costs for the planting of pollinator-friendly native
 36 flowering plants or seeds for native flowering plants on private or public land.
- 37 (2)[(a) ~~The cost to the department related to the native flowering plants or seeds~~
 38 ~~described in Subsection (1) may not exceed \$60,000 in a fiscal year.~~
- 39 [(b)] (a) The department may coordinate with the federal government, other state
 40 agencies, state institutions of higher education, or political subdivisions to provide for
 41 the activities described in Subsection (1).
- 42 [(e)] (b) The department may designate smaller areas of the state to begin the activities
 43 described in Subsection (1).
- 44 (3) The department may make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
 45 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish:
- 46 (a) the criteria for receiving a grant under this section; and
- 47 (b) the process to apply for and receive a grant under this section.
- 48 Section 2. Section **63I-1-204** is amended to read:
- 49 **63I-1-204 . Repeal dates: Title 4.**
- 50 (1) Section 4-2-108, Agricultural Advisory Board created -- Composition -- Responsibility
 51 -- Terms of office -- Compensation -- Executive committee, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 52 [(2) Title 4, Chapter 2, Part 7, Pollinator Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2026.]
- 53 [(3)] (2) Section 4-17-104, Creation of State Weed Committee -- Membership -- Powers and
 54 duties -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 55 [(4)] (3) Title 4, Chapter 18, Part 3, Utah Soil Health Program, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 56 [(5)] (4) Section 4-20-103, Utah Grazing Improvement Program Advisory Board -- Duties,
 57 is repealed July 1, 2032.
- 58 [(6)] (5) Section 4-23-104, Agricultural and Wildlife Damage Prevention Board created --
 59 Composition -- Appointment -- Terms -- Vacancies -- Compensation, is repealed July 1,
 60 2034.
- 61 [(7)] (6) Section 4-23-105, Board responsibilities -- Damage prevention policy -- Rules --
 62 Methods to control predators and depredating birds and animals, is repealed July 1, 2034.
- 63 [(8)] (7) Section 4-24-104, Livestock Brand Board created -- Composition -- Terms --
 64 Removal -- Quorum for transaction of business -- Compensation -- Duties, is repealed

- 65 July 1, 2025.
- 66 [~~(9)~~] (8) Section 4-39-104, Domesticated Elk Act advisory council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 67 [~~(10)~~] (9) Title 4, Chapter 46, Part 2, Land Conservation Board, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 68 [~~(11)~~] (10) Subsection 4-46-304(2)(d), regarding the Land Conservation Board, is repealed
- 69 July 1, 2027.
- 70 [~~(12)~~] (11) Subsection 4-46-401(3)(a), regarding the Land Conservation Board, is repealed
- 71 July 1, 2027.
- 72 Section 3. **Effective date.**
- 73 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.