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Law Enforcement Salary Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox

Senate Sponsor:Derrin R. Owens

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the salary range and proposed pay progression for law enforcement officers within the {Division} Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires that the salary range and proposed pay progression for law enforcement officers employed by the DNR be equivalent to the salary range and pay progression for peace officers employed by the Department of Public Safety;

- ▶ provides an exception to the requirement described in the preceding paragraph in relation to the rank of major and the position of division director in the DNR; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

- ▶ This bill appropriates \$2,839,300 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2027, all of which is from the General Fund.

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18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 **AMENDS:**

22 **63A-17-110** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 154

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

25 Section 1. Section **63A-17-110** is amended to read:

26 **63A-17-110. State pay plans for DNR law enforcement officers and wildland firefighters.**

30 (1) As used in this section:

31 (a) "Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands" means the division created in Section 65A-1-4 within the Department of Natural Resources.

33 (b) "Division of Law Enforcement" means the division created in Section 79-2-702 within the Department of Natural Resources.

35 (c) "DNR law enforcement officer" means an employee of the Department of Natural Resources who is designated as a law enforcement officer by law.

37 (d) "Wildland firefighter" means an employee of the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands who is:

39 (i) trained in firefighter techniques; and

40 (ii) assigned to a position of hazardous duty.

41 (2) The director shall:

42 (a) coordinate directly with the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and the Division of Law Enforcement to establish specialized state pay plans for DNR law enforcement officers and wildland firefighters that:

45 (i) [meets] meet the requirements of Section 63A-17-307;

46 (ii) [distinguishes] subject to Subsection (3), establish the salary range and proposed pay progression for each DNR [peace] law enforcement officer;

48 (iii) [distinguishes] establish the salary range for each wildland firefighter classification;

50 (iv) [includes] include for each DNR law enforcement officer and wildland firefighter classification:

52 (A) the minimum qualifications; and

53 (B) any training requirements; and

54 (v) [provides] provide standards for:

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55 (A) performance evaluation; and
56 (B) promotion; and
57 (b) include, in the plan described in Subsection 63A-17-307(5), recommendations on funding and salary
increases for DNR law enforcement officers and wildland firefighters.

60 (3)
(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the salary range and proposed pay progression established
for each DNR law enforcement officer under Subsection (2)(a)(ii) shall be equivalent to the salary
range and proposed pay progression of a peace officer employed by the Department of Public Safety
with similar years of service and qualifications.
65 (b) The executive director of the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the director
of the Division of Law Enforcement, may reduce the salary range and proposed pay progression
that would otherwise be established, under Subsections (2)(a)(ii) and (3)(a), for the rank of major
or for division director within the Division of Law Enforcement, to ensure that the salary range
and proposed pay progression for those positions do not exceed the salary range and proposed pay
progression of directors of other divisions within the Department of Natural Resources.

70 Section . **FY 2027 Appropriations.**

71 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
72 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
73 fiscal year 2027.

74 Subsection 2(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

75 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
76 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
77 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

78 To Department of Natural Resources - Law Enforcement

79 2,839,300

80 Schedule of Programs:

81 2,839,300

82 Section 3. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

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