

1 **Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account Modifications**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jason B. Kyle

Senate Sponsor:

2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill modifies provisions related to the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted
5 Account.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

9 ▸ allows money in the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account to be used for
10 administrative costs.

11 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

12 None

13 **Other Special Clauses:**

14 This bill provides a special effective date.

15 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

16 AMENDS:

17 **51-9-902**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 285

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

20 Section 1. Section **51-9-902** is amended to read:

21 **51-9-902 . Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account.**

22 (1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the "Outdoor
23 Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account."

24 (2) The account shall consist of:

25 (a) money deposited into the account under Subsection 59-12-103(4)(h); and
26 (b) interest and earnings on money in the account.

27 (3) Subject to appropriation from the Legislature, money from the account shall be used for:
28 (a) new construction of outdoor recreation infrastructure;
29 (b) upgrades of outdoor recreation infrastructure;
30 (c) the replacement of or structural improvements to outdoor recreation infrastructure;

31 (d) the acquisition of land, a right-of-way, or easement used in relationship to outdoor
32 recreation infrastructure;

33 (e) providing access from state highways, as defined in Section 72-1-102, to outdoor
34 recreation infrastructure;

35 (f) the costs associated with bringing new construction or upgrades of outdoor
36 recreation infrastructure into environmental compliance;

37 (g) strategic planning related to the development of outdoor recreation infrastructure;

38 (h) facilitating avalanche safety forecasting to protect the public in relation to outdoor
39 recreation infrastructure;[-or]

40 (i) clean up or security relating to outdoor recreation infrastructure[.] ; or

41 (j) administrative costs, not to exceed 2% of the amount appropriated in accordance with
42 Subsection (4)(c).

43 (4) For each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2025-2026, the Division of Finance
44 shall, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, distribute money from the Outdoor
45 Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account as follows:

46 (a) at least 15% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks -
47 Capital, to be expended using the department's existing prioritization process for
48 capital projects in state parks described in Subsection (3);

49 (b) at least 22% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Outdoor
50 Recreation - Capital, to be expended for competitive Recreation Restoration
51 Infrastructure grants or Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure grants for outdoor
52 recreation capital projects and related maintenance expenses, where maintenance
53 expenses do not exceed 15% of the appropriation;

54 (c) at least 53% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Outdoor
55 Recreation - Capital, to be expended for larger outdoor recreation infrastructure
56 projects described in Subsection (3) as recommended to the Legislature by the
57 Outdoor Adventure Commission; and

58 (d) at least 10% to the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District created in
59 Section 11-70-201 for the development and operation of the district.

60 (5) If the Legislature appropriates money to the Department of Transportation from the
61 account, the Transportation Commission, created in Section 72-1-301, shall prioritize
62 projects and determine funding levels in accordance with Subsection 72-1-303(1)(a)
63 based on recommendations of the Department of Transportation.

64 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

65 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.