



LEGISLATIVE INTENT LANGUAGE

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

The following is the summary of the legislative intent language proposed for the agencies in the Natural Resources, Agriculture, & Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee:

Nonlapsing Intent Language

Department of Natural Resources

1. Natural Resources Administration: \$225,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for DNR Administration in Item 1, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Capital Projects \$25,000; Operating Budget Items \$200,000.

2. Species Protection: \$200,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Species Protection program in Item 2, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to projects started in 2015: \$200,000.

3. Watershed: \$700,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Watershed program in Item 4, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to projects started in 2015: \$700,000.

4. Forestry, Fire, and State Lands: \$2,634,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands in Item 5, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Sovereign Lands Projects \$1,210,000; Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Dispute \$100,000; Little Willow Water Line \$32,000; Navigational Hazards Removal \$20,000; Lands Maintenance \$50,000; Information Database \$110,000; Jordan River Assessment \$27,000; Bear River Baseline \$35,000; Bear Lake Public Access \$50,000, Cedar City Office Building \$1,000,000.

5. Oil, Gas, and Mining: \$400,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining in Item 6, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Mining Special Projects/Studies \$250,000; Computer Equipment/Software \$50,000; Employee Training/Incentives \$50,000; Equipment/Supplies \$50,000.

6. Wildlife Resources: \$500,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Wildlife Resources line item in Item 7, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to projects funded from the Mule Deer Protection Restricted Account \$300,000; and projects funded from the Predator Control Restricted Account \$200,000.

7. Wildlife Resources Capital: \$649,400

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Wildlife Resources Capital line item in Item 12, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to Operations and Maintenance of the Hatchery Systems in the state: \$649,400.

8. Utah Geological Survey: \$960,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Utah Geological Survey in Item 14, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Mineral Lease Projects \$830,000; Computer Equipment/Software \$60,000; Equipment/Supplies \$40,000; Employee Training/Incentives \$30,000.

9. Water Resources: \$200,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Division of Water Resources in Item 15, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Current Expenses \$50,000; Computer Equipment/Software \$25,000; Special Projects/Studies \$125,000.

10. Water Rights: \$350,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Division of Water Rights in Item 16, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Computer Equipment/Software \$40,000; Adjudication \$50,000, Special Projects/Studies \$150,000; Employee Incentive/Training \$30,000, Equipment/Supplies \$50,000, Current Expense \$30,000.

Department of Agriculture and Food**11. Agriculture Administration: \$500,000**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the General Administration line item in Item 26, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Computer Equipment/Software \$35,000; Employee Training/Incentives \$140,000; Equipment/Supplies \$75,000; Special Projects/Studies \$250,000.

12. Animal Health: \$300,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the General Administration line item in Item 27, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Employee Training/Incentives \$75,000; Special Projects/Studies \$225,000.

13. Plant Industry: \$950,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the General Administration line item in Item 28, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Capital Equipment or Improvements \$100,000; Computer Equipment/Software \$50,000; Employee Training/Incentives \$60,000; Equipment/Supplies \$100,000; Vehicles \$40,000; Special Projects/Studies \$600,000.

14. Regulatory Services: \$750,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the General Administration line item in Item 26, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Computer Equipment/Software \$50,000; Employee Training/Incentives \$80,000; Equipment/Supplies \$100,000; Special Projects/Studies \$520,000.

15. Marketing and Development: \$200,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the General Administration line item in Item 26, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Employee Training/Incentives \$40,000; Equipment/Supplies \$50,000; Special Projects/Studies \$110,000.

16. Predatory Animal Control: \$320,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Predatory Animal Control in Item 30, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Employee Training/Incentives \$40,000; Equipment/Supplies \$50,000; Vehicles \$30,000; Special Projects/Studies \$200,000.

17. Resource Conservation: \$200,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Resource Conservation in Item 32, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Capital Equipment or Improvements \$30,000; Computer Equipment/Software \$25,000; Employee Training/Incentives \$20,000; Equipment/Supplies \$20,000; Vehicles \$25,000; Special Projects/Studies \$80,000.

18. Rangeland Improvement: \$1,000,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Rangeland Improvement in Item 33, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to rangeland improvement projects \$1,000,000.

19. Invasive Species Mitigation: \$1,000,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Invasive Species Mitigation in Item 32, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to invasive species mitigation projects \$1,000,000.

Department of Environmental Quality**20. Executive Director's Office: \$627,400**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Executive Director's Office in Item 17, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to high level nuclear waste opposition \$127,400; capital improvements/maintenance and equipment \$350,000; administrative law judge \$150,000.

21. Air Quality: \$400,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Division of Air Quality in Item 18, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to reducing future operating permit fees \$100,000; air monitoring equipment \$200,000; public awareness campaign \$100,000.

22. Drinking Water: \$210,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Division of Drinking Water in Item 22, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to computer and printer replacements \$10,000; special studies and database development \$200,000.

23. Solid and Hazardous Waste: \$425,000

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste in Item 23, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to antifreeze collection tanks \$300,000; community outreach and public education \$125,000.

24. *Office of Energy Development*

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Office of Energy Development in Item 25, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to commercial and industrial energy efficiency and renewable energy programs involving building improvements, infrastructure, transportation and agriculture: \$620,900; and, programs aimed at accomplishing the Governor's 10-year strategic energy plan: \$150,200.

25. *Public Lands Office*

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office in Item 24, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to litigation expenses: \$800,000.

26. *Stewardship of Public Lands*

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands in Item 117, Chapter 422, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are for the Commission to use at its discretion in carrying out its statutory duties: \$2,000,000.

Other Intent Language

Department of Natural Resources

27. Natural Resources Administration

- a. The Legislature intends that the Department of Natural Resources work with the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to identify ways to better optimize the resources of its financial operations, and report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee by November 30, 2015.
- b. The Legislature intends that the Department of Natural Resources transfer \$50,000 to the Bear Lake Commission to be expended only as a one-to-one match with funds from the State of Idaho.

28. Wildlife Resources Operations

- a. The legislature intends that up to \$180,000 be spent on livestock damage. \$90,000 will be from the General Fund and up to \$90,000 will be from the General Fund Restricted – Wildlife Resources account. The Legislature also intends that this appropriation shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015.
- b. 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 also intends that this appropriation shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015.

29. Parks and Recreation

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.

30. Water Rights

The Legislature intends that the Division of Water Rights work with the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to realign its appropriations unit structure to better match its operations.

31. Forestry, Fire, and State Lands

- a. The Legislature intends that Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands purchase two new vehicles in FY 2015 through the Division of Fleet Operations.
- b. The Legislature intends that the \$250,000 for Bear Lake Access be contingent upon at least a 50% match from other state and/or local sources.
- c. The Legislature intends that the \$50,000 for Jordan River bank stabilization be contingent upon a one-to-one match from non-state sources.
- d. The Legislature intends that the \$250,000 for LiDAR for Northern Utah be contingent upon a one-to-one match from other state, federal, and/or local sources.

Department of Agriculture and Food

32. Predatory Animal Control

The Legislature intends that Department of Agriculture and Food purchase one new vehicle in FY 2015 for the Predatory Animal Control line item.

33. Regulatory Services

The Legislature intends that Department of Agriculture and Food purchase one new vehicle in FY 2015 for the Regulatory Services line item.

34. Resource Conservation

The Legislature intends that Department of Agriculture and Food purchase seven new vehicles in FY 2015 for the Resource Conservation line item.