

1 **STATEWIDE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES EMERGENCY**2 **RESPONSE PLAN**

3 2021 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE6 **General Description:**7 This bill addresses the development of a statewide aquatic invasive species emergency
8 response plan.
910 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ defines terms;
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- 13 ▶ requires the Division of Wildlife Resources to:
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- 14 • develop a statewide aquatic invasive species emergency response plan aimed at
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- 15 remediating the spread of aquatic invasive species throughout the state;
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- 16 • present the statewide aquatic invasive species emergency response plan, any
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- 17 proposed legislation to effectuate the plan, and an estimate of the cost to
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- 18 effectuate the plan, to the Legislature for consideration; and
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- 19 • report to the Legislature on any events that require implementation of the plan.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 ENACTS:

26 **23-27-501**, Utah Code Annotated 195327

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*28 Section 1. Section **23-27-501** is enacted to read:29 **Part 5. Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Emergency Response Plan**30 **23-27-501. Aquatic Invasive Species Emergency Response Plan.**
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32 (1) As used in this section:

33 (a) "Committee" means the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
34 Committee.

35 (b) "Emergency response plan" means the statewide aquatic invasive species
36 emergency response plan developed by the division in accordance with this part.

37 (2) The division shall develop a statewide aquatic invasive species emergency response
38 plan to address the potential spread of aquatic invasive species throughout the state.

39 (3) In developing the emergency response plan, the division shall coordinate with
40 public and private entities that may be necessary or helpful to remediating the potential spread
41 of aquatic invasive species throughout the state.

42 (4) The emergency response plan shall:

43 (a) designate the division as the entity that will coordinate the implementation of the
44 emergency response plan;

45 (b) provide for annual review of the emergency response plan by the division;

46 (c) provide that the emergency response plan may only be implemented if the division
47 detects aquatic invasive species, including Dreissena mussels, at a water body, facility, or water
48 supply system within the state; and

49 (d) define what constitutes a detection of aquatic invasive species at a water body,
50 facility, or water supply system.

51 (5) On or before August 1, 2021, the division shall submit to the committee the
52 following:

53 (a) the emergency response plan;

54 (b) proposed legislation that may be necessary to effectuate the emergency response
55 plan or to increase the effectiveness of the emergency response plan; and

56 (c) an analysis and estimate of the cost to implement the emergency response plan.

57 (6) After receiving the items described in Subsection (5), the committee may:

58 (a) approve the emergency response plan;

59 (b) return the plan to the division for further study and evaluation;

60 (c) draft legislation proposed or requested by the division; or

61 (d) take action to further the funding of the emergency response plan.

62 (7) If an event requires the implementation of the emergency response plan, the

63 division shall report on that event and the implementation of the emergency response plan to
64 the committee.