

**Effective 7/1/2021**

**79-2-206 Transition -- Study.**

- (1) In accordance with Laws of Utah 2021 Chapter 280, the Department of Natural Resources assumes the policymaking functions, regulatory, and enforcement powers, rights, and duties of the Office of Energy Development existing on June 30, 2021.
- (2)
  - (a) Rules issued by the Office of Energy Development that are in effect on June 30, 2021, are not modified by Laws of Utah 2021 Chapter 280, and remain in effect until modified by the Department of Natural Resources, except that the agency administering the rule shall be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources in the same manner as the statutory responsibility is transferred under Laws of Utah 2021 Chapter 280.
  - (b) Rules issued by the Board of Parks and Recreation that are in effect on June 30, 2021, are not modified by Laws of Utah 2021 Chapter 280, and remain in effect until modified by the appropriate entity within the Department of Natural Resources, except that the agency administering the rule shall be transferred to the appropriate entity within the Department of Natural Resources in the same manner as the statutory responsibility is transferred under Laws of Utah 2021 Chapter 280.
- (3) A grant, contract, or agreement in effect on June 30, 2021, that is entered into by or issued by the Office of Energy Development remains in effect, except that:
  - (a) the agency administering the grant, contract, or agreement shall be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources in the same manner as the statutory responsibility is transferred under Laws of Utah 2021 Chapter 280; and
  - (b) the grant, contract, or agreement may be terminated under the terms of the grant, contract, or agreement.
- (4) A grant that is entered into or issued by the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation remains in effect, except that:
  - (a) except for an outdoor recreational infrastructure grant, the agency administering the grant shall be transferred to the Division of Recreation in the same manner as the statutory responsibility is transferred under Laws of Utah 2021 Chapter 280; and
  - (b) the grant may be terminated under the terms of the grant.
- (5)
  - (a) The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget shall submit recommendations to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by no later than the November 2021 interim meeting of the committee regarding possible restructuring to improve coordination between the Department of Natural Resources and the following:
    - (i) the Department of Environmental Quality;
    - (ii) the Division of Public Utilities;
    - (iii) the Office of Consumer Services; and
    - (iv) the Office of Rural Development.
  - (b) In conducting the study under this Subsection (5), the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget shall incorporate public feedback into forming the recommendations, including:
    - (i) holding at least two public meetings and listening sessions; and
    - (ii) publishing draft recommendations a minimum of 30 days before the November 2021 interim meeting to provide a comment period on the draft recommendations with adequate time for considering feedback and revisions to the recommendations.

Revisor instructions Chapter 280, 2021 General Session  
Enacted by Chapter 280, 2021 General Session

