

LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENT PROHIBITION

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses the planting and maintaining of lawn or turf.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits certain government or private entities from requiring a property owner or resident to plant or maintain lawn or turf.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

10-9a-535, Utah Code Annotated 1953**17-27a-531**, Utah Code Annotated 1953**57-8a-231**, Utah Code Annotated 1953**57-16-20**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*Section 1. Section **10-9a-535** is enacted to read:**10-9a-535. Lawn requirements.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

(b) "Lawn or turf" does not include a golf course, park, athletic field, or sod farm.

(2) A municipality may not enact or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or policy that requires, or has the effect of requiring, a property owner to plant or maintain lawn or turf on the property owner's property.

Section 2. Section **17-27a-531** is enacted to read:

17-27a-531. Lawn requirements.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

(b) "Lawn or turf" does not include a golf course, park, athletic field, or sod farm.

(2) A county may not enact or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or policy that requires, or has the effect of requiring, a property owner to plant or maintain lawn or turf on the property owner's property.

Section 3. Section **57-8a-231** is enacted to read:

57-8a-231. Lawn requirements.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

(b) "Lawn or turf" does not include a golf course, park, athletic field, or sod farm.

(2) An association may not enact or enforce a governing document that requires, or has the effect of requiring, a lot owner of a detached dwelling to plant or maintain lawn or turf on the lot owner's property.

Section 4. Section **57-16-20** is enacted to read:

57-16-20. Lawn requirements.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

(ii) "Lawn or turf" does not include a golf course, park, athletic field, or sod farm.

59 **(b) "Park operator" means an owner, operator, or manager of a mobile home park,**
60 **including an employee, agent, or independent contractor of the owner, operator, or manager.**

61 **(2) Notwithstanding Subsection [57-16-7](#)(3), a park operator may not require, or adopt a**
62 **rule that has the effect of requiring, a mobile park resident to plant or maintain lawn or turf on**
63 **the property that the mobile park resident leases or rents.**