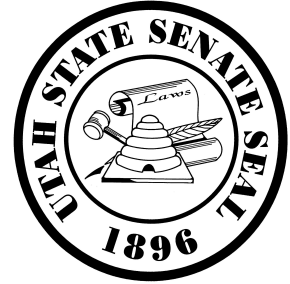




**Performance Note**  
**SB0200S01 - Compensatory**  
**Mitigation Program for Sage**  
**Grouse**

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**Performance Note Report**

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**Purpose:** To provide opportunities to allow responsible development of resources in Utah through mitigation of sage grouse habitat according to the Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse in Utah as developed and approved by the governor.

**Services:** The services provided by this program are opportunities to promote the conservation of the Greater Sage-grouse in Utah while providing opportunities for resources development including oil and gas development. This position will work to establish administrative rules to promote the conservation of the Sage-grouse through the establishment of a system that allows credits for conservation. Likewise, the system would allow for a person that seeks to develop land to purchase conservation credits. This position would work with the public, be required to hold public meetings for public feedback and to provide detailed accounting systems to account for the cost of the lands being mitigated.

**Expected Outcome:** The expectation is that the program will promote Utah's Greater Sage-grouse Conservation Plan while providing opportunities for business to develop lands in Utah. The disturbed areas would be required to mitigate at a ratio of 4 acres of mitigation to every 1 acre of disturbed habitat

**Implementations and Resources:** The bill will be implemented by this FTE within the fiscal year when the funding is available and appropriated. This is a self funded program. If there is no demand for the service the funding and the FTE will not be available.

**How:** The proposed activities will achieve two key goals of improved Sage-grouse habitat and multiple use of land resources in Utah.

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