

Performance Note HB0163 - Cultural Stewardship Amendments

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Performance Note Report

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Agency: Department of Heritage and Arts

Funding For:

Serving a New or Larger Population

Public Benefit:

Purpose: The purpose and duties of this new program are to operate a Statewide Cultural Site Stewardship system that will work collaboratively with State and Federal Agencies to coordinate volunteers to visit, monitor, and interpret significant sites on our public lands. There is no current central coordinator for the State of Utah, so this program will conduct training for these volunteers, coordinate sites for visitation, and manage the resulting data from those visits in protection and stewardship of cultural resources.

Services: The services provided by the funding increase are to provide a single full-time employee to be the coordinator for all of these stewardship activities. Duties of this position will include volunteer tracking, training, application development and implementation, accounting and measures collection, collaborative meetings with state and federal agencies, and other ancillary duties.

Expected Outcome: The expected outcome of this new program is to promote a higher level of public engagement with cultural resources on public lands by promoting active and engaged citizenry in the stewardship of these resources. This will empower local communities to protect, interpret, and steward these non-renewable resources for the next generation. Further, stewardship activities will increase awareness of the proper ways to care for these sites by locals and visitors and add potential economic benefit by showcasing world-class cultural resources not marred by graffiti or vandalism.

Implementations and Resources: The bill will be implemented by the hiring of a full-time employee, coordinating with existing cultural resources staff at the Utah Division of State History but also working collaboratively with federal and state agencies, but also non-profits whose purpose is to promote stewardship activities across the State. Further, the division shall create training manuals, presentations, forms and applications, and other related materials in order to execute this program.

How: The proposed activities will cause the State of Utah to be at the forefront of archaeological and cultural site stewardship regardless of land ownership, and foster greater communication and collaboration with other state and federal partners. Stewards will visit hundreds of sites per year, providing critical information on site condition and trends while also providing opportunities for stewards to engage with visitors to promote site visitation ethics.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: TBD

Description: TBD

Collection Method: TBD

	2020	2021	2022
Target	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

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