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CONSERVATION DISTRICT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION

1998 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Bradley T. Johnson

AN ACT RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS; APPROPRIATING \$400,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act enacts uncodified material.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Appropriation.

There is appropriated \$400,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 1998-99 to the

Department of Agriculture and Food for distribution to soil conservation districts, organized under

Title 17A, Chapter 3, Part 8, Soil Conservation Districts, for:

- (1) developing conservation plans for farmers and ranchers to keep the state's farmland productive and rivers and lakes clean;
- (2) engineering for loans from the Agriculture Resource Development Loan program and the Nonpoint Source Pollution program;
- (3) helping counties and cities to identify critical natural resources and development constraints;
- (4) educating the state's consumers about the necessity of important agricultural lands and protecting the state's natural resources; and
- (5) providing technical assistance to implement best management practices in carrying out state and federal conservation programs.

Section 2. Effective date.

This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.