

**RECREATION AND TOURISM RESEARCH AND  
EXTENSION PROGRAM**

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard**

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION AND RESEARCH PROGRAM ON OUTDOOR RECREATION AND TOURISM AT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY; PROVIDING A \$150,000 APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

**53B-18-601**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53B-18-601** is enacted to read:

**Part 6. Recreation and Tourism Program**

**53B-18-601. Recreation and Tourism Program.**

(1) There is appropriated for fiscal year 1998-99, \$150,000 from the General Fund to Utah State University for base budget funding to conduct a program of teaching, research, and extension on outdoor recreation and tourism.

(2) The university shall establish the program in the Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism in the College of Natural Resources.

(3) The extension and research program shall focus on at least three areas:

(a) tourism and outdoor recreation use;

(b) the social and economic tradeoffs of tourism and outdoor recreation for local communities; and

(c) the relationship between outdoor recreation and tourism and public land management practices and policies.

(4) The purpose of the program is to provide:

(a) better data for the Legislature and state agencies in their decision-making processes on

issues relating to tourism and outdoor recreation;

(b) a base of information and expertise to assist community officials as they attempt to balance the economic, social, and environmental tradeoffs in tourism development; and

(c) an interdisciplinary approach of research and study on outdoor recreation and tourism, a complex sector of the state's economy.

(5) The program shall include an office at the university for coordinating interdepartmental research and extension efforts with different agencies and institutions of higher education.

**Section 2. Effective date.**

This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.