

**APPROPRIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
LITERACY CURRICULUM**

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Dennis H. Iverson

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING A \$ ~~[\$99,000]~~ \$60,000 §

APPROPRIATION TO

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY TO ASSIST IN FUNDING THE ~~h~~ ~~[ACTIVITIES]~~

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING ~~h~~ OF ITS

CEDAR MOUNTAIN SCIENCE CENTER; PROVIDING THAT THE CENTER SHALL USE

THE APPROPRIATION FOR ~~h~~ ~~[ACTIVITIES]~~ **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING** ~~h~~ RELATED TO

THE DEVELOPMENT AND

IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRICULUM THAT FOCUSES ON BALANCED, INTEGRATED,

INTERDISCIPLINARY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION; AND PROVIDING AN

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act enacts uncoded material.

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

Section 1. **Appropriation.**

(1) Except as provided in H.B. 4, Appropriations Coordination Act, there is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000, \$ ~~[\$99,000]~~ \$60,000 § to Southern Utah University to help

fund the ~~h~~ ~~[activities]~~ **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING** ~~h~~ of its Cedar Mountain Science Center, hereafter referred to as the "center."

(2) The center shall use the appropriation for the following purposes:

(a) to coordinate the development of an upper elementary and middle school environmental education strategy that broadens the scope and quality of state education through a balanced, comprehensive, unbiased, and ~~h~~ ~~[multidisciplinary]~~ **INTERDISCIPLINARY** ~~h~~ approach to the study of environmental issues ~~h~~ **THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY** ~~h~~ ;

(b) to provide a professional development program at the center that will allow teachers to develop and implement curriculum which focuses on an integrated, interdisciplinary study of

- 26 the natural world and its relationship to economics and the community;
- 27 (c) to offer and evaluate pilot programs, primarily at **h UPPER ELEMENTARY AND** h middle
- 27a schools, that focus on

28 integrated, interdisciplinary environmental education; and

29 (d) to pilot a residential science summer camp for students.

29a h (3) CURRICULUM DEVELOPED AT THE CENTER MAY NOT BE USED IN THE PUBLIC
29b SCHOOLS UNTIL REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. h

30 h [(3)] (4) h The university shall closely monitor the activities of the center and report its
30a findings.

31 together with recommendations regarding ongoing funding, to the Legislative Education Interim
32 Committee prior to November 30, 1999.

33 h [(4)] (5) h The money appropriated in Subsection (1) is nonlapsing.

34 Section 2. **Effective date.**

35 This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.

Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel