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1 APPROPRIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL 2 LITERACY CURRICULUM

3 1999 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Dennis H. Iverson**

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

6a APPROPRIATION TO

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

7a **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING** ~~h~~ OF ITS

8 CEDAR MOUNTAIN SCIENCE CENTER; PROVIDING THAT THE CENTER SHALL USE

9 THE APPROPRIATION FOR ~~h [ACTIVITIES]~~ **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING** ~~h~~ RELATED TO
9a THE DEVELOPMENT AND

10 IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRICULUM THAT FOCUSES ON BALANCED, INTEGRATED,

11 INTERDISCIPLINARY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION; AND PROVIDING AN

12 EFFECTIVE DATE.

13 This act enacts uncodified material.

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

15 **Section 1. Appropriation.**

16 (1) Except as provided in H.B. 4, Appropriations Coordination Act, there is appropriated

17 from the General Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000, § ~~\$99,000~~ \$60,000 § to Southern Utah University

17a to help

18 fund the ~~h [activities]~~ **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING** ~~h~~ of its Cedar Mountain Science Center,

18a hereafter referred to as the "center."

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

20 (a) to coordinate the development of an upper elementary and middle school

21 environmental education strategy that broadens the scope and quality of state education through

22 a balanced, comprehensive, unbiased, and ~~h~~ **multidisciplinary** **INTERDISCIPLINARY** ~~h~~ approach to
22a the study of environmental

23 issues ~~h~~ **THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY** ~~h~~ ;

24 (b) to provide a professional development program at the center that will allow teachers

25 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 the **UPPER ELEMENTARY AND** the **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.

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