

**APPROPRIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
LITERACY CURRICULUM**

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Dennis H. Iverson**

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING A \$60,000 APPROPRIATION TO SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY TO ASSIST IN FUNDING THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING OF ITS CEDAR MOUNTAIN SCIENCE CENTER; PROVIDING THAT THE CENTER SHALL USE THE APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRICULUM THAT FOCUSES ON BALANCED, INTEGRATED, INTERDISCIPLINARY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act enacts uncodified material.

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

**Section 1. Appropriation.**

(1) There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000, \$60,000 to Southern Utah University to help fund the educational programming 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 interdisciplinary approach to the study of environmental issues through the process of scientific inquiry;

(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 the natural world and its relationship to economics and the community;

(c) to offer and evaluate pilot programs, primarily at upper elementary and middle schools, that focus on integrated, interdisciplinary environmental education; and

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

(3) Curriculum developed at the center may not be used in the public schools until reviewed and approved by the State Board of Education.

(4) The university shall closely monitor the activities of the center and report its findings, together with recommendations regarding ongoing funding, to the Legislative Education Interim Committee prior to November 30, 1999.

(5) The money appropriated in Subsection (1) is nonlapsing.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.