

Representative David Ure proposes the following substitute bill:

CONSERVATION EASEMENT ENDOWMENT

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Beverly Ann Evans

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Natural Resources Conservation Easement Monitoring Endowment Account and the Agriculture Conservation Easement Monitoring Endowment Account.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates within the General Fund two restricted accounts consisting of grants and donations from foundations, the Quality Growth Commission, the state and federal governments, and landowners; and

- ▶ specifies that the funds are to be used to monitor or assist in the limited maintenance of conservation easements held by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

4-2-8.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953



26 **63-34-20**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

29 Section 1. Section **4-2-8.5** is enacted to read:

30 **4-2-8.5. Agriculture Conservation Easement Monitoring Endowment Restricted**
31 **Account.**

32 (1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the
33 Agriculture Conservation Easement Monitoring Endowment Restricted Account.

34 (2) The Agriculture Conservation Easement Monitoring Endowment Account consists
35 of:

36 (a) grants from private foundations;

37 (b) grants from the state or federal government;

38 (c) grants from the Quality Growth Commission created under Section 11-38-201;

39 (d) donations from landowners provided for the purpose of monitoring or assisting in
40 the limited maintenance of conservation easements;

41 (e) donations from any other person; and

42 (f) interest on account monies.

43 (3) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, monies from the account shall be used to
44 monitor or assist in the limited maintenance of conservation easements held by divisions in the
45 Department of Agriculture and Food.

46 (4) Donations of money deposited into the account and interest on that money shall be
47 expended:

48 (a) as directed by the donor; and

49 (b) without being appropriated by the Legislature.

50 Section 2. Section **63-34-20** is enacted to read:

51 **63-34-20. Natural Resources Conservation Easement Monitoring Endowment**
52 **Restricted Account.**

53 (1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the Natural
54 Resources Conservation Easement Monitoring Endowment Account.

55 (2) The Natural Resources Conservation Easement Monitoring Endowment Account
56 consists of:

- 57 (a) grants from private foundations;
- 58 (b) grants from the state or federal government;
- 59 (c) grants from the Quality Growth Commission created under Section 11-38-201;
- 60 (d) donations from landowners provided for the purpose of monitoring or assisting in
61 the limited maintenance of conservation easements;
- 62 (e) donations from any other person; and
- 63 (f) interest on account monies.
- 64 (3) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, monies from the account shall be used to
65 monitor or assist in the limited maintenance of conservation easements held by divisions in the
66 Department of Natural Resources.
- 67 (4) Donations of money deposited into the account and interest on that money shall be
68 expended:
- 69 (a) as directed by the donor; and
- 70 (b) without being appropriated by the Legislature.