

POLLINATOR AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ashlee Matthews

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a pilot program to address issues related to pollinators.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ directs the Department of Agriculture and Food to create a pollinator pilot program;
- ▶ permits the department to coordinate with entities related to the pilot program;
- ▶ authorizes rulemaking;
- ▶ enacts a sunset date; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2022:

- ▶ to Southern Utah University - Education and General, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the Education Fund, \$60,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 154 and 232

ENACTS:

4-2-701, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

30 Section 1. Section **4-2-701** is enacted to read:

31 **Part 7. Pollinator Pilot Program**

32 **4-2-701. Pollinator pilot program.**

33 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the department shall implement a
34 three-year pollinator pilot program that includes one or more of the following:

35 (a) public education efforts that include workshops, planting guides, or a public
36 education campaign to raise awareness about creating pollinator habitats;

37 (b) distribution of pollinator-friendly native flowering plants or seeds for native
38 flowering plants for planting within the state to protect a diversity of pollinators;

39 (c) pollinator programs run by local governments and nonprofit organizations with
40 support from the department; and

41 (d) grants that:

42 (i) are provided on a first-come-first-serve basis; and

43 (ii) cover up to 25% of the costs for the planting of pollinator-friendly native flowering
44 plants or seeds for native flowering plants on private or public land.

45 (2) (a) The cost to the department related to the native flowering plants or seeds
46 described in Subsection (1) may not exceed \$60,000 in a fiscal year.

47 (b) The department may coordinate with the federal government, other state agencies,
48 state institutions of higher education, or political subdivisions to provide for the activities
49 described in Subsection (1).

50 (c) The department may designate smaller areas of the state to begin the activities
51 described in Subsection (1).

52 (3) The department may make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
53 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish:

54 (a) the criteria for receiving a grant under this section; and

55 (b) the process to apply for and receive a grant under this section.

56 Section 2. Section **63I-1-204** is amended to read:

57 **63I-1-204. Repeal dates, Title 4.**

58 (1) Section 4-2-108, which creates the Agricultural Advisory Board, is repealed July 1,
59 2023.

60 (2) Title 4, Chapter 2, Part 7, Pollinator Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2024.

61 [(2)] (3) Section 4-17-104, which creates the State Weed Committee, is repealed July
62 1, 2021.

63 [(3)] (4) Section 4-20-103, which creates the State Grazing Advisory Board, is repealed
64 July 1, 2022.

65 [(4)] (5) Sections 4-23-104 and 4-23-105, which create the Agricultural and Wildlife
66 Damage Prevention Board, are repealed July 1, 2024.

67 [(5)] (6) Section 4-24-104, which creates the Livestock Brand Board, is repealed July
68 1, 2025.

69 [(6)] (7) Section 4-35-103, which creates the Decision and Action Committee, is
70 repealed July 1, 2026.

71 [(7)] (8) Section 4-39-104, which creates the Domesticated Elk Act Advisory Council,
72 is repealed July 1, 2027.

73 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

74 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
75 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
76 fiscal year 2022. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
77 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
78 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

79 ITEM 1

80 To Southern Utah University - Education and General

81 From Education Fund \$60,000

82 Schedule of Programs:

83 Education and General \$60,000

84 It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriations in this item be used to assist
85 with the implementation of the pollinator pilot program enacted in Section 4-2-701.

