

**POLLINATOR AMENDMENTS**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ashlee Matthews**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

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

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ directs the Department of Natural Resources 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:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-1-279**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 154

ENACTS:

**79-2-405**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section **63I-1-279** is amended to read:

29 **63I-1-279. Repeal dates, Title 79.**

30 (1) Subsection **79-2-201(2)(n)**, related to the Heritage Trees Advisory Committee, is  
31 repealed July 1, 2026.

32 (2) Subsection **79-2-201(2)(o)**, related to the Recreational Trails Advisory Council, is  
33 repealed July 1, 2027.

34 (3) Subsection **79-2-201(2)(p)**, related to the Boating Advisory Council, is repealed  
35 July 1, 2024.

36 (4) Subsection **79-2-201(2)(q)**, related to the Wildlife Board Nominating Committee, is  
37 repealed July 1, 2023.

38 (5) Subsection **79-2-201(2)(r)**, related to regional advisory councils for the Wildlife  
39 Board, is repealed July 1, 2023.

40 (6) Section **79-2-405** is repealed July 1, 2024.

41 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Title 79, Chapter 5, Part 2, Advisory Council, which creates the Recreational  
42 Trails Advisory Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.

43 Section 2. Section **79-2-405** is enacted to read:

44 **79-2-405. Pollinator pilot program.**

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

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

49 (b) distribution of pollinator-friendly forbs and legumes for planting within the state to  
50 protect a diversity of pollinators;

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

53 (d) grants that:

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

55 (ii) cover up to 25% of the costs for the planting of pollinator-friendly forbs and  
56 legumes on private or public land; and

57 (iii) in total do not exceed \$250,000 each fiscal year.

58 (2) The department may coordinate with the federal government, other state agencies,

59 state institutions of higher education, or political subdivisions to provide for the activities  
60 described in Subsection (1).

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

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

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