

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FUND

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Casey Snider

Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to funding conservation and exposition programs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Wildlife Conservation Fund; and
- ▶ outlines what the fund consists of and how it can be distributed.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

23-13-20, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **23-13-20** is enacted to read:

23-13-20. Wildlife Conservation Fund.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Fund" means the Wildlife Conservation Fund created by this section.



28 (b) "Wildlife conservation permit program" means a program under which the division
29 issues permit opportunities to be sold by a conservation organization for auction to the highest
30 bidder at a fund-raising event.

31 (c) "Wildlife exposition program" means a program under which the division allocates
32 permits to a drawing administered by a selected conservation organization as part of a regional
33 or national exposition for the purpose of generating revenue to fund wildlife conservation
34 activities in Utah.

35 (2) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Wildlife
36 Conservation Fund."

37 (3) The fund consists of:

38 (a) wildlife conservation permit program revenue transferred to the division pursuant to
39 rules, made by the Wildlife Board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
40 Administrative Rulemaking Act;

41 (b) wildlife exposition program revenue transferred to the division pursuant to rules,
42 made by the Wildlife Board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
43 Rulemaking Act;

44 (c) money appropriated to the fund by the Legislature;

45 (d) contributions, grants, gifts, transfers, bequests, and donations to the fund accepted
46 by the division and specifically directed to the fund; and

47 (e) interest and earnings on the fund.

48 (4) (a) The fund shall earn interest and other earnings.

49 (b) The interest and earnings described in Subsection (4)(a) shall be deposited into the
50 fund.

51 (5) (a) The division shall use proceeds in the fund to carry out the purposes of the
52 wildlife conservation permit program or wildlife exposition program.

53 (b) Deposits into and expenditures from the fund shall specifically identify the wildlife
54 conservation permit program or wildlife exposition program to which the deposits and
55 expenditures apply.

56 (c) The division shall make expenditures from the fund consistent with the rules
57 governing the applicable program.

57a **Ĥ→ (6) The division shall annually report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and**
57b **Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee regarding the amount of money in the**
57c **fund from the sources of money for the fund and how the money is expended. ←Ĥ**