

**OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**§→ [Committee Note:**

~~————— The Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee recommended  
this bill:~~

~~————— Legislative Vote: 8 voting for 1 voting against 5 absent] ←§~~

**General Description:**

This bill makes changes related to outdoor recreation infrastructure.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ clarifies the definition for outdoor recreation infrastructure;

**§→ ▶ includes additional authorized uses for funds in the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure**

**Restricted Account; ←§**

▶ allows the division to reimburse itself for costs from the Outdoor Adventure

Infrastructure Restricted Account; and

▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**51-9-901**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 77

**51-9-902**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 183, 471



59 ~~[(c) water recreation infrastructure, including a pier, dock, or boat ramp; or]~~  
 60 ~~[(d) outdoor recreation facilities that are accessible to visitors with disabilities.]~~

61 ~~[(2)]~~ (1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the  
 62 "Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account."

63 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) The account shall consist of:

64 (a) money deposited into the account under Subsection 59-12-103(15); and

65 (b) interest and earnings on money in the account.

66 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) Subject to appropriation from the Legislature, money from the account shall  
 67 be used for:

68 (a) new construction of outdoor recreation infrastructure;

69 (b) upgrades of outdoor recreation infrastructure;

70 (c) the replacement of or structural improvements to outdoor recreation infrastructure;

71 (d) the acquisition of land, a right-of-way, or easement used in relationship to outdoor  
 72 recreation infrastructure; ~~H→~~ ~~[or]~~ ~~←H~~

73 (e) providing access from state highways, as defined in Section 72-1-102, to outdoor  
 74 recreation infrastructure ~~H→~~ ~~[:]~~ ;

74a **(f) the costs associated with bringing new construction or upgrades of outdoor**  
 74b **recreation infrastructure into environmental compliance; ~~S→~~ ~~[or]~~ ~~←S~~**

74c **(g) strategic planning related to the development of outdoor recreation infrastructure**  
 74c1 **~~S→~~ ~~[:]~~ ; or**

74c2 **(h) facilitating avalanche safety forecasting to protect the public in relation to outdoor**  
 74c3 **recreation infrastructure. ~~←S~~**  
 74d **~~←H~~**

75 ~~[(5)]~~ (4) For each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2023-2024, the Division of  
 76 Finance shall, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, distribute money from the Outdoor  
 77 Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account as follows:

78 (a) at least 15% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks -  
 79 Capital, to be expended using the department's existing prioritization process for capital  
 80 projects in state parks described in Subsection ~~[(4)]~~ (3);

81 (b) at least 22% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Outdoor  
 82 Recreation - Capital, to be expended for competitive Recreation Restoration Infrastructure  
 83 grants or Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure grants for outdoor recreation capital projects and  
 84 related maintenance expenses, where maintenance expenses do not exceed 15% of the  
 85 appropriation; and

86 (c) at least 53% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Outdoor  
 87 Recreation - Capital, to be expended for larger outdoor recreation infrastructure projects  
 88 described in Subsection ~~H→~~ [3] (3) ~~←H~~ as recommended to the Legislature by the Outdoor

88a Adventure

89 Commission ~~[described in Subsection (4)]~~.