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OUTDOOR RECREATION AMENDMENTS
2024 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens
Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill authorizes private support for maintenance of outdoor recreation infrastructure.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- permits the Division of Outdoor Recreation to accept private funding and labor for maintenance of outdoor recreation infrastructure;
- grants the division rulemaking authority regarding private funding and labor for maintenance of outdoor recreation infrastructure; and
- provides a repeal date, subject to legislative review.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-279, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 211

ENACTS:

79-7-601, Utah Code Annotated 1953

79-7-602, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

63I-1-279 . Repeal dates: Title 79.

- 28 (1) Subsection 79-2-201(2)(p), related to the Heritage Trees Advisory Committee, is
 29 repealed July 1, 2026.
- 30 (2) Subsection 79-2-201(2)(q), related to the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure
 31 Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 32 (3) Subsection 79-2-201(2)(r)(i), related to an advisory council created by the Division of
 33 Outdoor Recreation to advise on boating policies, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 34 (4) Subsection 79-2-201(2)(s), related to the Wildlife Board Nominating Committee, is
 35 repealed July 1, 2028.
- 36 (5) Subsection 79-2-201(2)(t), related to regional advisory councils for the Wildlife Board,
 37 is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 38 (6) Section 79-7-206, creating the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory
 39 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 40 (7) Title 79, Chapter 7, Part 6, Private Maintenance, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 41 ~~(7)~~ (8) Title 79, Chapter 8, Part 4, Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program, is
 42 repealed January 1, 2028.

43 Section 2. Section **79-7-601** is enacted to read:

44 **Part 6. Private Maintenance**

45 **79-7-601 . Definitions.**

46 As used in this part:

- 47 (1) "Director" means the director of the division, as described in Section 79-7-202.
- 48 (2) "Outdoor recreation infrastructure" means the same as that term is defined in Section
 49 51-9-901.

50 Section 3. Section **79-7-602** is enacted to read:

51 **79-7-602 . Private funding for maintenance of outdoor recreation infrastructure.**

- 52 (1) The division may:
- 53 (a) permit a person to volunteer labor or funding to maintain outdoor recreation
 54 infrastructure; and
- 55 (b) recognize the person providing the labor or funding through signage or other
 56 indication.
- 57 (2) A person desiring to volunteer labor or funding to maintain outdoor recreation
 58 infrastructure shall submit an application to the division on a form provided by the
 59 division.
- 60 (3) The director shall appoint a manager to oversee the administration of this section.

61 (4) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
62 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to implement Subsection (1), including rules for:

63 (a) outdoor recreation infrastructure maintenance;

64 (b) partnerships between private and public entities; and

65 (c) the duties of the manager.

66 Section 4. **Effective date.**

67 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.