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EGG PRODUCTION AMENDMENTS
2024 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell
House Sponsor: Jefferson S. Burton

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to the confinement of egg-laying hens.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- extends the deadline for a farm owner or operator to have a cage-free housing system for an egg-laying hen in an enclosure; and
- requires the department to provide a report to the Business and Labor Interim Committee related to farm owner and operator implementation of the cage-free requirement.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

4-4a-103, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 323

4-4a-107, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 323

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

Section 1. Section **4-4a-103** is amended to read:

4-4a-103 . Prohibitions.

Beginning on January 1, [2025] 2030, a farm owner or operator may not knowingly confine an egg-laying hen in an enclosure:

- (1) that is not a cage-free housing system; or
- (2) that has less than the amount of usable floor space per hen as required by the 2017 edition of the United Egg Producers' Animal Husbandry Guidelines for U.S. Egg-Laying

29 Flocks: Guidelines for Cage-Free Housing.

30 Section 2. Section ~~4-4a-107~~ is amended to read:

31 **4-4a-107 . Report.**

32 (1) The department shall provide a report on this chapter to the Business and Labor Interim
33 Committee [~~during or before the November interim meeting in 2023~~] at an interim
34 meeting in 2027 that occurs before October 31.

35 (2) The report described in Subsection (1) shall include an update on:

36 (a) [~~efforts taken~~] the progress by farm owners and operators to [~~come into compliance~~]
37 comply with Section 4-4a-103; and

38 (b) the retail demand for and conditions related to the sale of cage-free eggs.

39 Section 3. **Effective date.**

40 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.