

**Representative Raymond P. Ward** proposes the following substitute bill:

**LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward**

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

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses the planting and maintaining of lawn or turf.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits certain government or private entities from requiring a property owner or resident to meet certain landscaping requirements; and
- ▶ directs the government or private entities to provide landscaping alternatives.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

**ENACTS:**

**10-9a-535**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**17-27a-531**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**57-8a-231**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



26 Section 1. Section **10-9a-535** is enacted to read:

27 **10-9a-535. Lawn requirements.**

28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land  
30 planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

31 (b) "Lawn or turf" does not include a:

32 (i) golf course;

33 (ii) park;

34 (iii) athletic field;

35 (iv) sod farm;

36 (v) stormwater retention basin; or

37 (vi) shared recreational or common area in a multi-family housing development of five  
38 acres or greater.

39 (2) A municipality may not enact an ordinance, resolution, or policy that requires, or  
40 has the effect of requiring, a property owner to plant or maintain only lawn or turf on any  
41 portion or percentage of the landscaped portion of the property owner's property.

42 (3) A municipality shall provide a property owner with landscaping alternatives to be  
43 used in place of lawn or turf.

44 Section 2. Section **17-27a-531** is enacted to read:

45 **17-27a-531. Lawn requirements.**

46 (1) As used in this section:

47 (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land  
48 planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

49 (b) "Lawn or turf" does not include a:

50 (i) golf course;

51 (ii) park;

52 (iii) athletic field;

53 (iv) sod farm;

54 (v) stormwater retention basin; or

55 (vi) shared recreational or common area in a multi-family housing development of five  
56 acres or greater.

57 (2) A county may not enact an ordinance, resolution, or policy that requires, or has the  
58 effect of requiring, a property owner to plant or maintain only lawn or turf on any portion or  
59 percentage of the landscaped portion of the property owner's property.

60 (3) A county shall provide a property owner with landscaping alternatives to be used in  
61 place of lawn or turf.

62 Section 3. Section **57-8a-231** is enacted to read:

63 **57-8a-231. Lawn requirements.**

64 (1) As used in this section:

65 (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land  
66 planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

67 (b) "Lawn or turf" does not include a:

68 (i) golf course;

69 (ii) park;

70 (iii) athletic field;

71 (iv) sod farm;

72 (v) stormwater retention basin; or

73 (vi) shared recreational or common area in a multi-family housing development of five  
74 acres or greater.

75 (2) An association may not enact a governing document that requires, or has the effect  
76 of requiring, a lot owner of a detached dwelling to plant or maintain only lawn or turf on any  
77 portion or percentage of the landscaped portion of the lot owner's property.

78 (3) An association shall provide a lot owner with landscaping alternatives to be used in  
79 place of lawn or turf.