

**OUTDOOR RECREATION AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens**

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

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**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



28 [79-7-602](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

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

32 **63I-1-279. Repeal dates: Title 79.**

33 (1) Subsection [79-2-201\(2\)\(p\)](#), related to the Heritage Trees Advisory Committee, is  
34 repealed July 1, 2026.

35 (2) Subsection [79-2-201\(2\)\(q\)](#), related to the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure  
36 Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.

37 (3) Subsection [79-2-201\(2\)\(r\)\(i\)](#), related to an advisory council created by the Division  
38 of Outdoor Recreation to advise on boating policies, is repealed July 1, 2024.

39 (4) Subsection [79-2-201\(2\)\(s\)](#), related to the Wildlife Board Nominating Committee, is  
40 repealed July 1, 2028.

41 (5) Subsection [79-2-201\(2\)\(t\)](#), related to regional advisory councils for the Wildlife  
42 Board, is repealed July 1, 2028.

43 (6) Section [79-7-206](#), creating the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory  
44 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.

45 (7) Title 79, Chapter 7, Part 6, Private Maintenance, is repealed July 1, 2029.

46 ~~(7)~~ (8) Title 79, Chapter 8, Part 4, Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant  
47 Program, is repealed January 1, 2028.

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

49 **Part 6. Private Maintenance**

50 **79-7-601. Definitions.**

51 As used in this part:

52 (1) "Director" means the director of the division, as described in Section [79-7-202](#).

53 (2) "Outdoor recreation infrastructure" means that same as that term is defined in  
54 Section [51-9-901](#).

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

56 **79-7-602. Private funding for maintenance of outdoor recreation infrastructure.**

57 (1) The division may:

58 (a) permit a person to volunteer labor or funding to maintain outdoor recreation

59 infrastructure; and

60 (b) recognize the person providing the labor or funding through signage or other  
61 indication.

62 (2) A person desiring to volunteer labor or funding to maintain outdoor recreation  
63 infrastructure shall submit an application to the division on a form provided by the division.

64 (3) The director shall appoint a manager to oversee the administration of this section.

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

67 (a) outdoor recreation infrastructure maintenance;

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

69 (c) the duties of the manager.

70 **Section 4. Effective date.**

71 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.