

**OUTDOOR RECREATION OFFICE ACT**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson**

House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts the Outdoor Recreation Office Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Outdoor Recreation Office;
- ▶ establishes the purposes of the Outdoor Recreation Office;
- ▶ provides for the appointment of a director to administer the Outdoor Recreation Office;
- ▶ establishes the duties of the director; and
- ▶ requires the director to submit an annual report to legislative committees.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**63M-1-3201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63M-1-3202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63M-1-3203**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63M-1-3204**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63M-1-3205**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63M-1-3206**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63M-1-3201** is enacted to read:

**Part 32. Utah Outdoor Recreation Office Act**

**63M-1-3201. Title.**

This part is known as "Utah Outdoor Recreation Office Act."

Section 2. Section **63M-1-3202** is enacted to read:

**63M-1-3202. Definitions.**

As used in this part:

(1) "Director" means the director of the office.

(2) "Executive director" means the director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development created in Section 63M-1-201.

(3) "Office" means the Outdoor Recreation Office created in Section 63M-1-3204.

Section 3. Section **63M-1-3203** is enacted to read:

**63M-1-3203. Policy.**

It is the declared policy of the state that outdoor recreation is vital to a diverse economy and a healthy community.

Section 4. Section **63M-1-3204** is enacted to read:

**63M-1-3204. Creation of office and appointment of director -- Purposes of office.**

(1) There is created within the Governor's Office of Economic Development an Outdoor Recreation Office.

(2) (a) The executive director shall appoint a director of the office.

(b) The director shall report to the executive director and may appoint staff.

(3) The purposes of the office are to:

(a) coordinate outdoor recreation policy, management, and promotion:

(i) among state and federal agencies and local government entities in the state; and

(ii) with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office created in Section 63J-4-602, if public land is involved;

- 58 (b) promote economic development by:
- 59 (i) coordinating with outdoor recreation stakeholders;
- 60 (ii) improving recreational opportunities; and
- 61 (iii) recruiting outdoor recreation business;
- 62 (c) recommend to the governor and Legislature policies and initiatives to enhance
- 63 recreational amenities and experiences in the state and help implement those policies and
- 64 initiatives;
- 65 (d) develop data regarding the impacts of outdoor recreation in the state; and
- 66 (e) promote the health and social benefits of outdoor recreation, especially to young
- 67 people.

68 Section 5. Section **63M-1-3205** is enacted to read:

69 **63M-1-3205. Duties of director.**

70 (1) The director shall:

- 71 (a) assure that the purposes outlined in Subsection 63M-1-3204(3) are fulfilled; and
- 72 (b) organize and provide administrative oversight to the office staff.

73 (2) By following the procedures and requirements of Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal

74 Funds Procedures Act, the office may:

- 75 (a) seek federal grants or loans;
- 76 (b) seek to participate in federal programs; and
- 77 (c) in accordance with applicable federal program guidelines, administer federally
- 78 funded outdoor recreation programs.

79 (3) For purposes of administering this part, the office may make rules in accordance

80 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

81 Section 6. Section **63M-1-3206** is enacted to read:

82 **63M-1-3206. Report to legislative committees.**

83 Before November 1 of each year, the director shall submit an annual report to the

84 Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee and the Natural

85 Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.

86           Section 7. **Effective date.**

87           If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect  
88 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
89 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,  
90 the date of veto override.