

**Agriculture and Food Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill addresses provisions related to the Department of Agriculture and Food.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- updates the names of the members of the Agricultural Advisory Board;
- creates an expendable special revenue account for the weights and measures program administered by the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- clarifies the percentage of funds from the Agriculture Resource Development Fund that the department may use for disaster relief programs;
- modifies the term "brand" to remove a tattoo as an identifiable mark and the brisket area as a brand location;
- authorizes the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food to remove a board member of a conservation district;
- provides that an applicant for an agricultural water optimization grant may consult with the Division of Water Rights regarding the necessity of a change application or quantification of saved water;
- transfers the obligation to report on the agricultural water optimization program to the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- repeals a provision that requires the registration of farm names with the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

31 **4-2-108 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/28)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah  
 32 2022, Chapters 274, 126  
 33 **4-2-203 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 131  
 34 **4-18-106 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 91  
 35 **4-24-102 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 59  
 36 **17D-3-301 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 311  
 37 **73-10g-206 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/28)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah  
 38 2024, Chapter 233  
 39 **73-10g-207 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/28)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023,  
 40 Chapter 261

41 ENACTS:

42 **4-9-119 (Effective 05/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

43 REPEALS:

44 **4-9-101 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345  
 45 **4-18-101 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2013,  
 46 Chapter 227  
 47 **4-24-101 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017,  
 48 Chapter 345  
 49 **17D-3-101 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 360  
 50 **42-3-1 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 302  
 51 **42-3-2 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183  
 52 **42-3-3 (Effective 05/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953  
 53 **42-3-4 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183  
 54 **42-3-5 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 148  
 55 **73-10g-201 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/28)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018,  
 56 Chapter 143

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

59 Section 1. Section **4-2-108** is amended to read:

60 **4-2-108 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/28). Agricultural Advisory Board**  
 61 **created -- Composition -- Responsibility -- Terms of office -- Compensation -- Executive**  
 62 **committee.**

63 (1) There is created the Agricultural Advisory Board composed of the following 21  
 64 members:

- 65 (a) the dean of the [~~College of Agriculture and Applied Science from Utah State~~  
66 ~~University]~~ S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
67 at Utah State University; and
- 68 (b) the following appointed by the commissioner:
- 69 (i) two representatives of associations representing interests of farmers, selected from  
70 a list of nominees submitted by at least two associations representing farmers;
- 71 (ii) [a] one representative of an association representing cattlemen, selected from a list  
72 of nominees submitted by at least one association representing cattlemen;
- 73 (iii) one representative of an association representing wool growers, selected from a  
74 list of nominees submitted by at least one association representing wool growers;
- 75 (iv) one representative of an association representing dairies, selected from a list of  
76 nominees submitted by at least one association representing dairies;
- 77 (v) one representative of an association representing pork producers, selected from a  
78 list of nominees submitted by at least one association representing pork producers;
- 79 (vi) one representative of egg and poultry producers;
- 80 (vii) one representative of an association representing veterinarians, selected from a  
81 list of nominees submitted by at least one association representing veterinarians;
- 82 (viii) one representative of an association representing livestock auctions, selected  
83 from a list of nominees submitted by at least one association representing  
84 livestock auctions;
- 85 (ix) one representative of an association representing conservation districts, selected  
86 from a list of nominees submitted by at least one association representing  
87 conservation districts;
- 88 (x) one representative of the Utah horse industry;
- 89 (xi) one representative of the food processing industry;
- 90 (xii) one representative of the fruit and vegetable industry;
- 91 (xiii) one representative of the turkey industry;
- 92 (xiv) one representative of manufacturers of food supplements;
- 93 (xv) one representative of a consumer affairs group;
- 94 (xvi) one representative of urban and small farmers;
- 95 (xvii) one representative of an association representing elk breeders, selected from a  
96 list of nominees submitted by at least one association representing elk breeders;
- 97 (xviii) one representative of an association representing beekeepers, selected from a  
98 list of nominees submitted by at least one association representing beekeepers; and

- 99 (xix) one representative of fur breeders, selected from a list of nominees submitted by  
100 at least one association representing fur breeders.
- 101 (2) The Agricultural Advisory Board shall:
- 102 (a) advise the commissioner regarding:
- 103 (i) the planning, implementation, and administration of the department's programs;  
104 and
- 105 (ii) the establishment of standards governing the care of livestock and poultry,  
106 including consideration of:
- 107 (A) food safety;  
108 (B) local availability and affordability of food; and  
109 (C) acceptable practices for livestock and farm management; and
- 110 (b) adopt best management practices for sheep, swine, cattle, and poultry industries in  
111 the state.
- 112 (3) The Agricultural Advisory Board may adopt best management practices for  
113 domesticated elk, mink, apiaries, and other agricultural industries in the state.
- 114 (4) For purposes of this section, "best management practices" means practices used by  
115 agriculture in the production of food and fiber that are commonly accepted practices, or  
116 that are at least as effective as commonly accepted practices, and that:
- 117 (a) protect the environment;  
118 (b) protect human health; and  
119 (c) promote the financial viability of agricultural production.
- 120 (5)(a) Except as required by Subsection (1)(a) or (5)(b), members of the Agricultural  
121 Advisory Board are appointed by the commissioner to four-year terms of office.
- 122 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (5)(a), the commissioner shall, at  
123 the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that  
124 the terms of board members are staggered so that approximately half of the board is  
125 appointed every two years.
- 126 (c) A member may be removed at the discretion of the commissioner upon the request of  
127 the group the member represents.
- 128 (d) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the commissioner shall  
129 appoint a replacement for the unexpired term.
- 130 (6) The Agricultural Advisory Board shall elect one member to serve as chair of the  
131 Agricultural Advisory Board for a term of one year.
- 132 (7)(a) The Agricultural Advisory Board shall meet twice a year, but may meet more

- 133 often at the discretion of the chair.
- 134 (b) Attendance of 11 members at a duly called meeting of the Agricultural Advisory  
135 Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of official business.
- 136 (8) A member of the Agricultural Advisory Board may not receive compensation or  
137 benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in  
138 accordance with:
- 139 (a) Section 63A-3-106;  
140 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and  
141 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and  
142 63A-3-107.
- 143 (9)(a) There is created an executive committee of the Agricultural Advisory Board  
144 consisting of the following seven members selected from members of the  
145 Agricultural Advisory Board:
- 146 (i) the two representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b)(i);  
147 (ii) the representative appointed under Subsection (1)(b)(ix); and  
148 (iii) four members selected from the Agricultural Advisory Board as follows:  
149 (A) for the initial members of the executive committee, by the commissioner; and  
150 (B) after the initial members of the executive committee are selected, by the  
151 executive committee.
- 152 (b)(i) A member of the executive committee shall serve a term of four years on the  
153 executive committee.
- 154 (ii) A member of the executive committee may serve for more than one term on the  
155 executive committee.
- 156 (iii) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the executive committee for any  
157 reason, the replacement shall be selected in the same manner as under Subsection  
158 (9)(a) and for the unexpired term.
- 159 (c) Four members of the executive committee constitute a quorum and an action of the  
160 majority present when a quorum is present is action by the executive committee.
- 161 (d) The executive committee shall annually select a chair of the executive committee.
- 162 (e) The executive committee shall meet at least quarterly, except that the chair of the  
163 executive committee may call the executive committee for additional meetings.
- 164 (f) The executive committee shall:
- 165 (i) recommend to the department fees to be imposed under this title;  
166 (ii) accept public comment received under this title; and

167 (iii) carry out the responsibilities assigned to the executive committee by statute.

168 Section 2. Section **4-2-203** is amended to read:

169 **4-2-203 (Effective 05/06/26). Department of Agriculture and Food Laboratory**  
170 **Equipment Fund.**

171 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the ["Department of  
172 Agriculture and Food Laboratory Equipment Fund,[" which is referred to in this section  
173 as the "fund."

174 (2) The fund consists of:

175 (a) collections the Division of Laboratories within the department receives under this  
176 title that are not expended during the previous fiscal year;

177 (b) appropriations from the Legislature; and

178 (c) interest and earnings on the fund.

179 (3) The state treasurer shall invest the money in the fund according to Title 51, Chapter 7,  
180 State Money Management Act, except that interest or other earnings derived from those  
181 investments shall be deposited into the fund.

182 (4)[(a)] The department may use money in the fund only to pay for the repair,  
183 replacement, or upgrade of laboratory equipment in accordance with this section.

184 (5) The state chemist or the commissioner shall approve expenditures from the fund for  
185 laboratory equipment repair, replacement, or upgrade as follows:

186 (a) the state chemist may approve using money in the fund to repair, replace, or upgrade  
187 laboratory equipment if the amount to be expended is less than \$10,000; and

188 (b) the state chemist shall obtain the approval of the commissioner for using money in  
189 the fund to repair, replace, or upgrade laboratory equipment if the amount to be  
190 expended equals or exceeds \$10,000.

191 (6)(a) Subject to the other provisions of this Subsection (6), the Division of Finance  
192 shall deposit into the fund the collections that the Division of Laboratories receives  
193 under this title that are not expended during a fiscal year.

194 (b) The fund may not exceed \$500,000 at the end of a fiscal year.

195 (c) If the fund exceeds \$500,000 at the end of the fiscal year, the Division of Finance  
196 shall deposit into the General Fund the money in excess of the amount necessary to  
197 maintain the fund balance at \$500,000.

198 Section 3. Section **4-9-119** is enacted to read:

199 **4-9-119 (Effective 05/06/26). Weights and Measures Fund.**

200 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the Weights and

- 201        Measures Fund.
- 202        (2) The fund consists of:
- 203            (a) the revenue from fees for the inspection of weights and measures that the department
- 204            collects under this chapter;
- 205            (b) appropriations from the Legislature; and
- 206            (c) interest and earnings on money in the fund.
- 207        (3)(a) The state treasurer shall invest the money in the fund in accordance with Title 51,
- 208            Chapter 7, State Money Management Act.
- 209            (b) The state treasurer shall deposit interest and other earnings derived from investment
- 210            of expendable special revenue fund money into the fund.
- 211        (4) The department may use money in the fund for the maintenance, repair, and purchase of
- 212            equipment used in administering the requirements of this chapter, including:
- 213            (a) specialized vehicles;
- 214            (b) cranes and lifts;
- 215            (c) weight carts; and
- 216            (d) field, metrology, and fuel laboratory equipment.
- 217        (5)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), the Division of Finance shall deposit into
- 218            the fund the revenue that the department receives under this chapter that the
- 219            department does not expend during a fiscal year.
- 220            (b) The fund may not exceed \$1,000,000 at the end of a fiscal year.
- 221            (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(a), the Division of Finance shall deposit into the
- 222            General Fund the money in the account in excess of \$1,000,000, if any, at the end of
- 223            a fiscal year.

224        Section 4. Section **4-18-106** is amended to read:

225            **4-18-106 (Effective 05/06/26). Agriculture Resource Development Fund --**

226        **Contents -- Use of fund money -- Advisory board.**

- 227        (1) As used in this section:
- 228            (a) "Disaster" means an extraordinary circumstance, including a flood, drought, or fire,
- 229            that results in:
- 230            (i) the president of the United States declaring an emergency or major disaster in the
- 231            state;
- 232            (ii) the governor declaring a state of emergency under Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 2,
- 233            Disaster Response and Recovery Act; or
- 234            (iii) the chief executive officer of a local government declaring a local emergency

- 235 under Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 2, Disaster Response and Recovery Act.
- 236 (b) "Fund" means the Agriculture Resource Development Fund created in this section.
- 237 (c) "Local government" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-2a-602.
- 238 (2) There is created a revolving loan fund known as the ["Agriculture Resource  
239 Development Fund.["]
- 240 (3) The fund shall consist of:
- 241 (a) money appropriated to the fund by the Legislature;
- 242 (b) money received for the repayment of loans made from the fund;
- 243 (c) money from a preferential user to reimburse the commission for loans made from the  
244 fund in accordance with Title 73, Chapter 3d, Part 4, Compensation;
- 245 (d) money made available to the state for agriculture resource development or for a  
246 temporary water shortage emergency, as defined in Section 73-3d-101, from any  
247 source; and
- 248 (e) interest earned on the fund.
- 249 (4) The commission may make loans from the fund for:
- 250 (a) a rangeland improvement and management project;
- 251 (b) a watershed protection or flood prevention project;
- 252 (c) a soil and water conservation project;
- 253 (d) a program designed to promote energy efficient farming practices;
- 254 (e) an improvement program for agriculture product storage or program designed to  
255 protect a crop or animal resource;
- 256 (f) a hydroponic or aquaponic system, including a hydroponic fodder production system;
- 257 (g) a project or program to improve water quality;
- 258 (h) a project to address other environmental issues;
- 259 (i) subject to Subsection (5), a disaster relief program designed to aid the sustainability  
260 of agriculture during and immediately following a disaster; or
- 261 (j) subject to Subsection (6), authorized for temporary water shortage emergencies as  
262 provided in Title 73, Chapter 3d, Part 4, Compensation.
- 263 (5)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), the department shall limit loans for  
264 disaster relief programs under Subsection (4)(i) to no more than 10% of the total  
265 amount of:
- 266 (i) the balance of money in the fund; and
- 267 (ii) the outstanding loans issued from the fund.
- 268 [(a) Loans made through a disaster relief program described in Subsection (4)(i) may not

- 269 ~~comprise more than 10% of the funds appropriated by the Legislature to the fund.]~~
- 270 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(a), the department may use the money appropriated
- 271 to the fund by the Legislature or another source, without limitation, if the money is
- 272 appropriated specifically for use in a disaster relief program.
- 273 (c)(i) Until December 31, 2024, the department is authorized to borrow up to
- 274 \$3,000,000 of General Fund appropriations from the Agricultural Water
- 275 Optimization Account created in Section 73-10g-204 to be used in making loans
- 276 through a disaster relief program described in Subsection (4)(i).
- 277 (ii) If the department borrows from the Agricultural Water Optimization Account
- 278 under Subsection (5)(c)(i), the department shall deposit the repayment of principal
- 279 and interest on loans made through a disaster relief program, regardless of the
- 280 source of the funds used to make those loans, into the Agricultural Water
- 281 Optimization Account, with preference over the repayment of any other source of
- 282 funds, until the Agricultural Water Optimization Account is repaid in full.
- 283 (6) The commission may not have at one time an aggregate amount of loans made under
- 284 Subsection (4)(j) that exceeds \$5,000,000.
- 285 (7) The commission may appoint an advisory board to:
- 286 (a) oversee the award process for loans, as described in this section;
- 287 (b) approve loans; and
- 288 (c) recommend policies and procedures for the fund that are consistent with statute.
- 289 (8) The department shall obtain an approved annual budget from the commission to use
- 290 money from the fund to pay for the costs of administering the fund and loans made from
- 291 the fund.

292 Section 5. Section **4-24-102** is amended to read:

293 **4-24-102 (Effective 05/06/26). Definitions.**

294 As used in this chapter:

- 295 (1) "Brand" means an identifiable mark~~[-, including a tattoo or cutting and shaping of the~~
- 296 ~~ears or brisket area, applied to livestock]~~ applied to livestock, including a ~~Ĥ~~→ **tattoo or** ←~~Ĥ~~
- 296a cutting and
- 297 shaping of the ears ~~Ĥ~~→ **or brisket area** ←~~Ĥ~~, that is intended to show ownership and the
- 297a mark's location.
- 298 (2) "Carcass" means any part of the body of an animal, including entrails and edible meats.
- 299 (3) "Domesticated elk" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-39-102.
- 300 (4) "Hide" means any skins or wool removed from livestock.

- 301 (5) "Livestock" means cattle, calves, horses, mules, or sheep.
- 302 (6)(a) "Livestock market" means a public market place consisting of pens or other  
 303 enclosures where cattle, calves, horses, or mules are received on consignment and  
 304 kept for subsequent sale, either through public auction or private sale.
- 305 (b) "Livestock market" does not mean:
- 306 (i) a place used solely for liquidation of livestock by a farmer, dairyman, livestock  
 307 breeder, or feeder who is going out of business; or
- 308 (ii) a place where an association of livestock breeders under the association's own  
 309 management:
- 310 (A) offers registered livestock or breeding sires for sale;
- 311 (B) assumes the responsibility for the sale;
- 312 (C) guarantees title to the livestock or sires sold; and
- 313 (D) arranges with the department for brand inspection of the animals sold.
- 314 (7) "Open range" means land upon which cattle, sheep, or other domestic animals are  
 315 grazed or permitted to roam by custom, license, lease, or permit.
- 316 (8) "Slaughterhouse" means a building, plant, or establishment where animals are  
 317 harvested, dressed, or processed and the animals' meat or meat products produced for  
 318 human consumption.
- 319 Section 6. Section **17D-3-301** is amended to read:
- 320 **17D-3-301 (Effective 05/06/26). Board of supervisors -- Number -- Term -- Chair**  
 321 **and officers -- Quorum -- Compensation.**
- 322 (1) A board of supervisors shall govern a conservation district.
- 323 (2) The board of supervisors of a conservation district consists of five members appointed  
 324 as provided in this part, at least three of whom shall be private agricultural land  
 325 operators.
- 326 (3)(a) Subject to Subsection (3)(c), the term of office of a member of a board of  
 327 supervisors is four years.
- 328 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), if multiple conservation districts are consolidated  
 329 or a single conservation district divided or dissolved under Part 2, Creation,  
 330 Consolidation, Division, and Dissolution of Conservation Districts:
- 331 (i) the term of each member of the board of supervisors of the consolidated  
 332 conservation districts or the divided or dissolved conservation district terminates  
 333 immediately upon consolidation, division, or dissolution; and
- 334 (ii)(A) the commissioner shall appoint a new board of supervisors, as provided in

- 335 this part, for the consolidated conservation district or divided conservation  
 336 districts, as the case may be; and
- 337 (B) subject to Subsection (3)(c), the term of office of a member of the board of  
 338 supervisors appointed is four years.
- 339 (c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Subsection (3), the commissioner may<sup>[;]</sup> :
- 340 (i) with the approval of the commission, remove a board member for cause; and  
 341 (ii) at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure  
 342 that the terms of board members are staggered so that approximately half of the  
 343 board is appointed every two years.
- 344 (4) The board of supervisors shall elect a chair from among their number for a term of one  
 345 year, and may elect other officers from among their number that the board considers  
 346 necessary.
- 347 (5) A majority of the board of supervisors constitutes a quorum for the transaction of board  
 348 business, and action by a majority of a quorum present at a meeting of the board  
 349 constitutes action of the board.
- 350 (6) For performing official duties, a member of the board of supervisors of a conservation  
 351 district shall receive:
- 352 (a) per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Section 11-55-103; and  
 353 (b) actual and necessary expenses as determined by the department.
- 354 Section 7. Section **73-10g-206** is amended to read:
- 355 **73-10g-206 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/28). Agricultural water**  
 356 **optimization grants -- Demonstration of water savings.**
- 357 (1) The conservation commission may issue a grant described in Subsection 73-10g-204(3)  
 358 in accordance with the procedures in this section.
- 359 (2)(a) The committee shall establish funding application periods during which a person  
 360 may apply for a grant under this part.
- 361 (b) During a funding application period, a person may file a funding application with the  
 362 department for preliminary screening of eligibility to receive a grant under this part,  
 363 including requisite water savings.
- 364 (c) The department shall screen the funding applications for eligibility.
- 365 (d) If the department determines that an applicant meets eligibility requirements and  
 366 proposes water savings, the department shall provide the applicant preliminary  
 367 approval.
- 368 (e) After receiving preliminary approval under Subsection (2)(d), the applicant ~~shall~~

- 369           may engage in a pre-filing consultation with the Division of Water Rights under  
370           Subsection 73-3-3(2) to determine whether a change application is required to  
371           accomplish the project proposed in the funding application or to quantify saved water[-].
- 372           (f) Once the Division of Water Rights determines whether the person is required to file a  
373           change application, the person may complete the funding application process and file  
374           the completed funding application with the committee.
- 375           (g) The committee shall review completed funding applications to rank the funding  
376           applications and recommend to the conservation commission which applicants should  
377           receive a grant under this part for the relevant funding application period.
- 378           (h) The conservation commission may issue a grant under this section only after receipt  
379           of the recommendations of the committee.
- 380           (3) If the conservation commission issues a grant under this part, before the grant recipient  
381           may receive the grant money, the grant recipient shall:
- 382           (a) enter into a contract with the department that includes:
- 383                 (i) the expectations for the grant recipient;
- 384                 (ii) the life expectancy of a project;
- 385                 (iii) the process of certifying completion; and
- 386                 (iv) design requirements;
- 387           (b) file any needed change application and obtain a final order from the state engineer  
388           approving the change application, including any judicial review of the state  
389           engineer's order; and
- 390           (c) demonstrate how the grant recipient shall comply with the requirements of the final  
391           order approving the related change application.
- 392           (4) A grant recipient shall comply with the monitoring and reporting requirements under the  
393           contract described in [~~Subsection (3)~~] Subsection (3)(a).
- 394           (5) The department shall:
- 395                 (a) monitor the grant related activities of a grant recipient;
- 396                 (b) certify a project funded by a grant once the project is complete;
- 397                 (c) determine whether there are funding sources other than the account to fund the grant;
- 398                 and
- 399                 (d) provide information needed by the division or the Division of Water Rights to fulfill  
400           the division's or the Division of Water Rights' statutory duties, including those  
401           designated in this chapter.
- 402           (6) The department may:

- 403 (a) conduct outreach campaigns related to the grant program, including the program's  
 404 purpose and expectations for grant recipients;
- 405 (b) solicit funding applications and assist persons in applying for a grant under this part;
- 406 (c) assist grant recipients in developing a project; and
- 407 (d) coordinate with federal agencies and the division for evaluation of funding  
 408 applications and for assistance with implementing projects for which funding has  
 409 been provided under this part.
- 410 (7) Grant money may be used by the department or a grant recipient for the hiring of  
 411 third-party consultants as appropriate to complete a project funded by grant money.
- 412 (8) The division, upon request from the committee, may assist with evaluation of funding  
 413 applications and implementation of projects funded under this part.

414 Section 8. Section **73-10g-207** is amended to read:

415 **73-10g-207 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/28). Public information and**  
 416 **reporting.**

- 417 (1) The [~~division~~] department shall, in coordination with the [~~department~~] division and the  
 418 Division of Water Rights, annually compile and publish a report on:
- 419 (a) completed projects;
- 420 (b) saved water made available from agricultural water optimization projects; and
- 421 (c) the effectiveness of the agricultural water optimization funding programs established  
 422 by this part.
- 423 (2) On or before November 30 of each year, the committee, [~~division~~] the department, and  
 424 the Division of Water Rights shall jointly present the annual report to:
- 425 (a) the Legislative Water Development Commission;
- 426 (b) the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee;
- 427 (c) the Utah Water Task Force within the Department of Natural Resources; and
- 428 (d) the Utah Watersheds Council.
- 429 (3) The [~~division~~] department shall publish reports from research described in Subsection  
 430 73-10g-205(7).

431 Section 9. **Repealer.**

432 This bill repeals:

433 Section **4-9-101, Title.**

434 Section **4-18-101, Title.**

435 Section **4-24-101, Title.**

436 Section **17D-3-101, Title.**

- 437           Section **42-3-1, Commissioner of agriculture and food to register names.**
- 438           Section **42-3-2, Recording fee.**
- 439           Section **42-3-3, Transfer of name.**
- 440           Section **42-3-4, Cancellation by owner -- Fee.**
- 441           Section **42-3-5, Use of name by another -- Penalty.**
- 442           Section **73-10g-201, Title.**
- 443           Section 10. **Effective Date.**
- 444           This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.