

**EGG PRODUCTION AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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

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

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



28           **4-4a-103. Prohibitions.**

29           Beginning on January 1, [~~2025~~] 2035, a farm owner or operator may not knowingly  
30 confine an egg-laying hen in an enclosure:

31           (1) that is not a cage-free housing system; or

32           (2) that has less than the amount of usable floor space per hen as required by the 2017  
33 edition of the United Egg Producers' Animal Husbandry Guidelines for U.S. Egg-Laying  
34 Flocks: Guidelines for Cage-Free Housing.

35           Section 2. Section **4-4a-107** is amended to read:

36           **4-4a-107. Report.**

37           (1) The department shall provide a report on this chapter to the Business and Labor  
38 Interim Committee [~~during or before the November interim meeting in 2023~~] at an interim  
39 meeting in 2029 that occurs before October 31.

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

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

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

44           Section 3. **Effective date.**

45           This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.