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PRESS RELEASE

Utah Legislature Approves Millions in funding for USU and BTECH

Salt Lake City, Utah: The Logan university and technical college received legislative funding approvals in the 2022 session totaling \$18,000,000 annually for a four year veterinary program at Utah State University, and \$16,500,000 for the purchase of a land bank at Bridgerland Technical College.

“This legislative funding will provide increased educational opportunities for Utah students and will be incredible for our economy,” said Cache County Executive David Zook. “A four year veterinary school of medicine at USU and planning for future technical training space at BTEch are wise investments that will benefit our growing population and support our local businesses.”

Utah State University has had an arrangement with Washington State University since 2012, in which 30 students take two years of preclinical training at USU’s Logan campus, then do two years of clinical veterinary training at WSU’s veterinary college. Now that USU has received funding for building the veterinary college as well as yearly staffing, it is expected to accommodate up to 80 students. There is a need for more veterinarians in the state to meet the needs of the growing population and to support the lucrative annual \$1 billion Utah animal agriculture sector. The economic impact of having the veterinary school in Logan is expected to be \$40 million per year.

The Bridgerland Technical College land bank funding will enable the college to purchase land adjacent to the college to provide for future campus expansions to help meet workforce needs.

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