

UTAH TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS LAWS ENACTED SINCE 2012

At a previous meeting, the Commission voted to direct commission staff to prepare a list of Utah laws that address the transfer of public lands. The following is a summary of legislation, enacted since the 2012 General Session, that contain provisions dealing directly with the transfer of federally controlled public lands to the state.

Statute	Originally Enacted By	Who	What	When
63L-6-103(1)	2012 General Session H.B. 148	The United States	Extinguish title to public lands and transfer title to public lands to the state	By Dec. 31, 2014
63J-4-606(2)	2013 General Session H.B. 142	Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office	Conduct a study and economic analysis of the ramifications and economic impacts of the transfer of public lands to state ownership	By Nov. 30, 2014
63L-6-105	2014 General Session H.B. 164	Invited member states (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming)	Conduct studies, collect data, and develop political and legal mechanisms for securing the transfer of public land to state ownership Cooperate and offer mutual assistance in enforcing the terms of the compact Develop and draft uniform legislation for member states to adopt and send to their federal delegation for introduction in Congress for the transfer of public lands to the respective member state governments	No date specified
63J-4-606	2014 General Session H.B. 151	Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands	Make recommendations regarding: the transfer of federally controlled public lands to the state; the state's sovereign right to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens as it relates to public lands; the appropriate designation and use of public lands transferred to the state; and the use of funds received by the state due to the transfer of public lands Study and evaluate the progress and recommendations of the study conducted by the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office Coordinate with the attorney general regarding preparation for potential litigation and selection of outside legal counsel Coordinate with and report on the efforts of stakeholders concerning the transfer of public lands to the state	Repeals on Nov. 30, 2019

Statute	Originally Enacted By	Who	What	When
63L-2-201	2015 General Session H.B. 303	Governmental entity	<p>Submit for legislative approval a proposal to sell or exchange 500 acres or more of governmentally controlled land</p> <p>Notify the Legislative Management Committee of any proposal to sell or exchange less than 500 acres of governmentally controlled land to the federal government</p> <p>Provide written notice if entering into a discussion with a federal agent that may result in certain actions to provide written notice to the Legislature</p>	No date specified