

UTAH STATE FAIRPARK STUDY

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: L. Steven Poulton

This act enacts new material directing the governor to form a committee to study the use of land and facilities at the Utah State Fairpark. This act establishes the membership of the committee and defines the committee's responsibilities. This act requires the committee to report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee, the governor, and the State Fair Board by November 30, 2001. This act takes effect immediately. This act is repealed January 1, 2002.

This act enacts uncodified material.

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

Section 1. State Fairpark study.

(1) Because the Legislature and the governor believe that Utah must have a Utah State Fair that celebrates Utah's agricultural and cultural roots, the governor shall appoint a committee composed of 11 members as follows:

(a) two members of the State Fair Board from nominations submitted by the board;

(b) one member of the House of Representatives from nominations submitted by the Speaker of the House;

(c) one member of the State Senate from nominations submitted by the President of the Senate;

(d) one member from the Utah State University Extension representing the 4-H community, from nominations made by the Utah State University Extension;

(e) one member of the Utah Farm Bureau, from nominations made by the Utah Farm Bureau;

(f) two members representing the livestock community from nominations made by the:

(i) Utah Cattlemen's Association;

(ii) Utah Dairymen's Association;

(iii) Utah Wool Grower's Association;

(iv) Utah Pork Producers; and

(v) Utah Farmer's Union;

(g) two at-large members;

(h) one member of the Utah Fairpark Community Council, from nominations made by the Utah Fairpark Community Council.

(2) The governor shall designate a member appointed under Subsection (1) as chair of the committee.

(3) A majority of the members of the committee constitute a quorum.

(4) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the committee who are legislators shall be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

(b) A member of the committee who is not a legislator may not receive compensation for their work associated with the committee, but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the committee at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(5) The governor shall assign staff from the executive branch to assist the committee in performing its duties and shall pay all costs of appraisals, meetings, and per diems.

(6) The committee shall:

(a) study and recommend viable solutions about the use of the land and facilities in the State Fairpark, including the feasibility of selling the land and facilities of the State Fairpark and using the proceeds to relocate and fund the Utah State Fair; and

(b) report its findings and recommendations to the governor and to the Legislature's Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and State Fair Board no later than November 30, 2001.

(7) In conducting its study and making recommendations, the committee shall:

(a) ensure that any proposed plan maintains the long term viability of the fair as an enterprise and maintains and implements the state's commitment to the agricultural, industrial, artistic, and educational heritage of Utah as the mission of the Utah State Fair;

(b) obtain a reliable estimate of the market value of the State Fairpark assets, with an

analysis of whether or not proceeds of the sale of the assets would be sufficient to relocate and perpetually support the Utah State Fair; and

(c) actively explore possible partnerships with private entities, local governments, and other organizations.

(8) (a) No land comprising any part of the current State Fairpark may be sold without affirmative approval of the Legislature.

(b) The current State Fair may not be relocated without affirmative approval of the Legislature.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

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

Section 3. **Repeal date.**

This act is repealed January 1, 2002.