

1 COMMISSION FOR THE STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC

2 LANDS

3 2014 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

6 Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

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8 LONG TITLE

9 General Description:

10 This bill creates the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ creates the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands;
- 14 ▶ designates the duties of the commission; and
- 15 ▶ requires the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office to periodically report to the
- 16 commission.

17 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

18 This bill appropriates:

- 19 ▶ to the Senate, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - 20 • from the General Fund \$ ~~H~~→ [6,000] 9,000 ←~~H~~ to pay for the commission; and
- 21 ▶ to the House of Representatives, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - 22 • from the General Fund \$16,000 to pay for the commission.

23 Other Special Clauses:

24 This bill provides a repeal date for the commission.

25 Utah Code Sections Affected:

26 AMENDS:

27 63J-4-606, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 337

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121 described in Subsection (2)(a), including proposed legislation and recommendations, to the
 122 governor [~~and~~], the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee, and
 123 the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands before November 30, 2014.

124 Section 2. **Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands -- Creation --**
 125 **Membership -- Interim rules followed -- Compensation -- Staff.**

126 (1) There is created the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands consisting of
 127 the following ~~H~~→ [7] 8 ←~~H~~ members:

128 (a) ~~H~~→ [two] three ←~~H~~ members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate,
 128a no more than

129 ~~H~~→ [one] two ←~~H~~ of whom may be from the same political party; and

130 (b) five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
 131 House of Representatives, no more than four of whom may be from the same political party.

132 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
 133 under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

134 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
 135 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the commission.

136 (3) In conducting its business, the commission shall comply with the rules of
 137 legislative interim committees.

138 (4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the commission shall be paid in
 139 accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator
 140 Compensation.

141 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
 142 to the commission.

143 Section 3. **Duties -- Interim report.**

144 (1) The commission shall:

145 (a) convene at least eight times each year;

146 (b) review and make recommendations on the transfer of federally controlled public
 147 lands to the state in accordance with Section 63L-6-102;

148 (c) review and make recommendations regarding the state's sovereign right to protect
 149 the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens as it relates to public lands;

150 (d) study and evaluate the progress and recommendations of the public lands transfer
 151 study and economic analysis conducted by the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office in

152 accordance with Section 63J-4-606;

153 (e) coordinate with and report on the efforts of the executive branch, counties and
 154 political subdivisions of the state, the state congressional delegation, western governors, other
 155 states, and other stake holders concerning the transfer of federally controlled public lands to the
 156 state including convening working groups such as a working group composed of members of
 157 the Utah Association of Counties;

158 (f) study and make recommendations regarding the appropriate designation of public
 159 lands transferred to the state, including stewardship of the land and appropriate uses of the
 160 land;

161 (g) study and make recommendations regarding the use of funds received by the state
 162 from the public lands transferred to the state; and

163 (h) receive reports from and make recommendations to the attorney general and other
 164 stakeholders involved in litigation on behalf of the state's interest in the transfer of public lands
 165 to the state, regarding:

166 (i) preparation for potential litigation;

167 (ii) selection of outside legal counsel;

168 (iii) ongoing legal strategy for the transfer of public lands; and

169 (iv) use of money appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of securing the
 170 transfer of public lands to the state.

171 (2) The commission shall prepare an annual report, including any proposed legislation,
 172 and present the report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
 173 Committee before November 30, 2014, and every November 30 thereafter.

174 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

175 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
 176 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money
 177 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
 178 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in
 179 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2015.

180 To Legislature - Senate

181 From General Fund, ongoing

\$ ~~6,000~~ 9,000 ~~←~~

182 Schedule of Programs: