

**JORDAN RIVER AMENDMENTS**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Cheryl K. Acton**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses the Jordan River.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ addresses signs, barriers, fencing, and alternative transportation facilities related to the Jordan River;

▶ requires posting of signs; and

▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**65A-2-8**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 113

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

Section 1. Section **65A-2-8** is amended to read:

**65A-2-8. Jordan River improvement projects.**

(1) As used in this section:



28 (a) "Commission" means the Jordan River Commission created by interlocal  
29 agreement.

30 (b) "Zone" means the Jordan River Recreation Area, the area 250 yards on each side of  
31 the Jordan River from the edge of the river between SR-201 and 4800 South.

32 (2) The division, subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances and  
33 Subsections (3) and (4), may:

34 (a) expend money for the following purposes:

35 (i) enhancing safety, recreation, and conservation in the zone;

36 (ii) capital improvements within the zone, including:

37 (A) lighting along the Jordan River and within the zone;

38 (B) completing construction of a paved pathway on both sides of the Jordan River  
39 within the zone;

40 (C) building a boat launch, picnic pavilion, bench, restroom, or other amenity within  
41 the zone; and

42 (D) supporting Tracy Aviary, a nature area, bike or boat rental concessionaire, or other  
43 partnerships to enhance recreation in the zone;

44 (iii) funding programs to:

45 (A) clean the zone[;];

46 (B) remove invasive species[;]; and

47 (C) restore riparian habitat;

48 (iv) hiring or contracting for personnel to perform tasks as directed by the commission;

49 (v) partnering or contracting with an urban ranger or conservation corp operated by a  
50 state institution of higher education or similar service-oriented organizations or programs:

51 (A) to provide trail, river, and parkway maintenance, invasive species removal and  
52 revegetation, emergency care, and environmental education for the area 250 yards on each side  
53 of the Jordan River from the edge of the river for the entire length of the river; and

54 (B) to report to the appropriate public official all health, safety, or law enforcement  
55 concerns that the organization encounters, as directed by the commission; [~~and~~]

56 (vi) partnering or contracting with local law enforcement or a certified peace officer to  
57 provide patrol, security, and law enforcement for the area 250 yards on each side of the Jordan  
58 River from the edge of the river for the entire length of the river; and

59 (vii) monitoring the activities of state and local highway authorities and work with the  
60 highway authorities to:

61 (A) identify opportunities to have consistent, attractive signs, barriers, and fences  
62 where a highway, as defined in Section 72-1-102, crosses or runs adjacent to the Jordan River;  
63 and

64 (B) provide access from a highway to the trails along the Jordan River where the trail  
65 can be safely accessed; and

66 (b) purchase, lease, sell, or dispose of property or an easement within the zone to  
67 achieve the goals in Subsection (2)(a).

68 (3) (a) Before engaging in any activity described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) through  
69 (2)(a)(iii) or Subsection (2)(b), the division shall receive the approval of:

70 (i) the commission;

71 (ii) any relevant governmental entity that owns or is responsible for the maintenance of  
72 real property within the zone, including Salt Lake County Flood Control; and

73 (iii) the relevant municipality within the zone.

74 (b) Before engaging in any activity described in Subsections (2)(a)(iv) through  
75 (2)(a)(vi), the division shall:

76 (i) receive the approval of the commission; and

77 (ii) consult with:

78 (A) any relevant governmental entity that owns or is responsible for the maintenance of  
79 real property within the zone; and

80 (B) the relevant municipality within the zone.

81 (4) The programs described in this section may only be implemented as appropriations  
82 from the Legislature allow.

83 (5) The Department of Transportation shall post signs developed under Subsection  
84 (2)(a)(vii)(A) on state highways that cross the Jordan River on or before June 30, 2022.