

State Park Funding Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Walt Brooks

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies funding provisions related to the Division of State Parks.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- allows interest earned on the money in the State Park Fees Restricted Account to remain in the account; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

79-4-402, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

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

Section 1. Section **79-4-402** is amended to read:

79-4-402 . State Park Fees Restricted Account.

(1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the State Park Fees Restricted Account.

(2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the account ~~[shall consist]~~ consists of revenue from:

(i) all charges allowed under Section 79-4-203;

(ii) proceeds from the sale or disposal of buffalo under Subsection 79-4-1001(2)(b);[
and]

(iii) civil damages collected under Section 76-6-206.2; and

(iv) interest on money deposited in the account as follows:

(A) 25% of total interest beginning on July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026;

(B) 50% of total interest beginning on July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027;

(C) 75% of total interest beginning on July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028; and

(D) 100% of total interest beginning on July 1, 2028, and each year thereafter.

(b) The account shall not include revenue the division receives under Section 79-4-403 and Subsection 79-4-1001(2)(a).

(3) The division shall use funds in this account for the purposes described in Section 79-4-203.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.