

Sale or Lease of Federally Managed Public Land Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

House Sponsor: Ken Ivory

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses use of the federal Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- provides for monitoring of land applications;
- requires a study of land application information;
- requires a report of the results of the study; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63L-11-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 313

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

Section 1. Section **63L-11-305** is amended to read:

63L-11-305 . Facilitating the acquisition of federally managed public land.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "[Federal Land] Federally managed public land" means federally managed public land that the secretary is authorized to dispose of under the [federal] federally managed public land disposal law.

- 28 (b) "~~[Federal land]~~ Federally managed public land disposal law" means the Recreation
29 and Public Purposes Act, 43 U.S.C. Sec. 869 et seq.
- 30 (c) "Government entity" means any state or local government entity allowed to submit a
31 land application under the ~~[federal land]~~ federally managed public land disposal law.
- 32 (d) "Land application" means an application under the ~~[federal land]~~ federally managed
33 public land disposal law requesting the secretary to sell or lease ~~[federal]~~ federally
34 managed public land.
- 35 (e) "Land application process" means the actions involved in the process of submitting
36 and obtaining a final decision on a land application.
- 37 (f) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior of the United States.
- 38 (2) The office shall:
- 39 (a) develop expertise:
- 40 (i) in the land application process; and
- 41 (ii) concerning the factors that tend to increase the chances that a land application
42 will result in the secretary selling or leasing ~~[federal]~~ federally managed public
43 land as requested in the land application;
- 44 (b) work to educate government entities concerning:
- 45 (i) the availability of ~~[federal]~~ federally managed public land pursuant to the ~~[federal]~~
46 federally managed public land disposal law; and
- 47 (ii) the land application process;
- 48 (c) advise and consult with a government entity that requests assistance from the office
49 to formulate and submit a land application and to pursue a decision on the land
50 application;
- 51 (d) advise and consult with a government entity that requests assistance from the office
52 to identify and quantify the amount of any funds needed to provide the public use
53 described in a land application;
- 54 (e) adopt a list of factors to be considered in determining the degree to which a land
55 application or potential land application is in the public interest;
- 56 (f) recommend a prioritization of land applications or potential land applications in the
57 state according to the extent to which the land applications are in the public interest,
58 based on the factors adopted under Subsection (2)(e);
- 59 (g) monitor land applications submitted by government entities for federally managed
60 public land located within the state, including annually contacting and collecting
61 relevant data from government entities to determine whether the government entities

- 62 have submitted land applications;
- 63 [~~(g)~~] (h) prepare and submit a written report~~[-of land applications]:~~
- 64 (i) to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and
- 65 the Federalism Commission;
- 66 (ii)(A) annually by no later than August 31; and
- 67 (B) at other times, if and as requested by the committee or commission; and
- 68 (iii)(A) on the activities of the office under this section;
- 69 (B) on the land applications and potential land applications in the state, including
- 70 information based on the monitoring of land applications under Subsection
- 71 (2)(g);
- 72 (C) on the decisions of the secretary on land applications submitted by
- 73 government entities in the state; and
- 74 (D) on the quantity of land acquired under the land applications;
- 75 [~~(h)~~] (i) present a summary of information contained in the report described in
- 76 Subsection [~~(2)(g)~~] (2)(h):
- 77 (i) at a meeting of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
- 78 Committee and at a meeting of the Federalism Commission;
- 79 (ii) annually no later than August 31; and
- 80 (iii) at other times, if and as requested by the committee or commission; and
- 81 [~~(i)~~] (j) report to the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, as
- 82 frequently as the executive director considers appropriate or as requested by the
- 83 Executive Appropriations Committee, on the need for legislative appropriations to
- 84 provide funds for the public purposes described in land applications.
- 85 (3) The office may:
- 86 (a) assist a government entity or the secretary in the filing and processing of a land
- 87 application; and
- 88 (b) enter into an agreement with the secretary related to the office assisting in processing
- 89 a land application.
- 90 (4)(a) The office shall conduct a survey of the land applications for federally managed
- 91 public land located within the state that were submitted by a government entity from
- 92 July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2024, to determine:
- 93 (i) which government entities submitted a land application during that time frame;
- 94 (ii) when a government entity submitted a land application during that time frame;
- 95 (iii) the location and quantity of federally managed public land for which a land

96 application was submitted during that time frame; and
97 (iv) the status of a land application submitted during that time frame.
98 (b) The office shall complete the survey required by this Subsection (4) and report the
99 results of the survey to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
100 Committee and Federalism Commission by no later than August 31, 2025.

101 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

102 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.