

1 **State Park Funding Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Walt Brooks

3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

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

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

8 ▶ allows interest earned on the money in the State Park Fees Restricted Account to remain
9 in the account; and

10 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

11 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

12 None

13 **Other Special Clauses:**

14 None

15 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

16 AMENDS:

17 **79-4-402**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

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

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

21 **79-4-402 . State Park Fees Restricted Account.**

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

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

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

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

28 and]

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

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

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

- 32 (B) 50% of total interest beginning on July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027;
- 33 (C) 75% of total interest beginning on July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028; and
- 34 (D) 100% of total interest beginning on July 1, 2028, and each year thereafter.

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

37 (3) The division shall use funds in this account for the purposes described in Section
38 79-4-203.

39 Section 2. **Effective date.**

40 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.