

**State Policy on Judea and Samaria**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill establishes a state policy of referring to certain land controlled by Israel as Judea and Samaria.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- makes it state policy to refer to the land, restored to Israel from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War, by the land's historical names of Judea and Samaria; and
- prohibits a state agency or official government material from referring to the land described in the preceding paragraph as "West Bank."

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**63G-34-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63G-34-101** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 34. State Policies and Requirements****63G-34-101 . Reference to Judea and Samaria by a state agency.**

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Official government material" means any material prepared or produced by a state agency, whether written, printed, electronic, or in another medium, including:
  - (i) a rule;
  - (ii) a press release;

31            (iii) a communication;

32            (iv) a briefing;

33            (v) guidance; or

34            (vi) a publication.

35            (b) "State agency" means a department, division, office, commission, or other institution  
36            of the state.

37            (2) It is the policy of the state to refer to the land restored to Israel from Jordan during the  
38            1967 Six-Day War, by the land's historical names of Judea and Samaria, with the land s  
39            outh of Jerusalem considered Judea and the land north of Jerusalem considered Samaria.

40            (3) A state agency may not use the term "West Bank," or use state funds to create official  
41            government material that uses the term "West Bank," to refer to the land described in  
42            Subsection (2).

43            **Section 2. Effective Date.**

44            This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.