

1 **State Policy on Judea and Samaria**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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2 **LONG TITLE**3 **General Description:**4 This bill establishes a state policy of referring to certain land controlled by Israel as Judea  
5 and Samaria.7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

9 ▶ defines terms;  
10 ▶ makes it state policy to refer to the land, restored to Israel from Jordan during the 1967  
11 Six-Day War, by the land's historical names of Judea and Samaria; and  
12 ▶ prohibits a state agency or official government material from referring to the land  
13 described in the preceding paragraph as "West Bank."14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

## 19 ENACTS:

20 **63G-34-101**, Utah Code Annotated 195322 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*23 Section 1. Section **63G-34-101** is enacted to read:24 **CHAPTER 34. State Policies and Requirements**25 **63G-34-101 . Reference to Judea and Samaria by a state agency.**26 (1) As used in this section:27 (a) "Official government material" means any material prepared or produced by a state  
28 agency, whether written, printed, electronic, or in another medium, including:  
29 (i) a rule;  
30 (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.