

Derrin R. Owens proposes the following substitute bill:

**Gooseberry Narrows State Park Study**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens**

House Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses a study for the creation of Gooseberry Narrows State Park.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines the gooseberry narrows; and
- requires the Division of State Parks to:

- study the feasibility and cost of developing and constructing a state park and dam in the gooseberry narrows; and

- recommend funding from the Legislature for the creation of the Gooseberry Narrows State Park.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**79-4-609**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **79-4-609** is enacted to read:

**79-4-609 . Gooseberry Narrows State Park -- Study -- Report.**

(1) As used in this section, "gooseberry narrows" means the land on Gooseberry Creek between the Lower Gooseberry Dam and Fairview Lakes described by the map and legal description on file with the division.

(2)(a) The division shall study the feasibility of creating the Gooseberry Narrows State Park, including:

- 30 (i) any necessary requirement for the development or construction of a dam and
- 31 reservoir at Gooseberry Narrows State Park;
- 32 (ii) the expected cost to the state of:
  - 33 (A) transferring, exchanging, or purchasing all federally managed lands in the
  - 34 gooseberry narrows;
  - 35 (B) constructing and developing infrastructure needed for the state park; and
  - 36 (C) constructing and developing a dam and reservoir in the gooseberry narrows;
  - 37 and
  - 38 (iii) a recommendation for the Legislature to appropriate funds for the creation of the
  - 39 Gooseberry Narrows State Park.
- 40 (b) Before November 30, 2026, the division shall report the results of the study
- 41 described in Subsection (2)(a) to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and
- 42 Environment Interim Committee.

43 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

44 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.