

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:

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;
- requires the Division of State Parks (division) to study the feasibility and potential cost of developing and constructing a state park and dam in the gooseberry narrows; and
- requires the division to report the results of the study to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

79-4-609, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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 Gooseberry Narrows State Park, including:

(i) any necessary requirement for the development or construction of a dam and

- 30 reservoir in the gooseberry narrows; and
- 31 (ii) the expected cost to the state of:
- 32 (A) transferring, exchanging, or purchasing all federally managed lands in the
- 33 gooseberry narrows;
- 34 (B) constructing and developing infrastructure needed for a state park in the
- 35 gooseberry narrows; and
- 36 (C) constructing and developing a dam and reservoir in the gooseberry narrows.
- 37 (3) Before November 30, 2026, the division shall report the results of the study described in
- 38 Subsection (2) to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
- 39 Committee.
- 40 Section 2. **Effective Date.**
- 41 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.