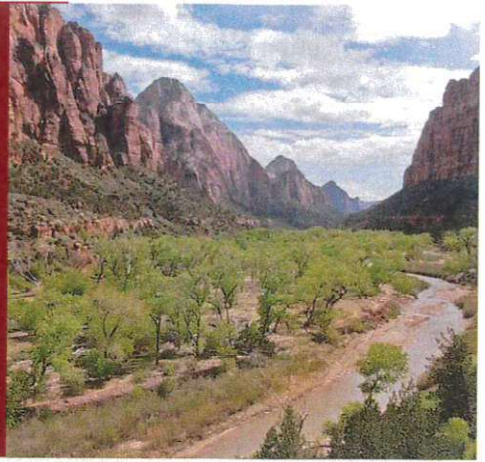


# H.B. 291 Security and Land Restriction Amendments

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## What The Bill Does

- Protects Utah land, water, and infrastructure from control by hostile foreign governments.
- Closes loopholes that allow restricted entities to hide ownership through subsidiaries or partial ownership.
- Builds on existing law passed in prior sessions as a targeted fix, not a new system.
- Lowers the ownership threshold
- Reduces the percentage of ownership that triggers “restricted foreign entity” status (from 51% to 25%).
- Improves enforcement and due process
- DPS must notify suspected entities and allow 30 days to provide proof they are not restricted.
- Clarifies accountability
- Strengthens coordination by requiring DPS to work with the Attorney General and DFCM when selling prohibited land interests.

## How its Enforced

- Public list of restricted foreign entities maintained by DPS.
- County recorders can flag suspicious land transactions.
- Daily fines for failure to respond to DPS notice (\$500/day).
- Land must be alienated within one year if ownership is prohibited.
- Knowingly purchasing land on behalf of a restricted foreign entity remains a third-degree felony.