



# Federalism-Related Bills (2026 General Session)

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## S.B. 100, Federalism Revisions (Sen. Stratton; Rep. Ivory)

### ➤ **Federal Guidance Letters (FGLs)**

- Extends FGL reporting requirements to education entities
  - *State Board of Education*
  - *Utah Board of Higher Education*
  - *State Charter School Board*
  - *Local school boards*
  - *Charter school governing boards*
- Requires state agencies to submit electronic report to Federalism Commission upon receipt of FGL that includes:
  - *Copy of FGL*
  - *Brief description of FGL's purpose, impacts, and any recommendations*
- Requires posting on Utah Public Notice Website instead of Utah Open Data Portal Website
- Allows agencies to publish FGLs received prior to start of reporting requirements
- Requires Federalism Commission to report annually to LMC regarding FGLs (LMC no longer receiving FGLs from state agencies)

### ➤ **NFC/NFI Trademarks**

- Directs AG's Office to register and protect trademarks
- Allows Federalism Commission to authorize use or transfer ownership of trademarks



## H.B. 249, Federal Funds Modifications (Rep. Roberts; Sen. Johnson)

### ➤ **LFA Budget Stress Test**

- Requires LFA to submit to Federalism Commission any results of budget stress test that relate to federal funds
  - *Existing law requires LFA (in coordination w/ GOPB) to conduct budget stress test every 3 years*
- Upon receipt of budget stress test results from LFA, requires Federalism Commission to review and make any legislative recommendations to EAC

### ➤ **Federal Funds Contingency Planning Dashboard**

- Directs Analytics Solutions Center at Utah State University to create and maintain federal funds contingency planning dashboard
  - *Purpose of dashboard → visualize risk of federal fund reductions and state's dependency on federal funds*
- Appropriates \$ to Analytics Solutions Center for creation and maintenance of dashboard
  - *\$150,000 one-time*
  - *\$150,000 ongoing*

## H.B. 546, Public Lands Duty of Care Amendments (Rep. Ivory; Sen. Stratton)

### ➤ **Federal Proprietary Interest Lands**

- Asserts state's jurisdictional interest (inherent police powers) over land controlled by federal government under proprietary interest

### ➤ **Landscape-Scale Lands**

- Directs PLPCO to promote state's jurisdictional interests over landscape-scale lands



- *Landscape-scale lands* → contiguous tract(s) of land within state equal to or greater than 250,000 acres and under common ownership/management
  - Requires PLPCO to identify and establish digital map of landscape-scale lands on/before Jan. 1, 2028
  - Requires PLPCO to report annually to Federalism Commission and NRAE regarding landscape-scale lands
  - Requires Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (DNR) to assist PLPCO w/ identifying landscape public nuisance areas for landscape-scale lands containing forests

### H.B. 195, Precious Metals Amendments (Rep. Ivory; Sen. Grover)

- Requires State Treasurer to conduct annual study (for 2026 and 2027) analyzing role of precious metals in augmenting/ensuring economic security and prosperity of Utah and submit any recommendations to Rev/Tax Interim Committee
- Requires State Treasurer to contract with 1+ third parties to establish precious metals-backed electronic payment system on behalf of state that enables participants to redeem silver/gold and receive payments from state
- Requires Division of Finance to make rules governing use of payment system by participants and to evaluate options for/implications of integrating payment system into statewide accounting system and allowing state employees to receive compensation via payment system
- Requires State Treasurer to report annually to Rev/Tax Interim Committee on status and performance of payment system

### H.C.R. 14, Concurrent Resolution Supporting the Transfer of Federally Managed Lands (Rep. Ward; Sen. Ipson)

- **Recognizes that:**
  - Utah's growth has led to affordable housing challenges
  - Unreserved lands managed by federal government are located near existing communities/infrastructure
  - Limited/targeted disposition of unreserved lands could support Utah's moderate income housing needs



➤ **Asks Congress to:**

- Allow limited use of unreserved lands near existing communities/infrastructure for moderate income housing
- Support land transfers or exchanges in line with responsible stewardship