



Performance Note
HB0276 - Utah Public Land
Management Act
Sponsor: Rep. Noel, Michael E.



Performance Note Report

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Agency: Department of Agriculture and Food

Funding For:

Public Benefit:

Purpose: This bill would require the Commissioner of Agriculture and Food to consult with the director of the division of land management. These consultations would require an individual in the Department of Agriculture and Food to gather and analyze the necessary information for the Commissioner to make an knowledgeable recommendation.

Services: Consultation services

Expected Outcome: Useful information would be gathered to inform the allow the Commissioner to make useful recommendations.

Implementations and Resources: Hire an FTE to assist the Commissioner.

How: Using an experienced land management specialist would allow the Commissioner to meet the requirements of the bill.

Performance Measures

Goal

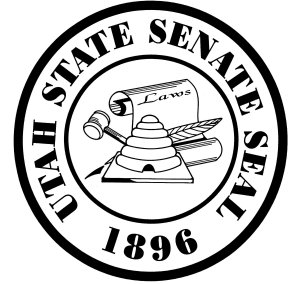
Title: Land Management Specialist

Description: Hire an experienced land manager to gather and analyze information that would allow the Commissioner to make an informed recommendation to the Director of Land Management.

Collection Method: The information used to identify if the land management specialist was meeting the needs identified in the bill would be identified in an individual employee personnel annual plan. These plans are identified int he DHRM UPM system.



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Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: The purpose of this bill is to take over management of the 31.2 million acres of land currently managed by the federal government in the State of Utah.

Services: The services provided include fire suppression, management of grazing permits, leases, forest areas, watersheds, timber production, mineral production etc.

Expected Outcome: The State of Utah believes that management of these lands can be accomplished more efficiently and effectively than under the current Federal Government management practices. It is anticipate that revenue would be generated to somewhat offset operating costs.

Implementations and Resources: This bill would be implemented upon agreement with the United States Government that the State of Utah will be responsible for the stewardship of these lands. It is unknown what basic requirements might be placed upon the state in exchange for authorization to manage these lands. Implementation would most likely not occur until, at earliest, 2018.

How: The bill itself describes in detail how these activities will be implemented. Most all of the activities will take place under the management of the Department of Natural resources.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: The goal is to transfer these federally managed lands back to the state of Utah for multiple use to optimize resource conservation and development for the citizens.

Description: The costs of this program currently under Federal jurisdiction are shown in the fiscal note at approximately \$280 million dollars. We anticipate that under State management these costs could be reduced by a minimum of 15% to 238 million. It is impossible to determine, at this time, if revenue collections from the land management activities would offset costs. According to the document entitled; "An Analysis of a Transfer of Federal Lands to the State of Utah" by the University of Utah, Utah State, Weber State and the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, revenue collected from land management would not be enough to cover the full cost of management. The analysis assumed a low price of energy at \$62 per barrel. The price of WTI is near \$30 per barrel as of this writing. Utah crude oil sells at a discount to WTI due to high amounts of paraffin. Because of the volatility of the price of energy it is impossible to conjecture revenue collections.

Collection Method: The information collected on this new program will be accumulated in the State of Utah Finet system. All revenues and expenditures will be available on the State's Transparency Website.

By rule, performance notes are provided by the governmental entity that will supervise the new agency or administer the new program. Performance notes are not written by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.