

**STATE FAIR PARK AMENDMENTS**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends Title 63A, Chapter 5, Part 3, Division of Facilities Construction and Management Leasing, regarding the leasing of the state fair park by the division to the Utah State Fair Corporation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ provides that the division shall lease the state fair park to the Utah State Fair Corporation for a period of 50 years beginning July 1, 2010, premised on significant capital improvements to the fair park during the lease term; and

▶ provides that the White Ball Field portion of the state fair park lease shall lapse back to the division on June 30, 2017.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63A-5-306**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 170

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



28 Section 1. Section **63A-5-306** is amended to read:

29 **63A-5-306. Leasing of state fair park -- Lease -- Terms -- Demolition of facilities**  
 30 **-- Limits on debt or obligations.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "Corporation" means the Utah State Fair Corporation created in Section 9-4-1103.

33 (b) "Division" means the Division of Facilities Construction and Management.

34 (c) "State fair park" means the property and buildings owned by the state located at 155  
 35 North 1000 West, Salt Lake City, Utah.

36 (2) The division shall:

37 (a) lease the state fair park to the corporation for a period beginning July 1, [1997]

38 2010, and ending June 30, [~~2017, at which time the lease may be renewed:~~] 2060:

39 [~~(i) at the discretion of the division; and~~]

40 [~~(ii) for any time period negotiated with the corporation;~~]

41 (i) subject to the corporation satisfying the requirements of Subsection (5)(b)(i); and

42 (ii) except that on June 30, 2017, that portion of the state fair park known as the White

43 Ball Field located on the south side of North Temple Street shall revert to the division and not

44 be a part of the continuing lease agreement between the division and the corporation ~~H→~~ **, unless**

44a **otherwise agreed upon by the division and the corporation prior to June 30, 2017** ~~←H~~ **;**

45 (b) ensure that the lease:

46 (i) defines which party is responsible for repairs and maintenance to the grounds and

47 buildings;

48 (ii) defines any restrictions on the use of the property or buildings, including the

49 construction of any new buildings or facilities at the state fair park;

50 (iii) requires that for each year under the lease the corporation holds a state fair meeting

51 the requirements of Subsection 9-4-1103(5)(a)(vi); and

52 (iv) provides for the renegotiation or termination of the lease if the corporation:

53 (A) no longer operates as an independent public nonprofit corporation as provided in

54 Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 11, Utah State Fair Corporation Act; or

55 (B) engages in any activity inconsistent with Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 11, Utah State Fair

56 Corporation Act; and

57 (c) if the lease described in Subsection (2)(a) is amended or renewed after the effective

58 date of this act and except as provided in Subsection (3), requires the corporation under the

59 lease to:

60 (i) obtain the approval of the State Building Board before demolishing a facility at the  
61 state fair park; and

62 (ii) include the approval requirement described in Subsection (2)(c)(i) in any sublease  
63 entered into, renewed, or amended after the effective date of this act.

64 (3) (a) The approval required under Subsection (2)(c) does not apply to a facility  
65 demolished in accordance with a contract entered into but not amended before the effective  
66 date of this act.

67 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), before a facility described in Subsection (3)(a)  
68 is demolished, the corporation shall notify the division concerning any demolishing of the  
69 facility.

70 (4) The State Building Board shall notify the state historic preservation office of any  
71 State Building Board meeting at which consideration will be given to a proposal to demolish  
72 facilities at the state fair park.

73 (5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the division may review and adjust the amount  
74 of any payments made by the corporation under the lease every three years beginning July 1,  
75 2000.

76 (b) (i) ~~[Beginning July 1, 2004, and notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), the]~~ The  
77 division ~~[may]~~ shall lease the state fair park to the corporation for a period of ~~[up to]~~ 50 years,  
78 if the corporation demonstrates to the satisfaction of the division that the ~~[extension of the]~~  
79 lease period will result in significant capital improvements at the state fair park by a private or  
80 public entity.

81 (ii) The corporation may enter into a sublease of up to 50 years, subject to satisfying  
82 the requirements of Subsections (2)(c)(i) and (5)(b)(i).

83 (6) The state shall assume the responsibilities of the corporation under any contract that  
84 is in effect on the day a lease between the division and the corporation terminates if:

85 (a) the contract is for the lease or construction of a building or facility at the state park;  
86 and

87 (b) the lease between the division and the corporation is terminated in accordance with  
88 Subsection (2)(b)(iv).

89 (7) (a) Payments made by the corporation under a lease with the division shall be

90 deposited into the Capital Project Fund.

91 (b) If, in accordance with Subsection [~~(3)~~] (5), the payments made by the corporation  
92 under a lease with the division are increased from the amount paid on July 1, 1997, the lease  
93 payments made by the division shall be dedicated to capital improvements at the state fair park  
94 unless, as part of the capital budget, the Legislature directs that the monies be used for other  
95 capital improvements.

96 (8) (a) A debt or obligation contracted by the corporation is a debt or obligation of the  
97 corporation.

98 (b) The state is not liable for and assumes no legal or moral responsibility for any debt  
99 or obligation described in Subsection (8)(a), unless the Legislature through statute or an  
100 appropriation act specifically:

101 (i) authorizes the corporation to contract for that debt or obligation; and

102 (ii) accepts liability for or assumes responsibility for the debt or obligation.

103 **Section 2. Effective date.**

104 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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