

**EVALUATING FEDERAL LAND**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts a provision relating to federal land within the state.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ directs the State Tax Commission to identify specified federal land and to make calculations of property tax and other revenues that would be generated if that land were privately owned; and

▶ requires the State Tax Commission to report to an appropriations subcommittee of the Legislature and to provide a copy of the report to specified federal officers.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-1-259**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 54

ENACTS:

**59-1-214**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section **59-1-214** is enacted to read:

29 **59-1-214. Identifying federal land -- Fair market value determination --**

30 **Calculation of revenues if federal land were privately owned.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "Fair market value" means the same as that term is defined in Section [59-2-102](#).

33 (b) "Federal land" means each parcel of land owned by the United States or any  
34 department, division, or agency of the United States, excluding land included within a national  
35 park.

36 (2) On or before January 15, 2016, and on or before January 15 of every third year  
37 thereafter, the commission shall:

38 (a) identify each parcel of federal land within the state;

39 (b) (i) determine the fair market value of each parcel identified under Subsection (2)(a)  
40 as if the parcel were privately owned; and

41 (ii) calculate the cumulative fair market value of all parcels identified under Subsection  
42 (2)(a);

43 (c) calculate the total amount of property tax revenue that the parcels identified in  
44 Subsection (2)(a) would generate under current law if the parcels were privately owned; and

45 (d) estimate the amount of revenue that would be produced for the use of the public  
46 education system if the parcels identified in Subsection (2)(a) were transferred to the state to be  
47 managed under Title 53C, School and Institutional Trust Lands Management Act.

48 (3) (a) During the 2016 General Session of the Legislature and every third annual  
49 general session thereafter, the commission shall submit a written report to the Public Education  
50 Appropriations Subcommittee of the Legislature.

51 (b) The report required under Subsection (3)(a) shall communicate the results of the  
52 commission's work under Subsection (2).

53 (c) The commission shall provide a copy of each report required under Subsection  
54 (3)(a) to:

55 (i) each member of the state's congressional delegation;

56 (ii) the United States Secretary of the Interior;

57 (iii) the United States Secretary of Education; and

58 (iv) the President of the United States.

- 59 Section 2. Section **63I-1-259** is amended to read:  
60 **63I-1-259. Repeal dates, Title 59.**  
61 (1) Section [59-1-214](#) is repealed on December 31, 2027.  
62 [~~1~~] (2) Subsection [59-2-924\(3\)\(g\)](#) is repealed on December 31, 2016.  
63 [~~2~~] (3) Section [59-2-924.3](#) is repealed on December 31, 2016.  
64 [~~3~~] (4) Section [59-9-102.5](#) is repealed December 31, 2020.
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