

**Senator Aaron Osmond** proposes the following substitute bill:

**EVALUATING FEDERAL LAND**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond**

House Sponsor: David E. Lifferth

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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 Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands to commission a study and report on federal land within the state; and
- ▶ provides requirements for the study and report.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2014-15 only to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Uncodified Material Affected:**

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

Section 1. **Identifying and inventorying federal land -- Public education funding generated if federal land were transferred to state ownership.**



26 (1) As used in this section:

27 (a) "Commission" means the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Land, created  
28 in Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 319, Section 2.

29 (b) "Federal land" means land within the state that is owned by the United States or any  
30 department, division, or agency of the United States, excluding land identified in Subsections  
31 63L-6-102(3)(e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j).

32 (2) Within the appropriation for this purpose, the commission shall engage an  
33 individual or firm to:

34 (a) identify, inventory, and depict federal land using widely available aerial or satellite  
35 photography or imagery technology or similar technology;

36 (b) study and quantify the amount of annual funding that could be generated for public  
37 education in the state, on a school district by school district basis, if the ownership of federal  
38 land is transferred to the state for management through a state land management  
39 administration, established for the purpose of managing the land under the best and most  
40 appropriate use to ensure access to the land for agricultural, tourism, and other appropriate uses  
41 while also generating revenue for public education;

42 (c) define the potential uses of federal land after its transfer to the state;

43 (d) prepare a report on the work performed under Subsections (2)(a), (b), and (c),  
44 including a forecast of revenue for public education for the next 10 years for each school  
45 district in the state, assuming the management of federal land transferred to state ownership, as  
46 described in Subsection (2)(b).

47 (3) The commission shall require the individual or firm engaged to conduct the study  
48 and prepare the report referred to in Subsection (2) to:

49 (a) perform the activities described in Subsection (2); and

50 (b) submit the report described in Subsection (2) to the Commission by July 1, 2016.

51 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

52 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for  
53 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money  
54 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts  
55 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in  
56 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2015.

57	<u>To the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel</u>	
58	<u>From General Fund, one-time</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
59	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
60	<u>Commission for the Stewardship of</u>	
61	<u>Public Lands -- Consultant</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>