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Representative Rebecca P. Edwards proposes the following substitute bill:

JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RETENTION OF PUBLIC EDUCATORS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Rebecca P. Edwards

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution supports the retention of public educators by directing revenue generated from public lands towards a fund to increase educator salaries.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the shortage of credentialed public educators in the state of Utah;
- ▶ acknowledges that public education is a critical component of Utah's prosperity; and
- ▶ directs that net revenue generated from the management of public lands that have been transferred to the state of Utah be deposited into a new fund for the purpose of increasing public educator salaries.

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Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, in all states east of the state of Colorado, the federal government controls 4% of the land;

WHEREAS, the federal government still controls nearly 50% of the land in the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming ~~{, the federal government still controls a significant amount of land}~~;

WHEREAS, the federal government ~~{manages and}~~ still controls ~~{64}~~ 66.5% of Utah's 54.3 million acres of land;

WHEREAS, the ~~{paucity}~~ scarcity of state and private land in Utah severely constrains the size and diversity of the state's economy and educational opportunities, including options for funding education;

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Legislature passed H.B. 148, Transfer of Public Lands Act and Related Study, which seeks ~~{to}~~ the transfer to the state of Utah the title of ordinary public lands in the state currently managed by the federal government;

WHEREAS, in Section 63L-6-102, the Transfer of Public Lands Act defines ordinary "public lands" to exclude certain federally controlled lands, such as national parks, national monuments, national historic sites, and federal wilderness areas, as well as tribal lands;

WHEREAS, the movement to assert control and ownership over public lands within the state's borders is, therefore, focused on ordinary public lands;

WHEREAS, a team of nationally renowned constitutional scholars and legal experts completed an extensive legal analysis in 2015, concluding that federal retention of ordinary public lands in Utah would have been rejected by the Founders, and should be rejected by the United States Supreme Court, as "unfair and unacceptable";

WHEREAS, the legal analysis concluded that "Utah has been treated as decidedly less than an equal sovereign, a result ... the Constitution does not allow";

WHEREAS, in the event that these federally controlled ~~{and managed}~~ lands are transferred to the state of Utah, the state would be the recipient of any revenue generated from

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the lands;

WHEREAS, public education is a critical component of Utah's prosperity, and state revenue invested in public schools is an investment in Utah's children and future economic success; and

WHEREAS, the state of Utah is experiencing a growing shortage of credentialed educators while the population of students in the public education system continues to grow:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ~~{60%}~~50% of any new, recurring net revenue derived from the management of transferred public lands shall be deposited into a new fund and disbursed for the purpose of increasing public primary and secondary educator salaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the revenue described above continue to be deposited into the fund and disbursed until educators' starting salaries have increased by a minimum of 25% from the ~~{current}~~average starting salary~~†~~.

~~Legislative Review Note~~

~~Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel~~ in the year in which the state receives control of at least 50% of the ordinary public lands in the state.