

**ASSIGNABLE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions related to a sale of state property that was acquired through an eminent domain proceeding.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines what constitutes a "highest offer" on the sale of certain property;
- ▶ provides that an original grantor of property acquired by the state through an eminent domain proceeding is permitted to transfer the grantor's first right of refusal; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**72-5-111**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 192

**78B-6-521**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

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



28 Section 1. Section 72-5-111 is amended to read:

29 **72-5-111. Disposal of real property.**

30 (1) (a) If the department determines that any real property or interest in real property,  
31 acquired for a highway purpose, is no longer necessary for the purpose, the department may  
32 lease, sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the real property or interest in the real property.

33 (b) (i) Real property may be sold at private or public sale.

34 (ii) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c) related to exchanges and Subsection (1)(d)  
35 related to the proceeds of any sale of real property from a maintenance facility, proceeds of any  
36 sale shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the Transportation Fund.

37 (c) If approved by the commission, real property or an interest in real property may be  
38 exchanged by the department for other real property or interest in real property, including  
39 improvements, for highway purposes.

40 (d) Proceeds from the sale of real property or an interest in real property from a  
41 maintenance facility may be used by the department for the purchase or improvement of  
42 another maintenance facility, including real property.

43 (2) (a) In the disposition of real property at any private sale, first consideration shall be  
44 given to the original grantor.

45 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 78B-6-521, if no portion of a parcel of  
46 real property acquired by the department is used for transportation purposes, then the original  
47 grantor shall be given the opportunity to repurchase the parcel of real property at the  
48 department's original purchase price from the grantor.

49 (c) In accordance with Section 72-5-404, this Subsection (2) does not apply to property  
50 rights acquired in proposed transportation corridors using funds from the Marda Dillree  
51 Corridor Preservation Fund created in Section 72-2-117.

52 (d) Nothing in this Subsection (2) [~~or Section 78B-6-521~~] creates an assignable right.

53 (3) (a) Any sale, exchange, or disposal of real property or interest in real property made  
54 by the department under this section, is exempt from the mineral reservation provisions of Title  
55 65A, Chapter 6, Mineral Leases.

56 (b) Any deed made and delivered by the department under this section without specific  
57 reservations in the deed is a conveyance of all the state's right, title, and interest in the real  
58 property or interest in the real property.

59 Section 2. Section **78B-6-521** is amended to read:

60 **78B-6-521. Sale of property acquired by eminent domain.**

61 (1) As used in this section[;]:

62 (a) [~~con~~ "Condemnation" or "threat of condemnation" means:

63 [~~(a)~~] (i) acquisition through an eminent domain proceeding; or

64 [~~(b)~~] (ii) an official body of the state or a subdivision of the state, having the power of  
65 eminent domain, has specifically authorized the use of eminent domain to acquire the real  
66 property.

67 (b) "Highest offer" means all material terms of the best bona fide offer received by the  
68 state or one of the state's subdivisions, including:

69 (i) purchase price;

70 (ii) conditions; and

71 (iii) terms of performance.

72 (2) (a) If the state or one of [its] the state's subdivisions, at [its] the state's or the state's  
73 subdivision's sole discretion, declares real property that is acquired through condemnation or  
74 threat of condemnation to be surplus real property, it may not sell the real property on the open  
75 market unless:

76 [~~(a)~~] (i) the real property has been offered for sale to the original grantor, at the highest  
77 offer made to the state or one of its subdivisions with first right of refusal being given to the  
78 original grantor;

79 [~~(b)~~] (ii) the original grantor expressly waived in writing the first right of refusal on the  
80 offer or failed to accept the offer within 90 days after notification by registered mail to the  
81 last-known address; and

82 [~~(c)~~] (iii) neither the state nor the subdivision of the state selling the property is  
83 involved in the rezoning of the property or the acquisition of additional property to enhance the  
84 value of the real property to be sold.

85 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an original grantor's first right of  
86 refusal is assignable.

87 (3) This section shall only apply to property acquired after July 1, 1983.

**Legislative Review Note**  
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