

**FEDERAL DESIGNATIONS**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends and enacts provisions regarding federal designations within the state.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires a governmental entity that is advocating for a federal designation within the state to bring the proposal to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee for review; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63L-2-101**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

**63L-2-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 84

ENACTS:

**63L-2-301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29 Section 1. Section **63L-2-101** is amended to read:

30 **CHAPTER 2. TRANSFER OF STATE LANDS TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**  
31 **AND FEDERAL DESIGNATIONS**

32 **63L-2-101. Title.**

33 This chapter is known as [~~the~~] "Transfer of State Lands to United States Government  
34 [~~Act~~] and Federal Designations."

35 Section 2. Section **63L-2-201** is amended to read:

36 **63L-2-201. Federal government acquisition of real property in the state.**

37 (1) As used in this [~~chapter~~] section:

38 (a) "Governmental entity" means:

39 (i) an agency, as that term is defined in Subsection **63G-10-102(2)**;

40 (ii) the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration created in Section  
41 **53C-1-201**;

42 (iii) the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees created in Section  
43 **53C-1-202**; or

44 (iv) a county.

45 (b) "Governmentally controlled land" means land owned or managed by a  
46 governmental entity.

47 (2) (a) Before legally binding the state by executing an agreement to sell or transfer to  
48 the United States government 500 or more acres of governmentally controlled land or school  
49 and institutional trust lands, a governmental entity shall submit the agreement or proposal:

50 (i) to the Legislature for its approval or rejection; or

51 (ii) in the interim, to the Legislative Management Committee for review of the  
52 agreement or proposal.

53 (b) The Legislative Management Committee may:

54 (i) recommend that the governmental entity execute the agreement or proposal;

55 (ii) recommend that the governmental entity reject the agreement or proposal; or

56 (iii) recommend to the governor that the governor call a special session of the  
57 Legislature to review and approve or reject the agreement or proposal.

58 (3) Before legally binding the state by executing an agreement to sell or transfer to the  
59 United States government less than 500 acres of any governmentally controlled land or school  
60 and institutional trust lands, a governmental entity shall notify the Natural Resources,  
61 Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.

62 (4) Notwithstanding Subsections (2) and (3), the Legislature approves all conveyances  
63 of school trust lands to the United States government made for the purpose of completing the  
64 Red Cliffs National Conservation Area in Washington County.

65 (5) A governmental entity may, in [its] the governmental entity's discretion, give  
66 written notice to the Legislative Management Committee of formal negotiations [it] the  
67 governmental entity enters into with a federal agent or entity intended or likely to result in:

68 (a) the sale, exchange, or transfer of specific governmentally controlled land or school  
69 and institutional trust lands to the federal government; or

70 (b) designation of specific governmentally controlled land or school and institutional  
71 trust lands as a federal park, monument, or wilderness area.

72 Section 3. Section **63L-2-301** is enacted to read:

73 **Part 3. Federal Designations and Local Advocacy**

74 **63L-2-301. Promoting or lobbying for a federal designation within the state.**

75 (1) As used in this section:

76 (a) "Federal designation" means the designation of a:

77 (i) national monument;

78 (ii) national conservation area;

79 (iii) wilderness area or wilderness study area;

80 (iv) area of critical environmental concern;

81 (v) research natural area; or

82 (vi) national recreation area.

- 83           (b) (i) "Governmental entity" means:  
84           (A) a state-funded institution of higher education or public education;  
85           (B) a political subdivision of the state;  
86           (C) an office, agency, board, bureau, committee, department, advisory board, or  
87 commission that the government funds or establishes to carry out the public's business,  
88 regardless of whether the office, agency board, bureau, committee, department, advisory board,  
89 or commission is composed entirely of public officials or employees;  
90           (D) an interlocal entity as defined in Section [11-13-103](#) or a joint or cooperative  
91 undertaking as defined in Section [11-13-103](#);  
92           (E) a governmental nonprofit corporation as defined in Section [11-13a-102](#); or  
93           (F) an association as defined in Section [53G-7-1101](#).  
94           (ii) "Governmental entity" does not mean:  
95           (A) the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration created in Section  
96 [53C-1-201](#); or  
97           (B) the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees created in Section  
98 [53C-1-202](#).  
99           (2) (a) A governmental entity, or a person a governmental entity employs and  
100 designates as a representative, may investigate the possibility of a federal designation within  
101 the state.  
102           (b) A governmental entity that intends to advocate for a federal designation within the  
103 state shall notify the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee  
104 before the introduction of federal legislation, and shall meet with the Natural Resources,  
105 Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee to review the proposal upon request.  
106           (3) This section does not apply to a political subdivision supporting a federal  
107 designation if the federal designation:  
108           (a) applies to 5,000 acres or less; and  
109           (b) has an economical or historical benefit to the political subdivision.

