

UTAHRAPTOR STATE PARK

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the creation of Utahraptor State Park.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to use portions of the Dalton Wells area as a state park; and
- ▶ provides that Utahraptor State Park shall be considered part of the state parks system.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

79-4-607, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **79-4-607** is enacted to read:

79-4-607. Utahraptor State Park.

(1) As used in this section, "Dalton Wells" means the land located in the area known as



28 Dalton Wells and fully described by the map and legal description on file with the division.

29 (2) The division may:

30 (a) receive donations of land or facilities in the Dalton Wells area for the creation of,
31 and inclusion within, Utahraptor State Park;

32 (b) engage in land transfers for land in the Dalton Wells area for inclusion in
33 Utahraptor State Park; or

34 (c) purchase land or facilities in the Dalton Wells area for inclusion in Utahraptor State
35 Park.

36 (3) Utahraptor State Park shall be included within the state park system.

37 (4) The division may not open Utahraptor State Park to the public for use as a state
38 park until the division has received sufficient funding from the State Building Board or from
39 the General Fund to provide for capital improvements and any necessary land acquisitions.

40 (5) Land acquisitions and capital investments will be made at the park in a way that
41 allows Utahraptor State Park to remain financially self-sustaining.

42 (6) Ongoing operations at Utahraptor State Park shall be funded through the Division
43 of Parks and Recreation's restricted fees account.