

Representative Keven J. Stratton proposes the following substitute bill:

CANYON RECREATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

Senate Sponsor: Scott D. Sandall

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office to prepare a canyon recreation and resource management plan when requested by a political subdivision.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ describes the requirements for a canyon recreation and resource management plan;
- ▶ allows the office to seek assistance from state entities or officials to prepare the plan;
- ▶ requires a state entity or official to provide reasonable assistance to the division, upon the division's request; and
- ▶ allows the division to coordinate with stakeholders, including public and private landowners and land managers in political subdivisions.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



26 ENACTS:

27 79-7-207, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

30 Section 1. Section **79-7-207** is enacted to read:

31 **79-7-207. Canyon recreation and resource management plan.**

32 (1) As used in this section:

33 (a) "Interlocal agreement" means an agreement made between one or more political
34 subdivisions.

35 (b) "Office" means the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

36 (c) "Plan" means a canyon recreation and resource management plan described in
37 Subsection (2).

38 (d) "Political subdivision" means a county, city, town, local district, or special district.

39 (2) In accordance with this section:

40 (a) the office, upon request from a political subdivision or through an interlocal
41 agreement, shall coordinate with the political subdivision where the canyon exists to create a
42 canyon recreation and resource management plan for that canyon; and

43 (b) the office may provide a portion of the funds necessary to create the plan as
44 appropriated by the Legislature.

45 (3) The plan shall:

46 (a) inventory the recreation assets, resources, and opportunities in the canyon;

47 (b) identify risks to recreation and options to mitigate those risks;

48 (c) identify and prioritize the present and future recreational needs of the canyon; and

49 (d) for each need identified under Subsection (3)(c):

50 (i) establish defined objectives; and

51 (ii) outline general policies and guidelines for how the objectives described in

52 Subsection (3)(d)(i) may be accomplished, including policies to incentivize stakeholders'
53 participation in accomplishing the objectives.

54 (4) The political subdivision shall prepare the plan in a format that may be used as a
55 template for the creation of other canyon recreation and resource management plans.

56 (5) To prepare the plan the office may:

57 (a) utilize data and information prepared for the comprehensive plan for the outdoor
58 recreation resources of the state described in Section [79-7-302](#);

59 (b) request the reasonable assistance of an agency, department, division, institution, or
60 official of the state, including the Division of State Parks; or

61 (c) coordinate with a canyon's stakeholders for the canyon for which the department is
62 preparing the canyon recreation and resource management plan, including:

63 (i) political subdivisions whose geographic boundaries include or abut the canyon;

64 (ii) owners of private property or water rights in the canyon;

65 (iii) federal agencies that manage property in the canyon; or

66 (iv) any state agency, department, division, or institution that owns or manages land in
67 the canyon.

68 (6) An agency, department, division, institution, or official of the state shall provide
69 reasonable assistance to the office upon the office's request under Subsection (5)(b).