

Representative Scott H. Chew proposes the following substitute bill:

STATE PARK FUNDING AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Walt Brooks

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies funding provisions related to the Division of State Parks.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows interest earned on the money in the State Park Fees Restricted Account to remain in the account;
- ▶ allows proceeds earned from the sale or disposal of buffalo to be used for the prevention and compensation of damage caused by buffalo herds; and
- ▶ repeals a section of the code requiring the Legislature to appropriate money to the Division of State Parks for boating account expenses.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

79-4-402, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

79-4-1001, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 391



26 REPEALS:

27 **79-4-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 280

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

30 Section 1. Section **79-4-402** is amended to read:

31 **79-4-402. State Park Fees Restricted Account.**

32 (1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the State
33 Park Fees Restricted Account.

34 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the account [~~shall consist~~] consists of
35 revenue from:

36 (i) all charges allowed under Section **79-4-203**;

37 (ii) proceeds from the sale or disposal of buffalo under Subsection **79-4-1001(2)(b)**;

38 [~~and~~]

39 (iii) civil damages collected under Section **76-6-206.2**; and

40 (iv) interest on account money.

41 (b) The account shall not include revenue the division receives under Section **79-4-403**
42 and Subsection **79-4-1001(2)(a)**.

43 (3) The division shall use funds in this account for the purposes described in Section
44 **79-4-203**.

45 Section 2. Section **79-4-1001** is amended to read:

46 **79-4-1001. Purchase, trade, sale, or disposal of buffalo -- Proceeds.**

47 (1) In accordance with a plan, approved by the board, to manage buffalo herds on
48 Antelope Island, the division may purchase, trade, sell, or dispose of buffalo obtained from
49 Antelope Island through:

50 (a) competitive bidding; or

51 (b) a means as established by rule.

52 (2) Proceeds received from the sale or disposal of buffalo under this section shall be
53 deposited as follows:

54 (a) the first \$75,000 shall accrue to the division for the management of Antelope Island
55 buffalo herds as dedicated credits;

56 (b) the next \$100,000 shall accrue to the division for the prevention and compensation

57 of damage caused by buffalo herds as dedicated credits; and

58 [~~(b)~~] (c) proceeds in excess of [~~\$75,000~~] \$175,000 shall be deposited in the State Park

59 Fees Restricted Account created under Section 79-4-402.

60 Section 3. **Repealer.**

61 This bill repeals:

62 Section 79-4-401, **Funds to be appropriated -- Boating account expenses.**

63 Section 4. **Effective date.**

64 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.