

PUBLIC LANDS AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires an inventory of public lands.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the completion of an inventory of certain public land; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63L-11-304, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 382

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

Section 1. Section **63L-11-304** is amended to read:

**63L-11-304. Public lands transfer study and economic analysis -- Report --
Inventory.**

(1) As used in this section:



28 (a) "Municipality" means the same as that term is defined in Section 10-1-104.
29 (b) "Public lands" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63L-6-102.
30 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) "Transfer of public lands" means the transfer of public lands from federal
31 ownership to state ownership.

32 (2) The office shall, on an ongoing basis, report to the Federalism Commission
33 regarding the ramifications and economic impacts of the transfer of public lands.

34 (3) The office shall:

35 (a) on an ongoing basis, discuss issues related to the transfer of public lands with:

- 36 (i) the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration;
- 37 (ii) local governments;
- 38 (iii) water managers;
- 39 (iv) environmental advocates;
- 40 (v) outdoor recreation advocates;
- 41 (vi) nonconventional and renewable energy producers;
- 42 (vii) tourism representatives;
- 43 (viii) wilderness advocates;
- 44 (ix) ranchers and agriculture advocates;
- 45 (x) oil, gas, and mining producers;
- 46 (xi) fishing, hunting, and other wildlife interests;
- 47 (xii) timber producers;
- 48 (xiii) other interested parties; and
- 49 (xiv) the Federalism Commission; ~~[and]~~

50 (b) develop ways to obtain input from citizens of the state regarding the transfer of
51 public lands and the future care and use of public lands~~[-]; and~~

52 (c) complete an inventory of public lands owned by the Bureau of Land Management
53 that:

54 (i) identifies all public land owned by the Bureau of Land Management that is located
55 within the boundary of a municipality, including:

- 56 (A) the legal description of the parcel; and
- 57 (B) points of access to the parcel; and

58 (ii) indicates a municipality's intended use for the parcels of public land described in

59 Subsection (3)(c)(i), including for recreation, economic development, affordable housing, or
60 other use.

61 (4) A municipality may notify the office of the municipality's interest in public land
62 owned by the Bureau of Land Management that is located within one-half mile outside of the
63 municipality's boundary by:

64 (a) providing a legal description of the parcel;

65 (b) identifying points of access to the parcel;

66 (c) indicating the municipality's intended use for the parcel, including for recreation,
67 economic development, affordable housing, or other use; and

68 (d) submitting the information described in Subsections (4)(a), (b), and (c) to the
69 office.

70 (5) The office:

71 (a) shall complete the inventory described in Subsection (3)(c) on or before October
72 31, 2026; and

73 (b) may include in the inventory a parcel for which the office receives notice under
74 Subsection (4).

75 (6) The office shall publish a final report on the inventory described in Subsection
76 (3)(c) and present the report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
77 Committee on or before November 30, 2026.

78 **Section 2. Effective date.**

79 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.