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Representative Joseph Elison proposes the following substitute bill:

PALEONTOLOGICAL LANDMARK AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: {} Joseph Elison

Senate Sponsor: { _____ } Don L. Ipson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to paleontological landmarks.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the process to designate a state paleontological landmark;
- ▶ addresses ownership and control of a state paleontological landmark;
- ▶ amends the permitting requirements to excavate on a privately owned paleontological landmark; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

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None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

79-3-505, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 188

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

Section 1. Section **79-3-505** is amended to read:

79-3-505. Paleontological landmarks.

(1) (a) [~~Sites~~] A site of significance or [sites] a site with exceptional fossils may be designated as a state paleontological landmark by:

(i) [~~recommended to and approved by the board as state paleontological landmarks]~~ recommendation to and approval of the board; or

(ii) approval of the Legislature and the governor through concurrent resolution.

(b) (i) The director shall notify the board if a concurrent resolution described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii) is introduced by the Legislature.

(ii) If the board receives a recommendation described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) or notice described in Subsection (1)(b)(i), the survey may prepare a report on the impacts of the proposed state paleontological landmark and submit the report to the Legislature and the governor.

~~(b)~~ (c) No privately owned site, a site on school or institutional trust lands, or a site on lands owned or controlled by a city that has a paleontology museum may be so designated without the written consent of the owner or the trust.

~~(c)~~ (d) The ownership or control of a site or the site's fossils does not change upon designation as a state paleontological landmark.

(2) A person may not excavate on a privately owned [~~designated~~] state paleontological landmark without a permit from the survey unless the landmark is located in a city with a paleontological museum that employs a paleontologist.

(3) Before an alteration is commenced on a [~~designated~~] state paleontological landmark, three months notice of intent to alter the site shall be given the survey.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.

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