

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stewart E. Barlow**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses historic preservation activities.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ directs the State Historic Preservation Office to conduct a statewide public awareness media campaign; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**9-8a-203**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 160

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

Section 1. Section **9-8a-203** is amended to read:

**9-8a-203. Office duties.**

The office shall:

- (1) secure, for the present and future benefit of the state, the protection of



- 28 archaeological resources and sites which are on state lands;
- 29 (2) foster increased cooperation and exchange of information between state authorities,  
30 the professional archaeological community, and private individuals;
- 31 (3) in cooperation with federal and state agencies, local governments, private  
32 organizations, and private individuals, direct and conduct a comprehensive statewide survey of  
33 historic properties;
- 34 (4) maintain an inventory of the properties described in Subsection (3);
- 35 (5) identify and nominate eligible property to the National Register of Historic Places;
- 36 (6) administer applications for listing historic property on the National Register of  
37 Historic Places;
- 38 (7) prepare and implement a comprehensive statewide historic preservation plan;
- 39 (8) administer the state program of federal assistance for historic preservation within  
40 the state;
- 41 (9) advise and assist, as appropriate, state agencies, federal agencies, and local  
42 governments in carrying out their historic preservation responsibilities;
- 43 (10) cooperate with federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, private  
44 organizations, and individuals to ensure that historic property is taken into consideration at all  
45 levels of planning and development;
- 46 (11) provide, with respect to historic preservation:
- 47 (a) public information, including conducting during calendar year 2025 a statewide  
48 public awareness media campaign to educate the public about the importance of historic  
49 properties in the state and the benefits of preserving those historic properties;
- 50 (b) education;
- 51 (c) training; and
- 52 (d) technical assistance;
- 53 (12) cooperate with local governments in the development of local historic  
54 preservation programs;
- 55 (13) consult with appropriate federal agencies with respect to:
- 56 (a) federal undertakings that may affect historic properties; and
- 57 (b) advising and assisting in the evaluation of proposals for rehabilitation projects that  
58 may qualify for federal assistance;

59 (14) perform other duties as designated under 54 U.S.C. Sec. 302303; and

60 (15) perform other duties as designated by the department and by statute.

61 Section 2. **Effective date.**

62 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.