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**UTAH LAKE MODIFICATIONS**  
2024 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH  
**Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell**  
House Sponsor: Brady Brammer

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses Utah Lake.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- repeals the Utah Lake Restoration Act;
- repeals the provisions related to the Utah Lake Diking Project; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**11-65-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 34

REPEALS:

**65A-15-101**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 381

**65A-15-102**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 381

**65A-15-103**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 381

**65A-15-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 60

**65A-15-202**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 381

**73-12-1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**73-12-2**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**73-12-3**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**73-12-4**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

30 Section 1. Section **11-65-206** is amended to read:

31 **11-65-206 . Applicability of other law -- Cooperation of state and local**  
 32 **governments -- Authority of other agencies not affected -- Attorney general to provide**  
 33 **legal services.**

34 (1) The lake authority is subject to and governed by Sections 63E-2-106, 63E-2-107,  
 35 63E-2-108, 63E-2-109, 63E-2-110, and 63E-2-111, but is not otherwise subject to or  
 36 governed by Title 63E, Independent Entities Code.

37 (2) A department, division, or other agency of the state and a political subdivision of the  
 38 state is encouraged, upon the board's request, to cooperate with the lake authority to  
 39 provide the support, information, or other assistance reasonably necessary to help the  
 40 lake authority fulfill the lake authority's duties and responsibilities under this chapter.

41 (3) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to affect or impair:

42 (a) the authority of the Department of Environmental Quality, created in Section  
 43 19-1-104, to regulate under Title 19, Environmental Quality Code, consistent with  
 44 the purposes of this chapter; or

45 (b) the authority of the Division of Wildlife Resources, created in Section 23A-2-201, to  
 46 regulate under Title 23A, Wildlife Resources Act, consistent with the purposes of this  
 47 chapter.

48 (4) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article XVII, Section 1, nothing in this chapter  
 49 may be construed to override, supersede, interfere with, or modify:

50 (a) any water right in the state;

51 (b) the operation of a water facility or project; or

52 (c) the role or authority of the state engineer.

53 (5) (a) Except as otherwise explicitly provided, nothing in this chapter may be construed  
 54 to authorize the lake authority to interfere with or take the place of another  
 55 governmental entity in that entity's process of considering an application or request  
 56 for a license, permit, or other regulatory or governmental permission for an action  
 57 relating to water of Utah Lake or land within the lake authority boundary.

58 (b) The lake authority shall respect and, if applicable and within the lake authority's  
 59 powers, implement a license, permit, or other regulatory or governmental permission  
 60 described in Subsection (5)(a).

61 [~~(6) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to allow the authority to:~~]

62 [~~(a) consider an application for the disposal of land within the lake authority boundary~~]

63 under Title 65A, Chapter 15, Utah Lake Restoration Act; or]  
64 [(b) issue bonding or other financing for a project under Title 65A, Chapter 15, Utah Lake  
65 Restoration Act.]

66 [(7)] (6) The attorney general shall provide legal services to the board.

67 Section 2. **Repealer.**

68 This bill repeals:

69 Section **65A-15-101, Title.**

70 Section **65A-15-102, Definitions.**

71 Section **65A-15-103, Legislative findings.**

72 Section **65A-15-201, Division recommendation on disposal of state land in exchange for**

73 **Utah Lake restoration project -- Approval of Legislature and governor required --**

74 **Criteria -- Division recommendations for defining and meeting objectives.**

75 Section **65A-15-202, Status of state lands after a change in ownership.**

76 Section **73-12-1, Governor authorized to convey to the United States lands or interests in**

77 **said lands in bed of or on margin of Utah Lake.**

78 Section **73-12-2, Manner of executing and attesting deeds.**

79 Section **73-12-3, Description of land.**

80 Section **73-12-4, Purposes for which land is to be used.**

81 Section 3. **Effective date.**

82 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.