

119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 2681

To amend the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 to provide for the transfer of the Moab site to Grand County, Utah, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 7, 2025

Mr. Kennedy of Utah (for himself, Mr. Owens, Ms. Maloy, and Mr. Moore of Utah) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Moab UMTRA Project
- 5 Transition Act of 2025".

1 SEC. 2. MOAB UMTRA PROJECT.

2	Section 3405(i) of the Strom Thurmond National De-
3	fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (10 U.S.C.
4	8720 note; Public Law 105–261) is amended—
5	(1) by striking paragraph (5);
6	(2) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
7	graph (5); and
8	(3) by adding at the end the following:
9	"(6) Transfer of moab site to grand
10	COUNTY.—
11	"(A) In General.—Subject to subpara-
12	graphs (B), (C), and (D), on achieving a reme-
13	dial action completion status sufficient for land
14	conveyance, as determined by the Secretary of
15	Energy in consultation with relevant regulatory
16	authorities, and subject to any regulatory or
17	use restrictions, if determined necessary to pro-
18	tect human health and safety by the Secretary
19	of Energy or the Nuclear Regulatory Commis-
20	sion (including restrictions pursuant to the
21	Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of
22	1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) and part 192 of
23	title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
24	cessor regulations)), the Secretary of Energy
25	shall convey, at no cost, all available right, title,

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and interest of the United States in and to the Moab site to Grand County, Utah.

"(B) RETENTION OF CERTAIN WATER RIGHTS.—In carrying out the conveyance under subparagraph (A), in accordance with applicable law, the Secretary of Energy shall ensure that the United States retains such water rights as the Secretary of Energy determines necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Secretary of Energy under the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42) U.S.C. 7901 et seq.), part 192 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations), and other applicable requirements, including, if the remediation of groundwater is ongoing at the time of the conveyance, such rights as are necessary to maintain access to wells and the associated surface footprint of those wells.

"(C) PROHIBITION.—The conveyance under subparagraph (A) shall include a provision that prohibits Grand County, Utah, from reconveying to a private entity or nonprofit organization any portion of the land conveyed to Grand County, Utah, under that subparagraph.

1 "(D) Additional TERMS and Condi-2 TIONS.—The Secretary of Energy may require 3 such additional terms and conditions in connec-4 tion with the conveyance under subparagraph 5 (A) as the Secretary determines necessary to 6 protect the interests of the United States.".

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