

JORDAN RIVER AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Cheryl K. Acton

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses the Jordan River.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- addresses signs, barriers, fencing, and alternative transportation facilities related to the Jordan River;
- requires posting of signs; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

65A-2-8, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 113

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*Section 1. Section **65A-2-8** is amended to read:**65A-2-8. Jordan River improvement projects.**

(1) As used in this section:



28 (a) "Commission" means the Jordan River Commission created by interlocal
29 agreement.

30 (b) "Zone" means the Jordan River Recreation Area, the area 250 yards on each side of
31 the Jordan River from the edge of the river between SR-201 and 4800 South.

32 (2) The division, subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances and
33 Subsections (3) and (4), may:

34 (a) expend money for the following purposes:

35 (i) enhancing safety, recreation, and conservation in the zone;

36 (ii) capital improvements within the zone, including:

37 (A) lighting along the Jordan River and within the zone;

38 (B) completing construction of a paved pathway on both sides of the Jordan River
39 within the zone;

40 (C) building a boat launch, picnic pavilion, bench, restroom, or other amenity within
41 the zone; and

42 (D) supporting Tracy Aviary, a nature area, bike or boat rental concessionaire, or other
43 partnerships to enhance recreation in the zone;

44 (iii) funding programs to:

45 (A) clean the zone[;];

46 (B) remove invasive species[;]; and

47 (C) restore riparian habitat;

48 (iv) hiring or contracting for personnel to perform tasks as directed by the commission;

49 (v) partnering or contracting with an urban ranger or conservation corp operated by a
50 state institution of higher education or similar service-oriented organizations or programs:

51 (A) to provide trail, river, and parkway maintenance, invasive species removal and
52 revegetation, emergency care, and environmental education for the area 250 yards on each side
53 of the Jordan River from the edge of the river for the entire length of the river; and

54 (B) to report to the appropriate public official all health, safety, or law enforcement
55 concerns that the organization encounters, as directed by the commission; [~~and~~]

56 (vi) partnering or contracting with local law enforcement or a certified peace officer to
57 provide patrol, security, and law enforcement for the area 250 yards on each side of the Jordan
58 River from the edge of the river for the entire length of the river; and

(vii) monitoring the activities of state and local highway authorities and work with the highway authorities to:

(A) identify opportunities to have consistent, attractive signs, barriers, and fences where a highway, as defined in Section 72-1-102, crosses or runs adjacent to the Jordan River; and

(B) provide access from a highway to the trails along the Jordan River where the trail can be safely accessed; and

(b) purchase, lease, sell, or dispose of property or an easement within the zone to achieve the goals in Subsection (2)(a).

(3) (a) Before engaging in any activity described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) through (2)(a)(iii) or Subsection (2)(b), the division shall receive the approval of:

(i) the commission;

(ii) any relevant governmental entity that owns or is responsible for the maintenance of real property within the zone, including Salt Lake County Flood Control; and

(iii) the relevant municipality within the zone.

(b) Before engaging in any activity described in Subsections (2)(a)(iv) through (2)(a)(vi), the division shall:

(i) receive the approval of the commission; and

(ii) consult with:

(A) any relevant governmental entity that owns or is responsible for the maintenance of real property within the zone; and

(B) the relevant municipality within the zone.

(4) The programs described in this section may only be implemented as appropriations from the Legislature allow.

(5) The Department of Transportation shall post signs developed under Subsection (2)(a)(vii)(A) on state highways that cross the Jordan River on or before June 30, 2022.