

**JORDAN RIVER AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**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 certain 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

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

Section 1. Section **65A-2-8** is amended to read:

28           **65A-2-8. Jordan River improvement projects.**

29           (1) As used in this section:

30           (a) "Commission" means the Jordan River Commission created by interlocal  
31 agreement.

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

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

36           (a) expend money for the following purposes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

46           (iii) funding programs to clean the zone, remove invasive species, and restore riparian  
47 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  
59 (vii) work with state and local highway authorities to:  
60 (A) post consistent, attractive signs, and work toward opportunities to build consistent,  
61 attractive barriers and fences where a highway, as defined in Section [72-1-102](#), crosses or runs  
62 adjacent to the Jordan River; and  
63 (B) provide access from a highway to the trails along the Jordan River where the trail  
64 can be safely accessed; and  
65 (b) purchase, lease, sell, or dispose of property or an easement within the zone to  
66 achieve the goals in Subsection (2)(a).  
67 (3) (a) Before engaging in any activity described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) through  
68 (2)(a)(iii) or Subsection (2)(b), the division shall receive the approval of:  
69 (i) the commission;  
70 (ii) any relevant governmental entity that owns or is responsible for the maintenance of  
71 real property within the zone, including Salt Lake County Flood Control; and  
72 (iii) the relevant municipality within the zone.  
73 (b) Before engaging in any activity described in Subsections (2)(a)(iv) through  
74 (2)(a)(vi), the division shall:  
75 (i) receive the approval of the commission; and  
76 (ii) consult with:  
77 (A) any relevant governmental entity that owns or is responsible for the maintenance of  
78 real property within the zone; and  
79 (B) the relevant municipality within the zone.  
80 (4) The programs described in this section may only be implemented as appropriations  
81 from the Legislature allow.

82           (5) On or before June 30, 2022, the Department of Transportation shall post signs  
83 developed under Subsection (2)(a)(vii)(A) on the state highway system that crosses the Jordan  
84 River.