

1 **State Policy on Judea and Samaria**
 2026 GENERAL SESSION
 STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Karianne Lisonbee
 Senate Sponsor:

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 3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill establishes a state policy of referring to certain land controlled by Israel as Judea
 6 and Samaria.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

- 9 ▶ defines terms;
- 10 ▶ makes it state policy to refer to the land, restored to Israel from Jordan during the 1967
 11 Six-Day War, by the land's historical names of Judea and Samaria; and
- 12 ▶ prohibits a state agency or official government material from referring to the land

13 described in the preceding paragraph as "West Bank."

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 ENACTS:

20 **63G-34-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

23 Section 1. Section **63G-34-101** is enacted to read:

24 **CHAPTER 34. State Policies and Requirements**

25 **63G-34-101 . Reference to Judea and Samaria by a state agency.**

26 (1) As used in this section:

27 (a) "Official government material" means any material prepared or produced by a state
 28 agency, whether written, printed, electronic, or in another medium, including:

29 (i) a rule;

30 (ii) a press release;

31 (iii) a communication;

32 (iv) a briefing;

33 (v) guidance; or

34 (vi) a publication.

35 (b) "State agency" means a department, division, office, commission, or other institution
36 of the state.

37 (2) It is the policy of the state to refer to the land restored to Israel from Jordan during the
38 1967 Six-Day War, by the land's historical names of Judea and Samaria, with the land s
39 outh of Jerusalem considered Judea and the land north of Jerusalem considered Samaria.

40 (3) A state agency may not use the term "West Bank," or use state funds to create official
41 government material that uses the term "West Bank," to refer to the land described in
42 Subsection (2).

43 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

44 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.