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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

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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,

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

3 “(B) RETENTION OF CERTAIN WATER
4 RIGHTS.—In carrying out the conveyance under
5 subparagraph (A), in accordance with applica-
6 ble law, the Secretary of Energy shall ensure
7 that the United States retains such water rights
8 as the Secretary of Energy determines nec-
9 essary to carry out the responsibilities of the
10 Secretary of Energy under the Uranium Mill
11 Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42
12 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.), part 192 of title 40, Code
13 of Federal Regulations (or successor regula-
14 tions), and other applicable requirements, in-
15 cluding, if the remediation of groundwater is
16 ongoing at the time of the conveyance, such
17 rights as are necessary to maintain access to
18 wells and the associated surface footprint of
19 those wells.

20 “(C) PROHIBITION.—The conveyance
21 under subparagraph (A) shall include a provi-
22 sion that prohibits Grand County, Utah, from
23 reconveying to a private entity or nonprofit or-
24 ganization any portion of the land conveyed to
25 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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