

Site Identification Criteria

as Specified by

2014 General Session H.C.R. 8 and S.B. 268

During the 2014 General Session, the Legislature passed H.C.R. 8, "Concurrent Resolution Regarding Moving the State Prison" and S.B. 268, "Prison Relocation Commission." Both pieces of legislation addressed the relocation of the Utah State Prison. The following criteria are specified in the above legislation and may be considered by the Prison Relocation Commission when identifying a plot or plots of land upon which to construct a new prison or prisons:

- Whether the state currently owns land upon which a new prison or prisons could be constructed
- The efforts of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to evaluate criminal justice policies to increase public safety, reduce recidivism, and reduce prison population growth
- Future inmate programming that encourages a reduction in recidivism
- Maintaining an adequate level of volunteer support
- Maintaining an adequate level of staff support
- Proximity to comprehensive medical facilities
- Compatibility with surrounding land uses for the foreseeable future
- Appropriations needed from the Legislature
- Maximizing the overall value to taxpayers
- What phases of construction will be needed
- Maximizing efficiencies and cost savings
- Access to courts
- Visiting and public access
- Expansion capabilities
- Emergency response factors
- Availability of infrastructure
- The role of county jails and sheriffs
- Performance specifications that facilitate a high quality correctional program