

**UINTAH BASIN AIR QUALITY RESEARCH PROJECT**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kevin T. Van Tassell**

House Sponsor: Scott H. Chew

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the purposes for which the Legislature may appropriate money from the Infrastructure and Economic Diversification Investment Account;
- ▶ creates the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project;
- ▶ requires the Utah State University Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center to conduct the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project;
- ▶ provides reporting requirements; and
- ▶ establishes a sunset date.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to Utah State University, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the Infrastructure and Economic Diversification Investment Account, \$250,000, subject to intent language stating that the money appropriated is to be used to fund the Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center for the purpose of conducting the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project as required by Section [53B-18-1401](#).

**Other Special Clauses:**



28 None

29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 AMENDS:

31 **51-9-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 141, 216 and renumbered  
32 and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

33 **63I-2-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapters 258, 418, and 456

34 ENACTS:

35 **53B-18-1401**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

38 Section 1. Section **51-9-303** is amended to read:

39 **51-9-303. Creation of Infrastructure and Economic Diversification Investment**

40 **Account.**

41 (1) (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the  
42 "Infrastructure and Economic Diversification Investment Account."

43 (b) The Infrastructure and Economic Diversification Investment Account shall consist  
44 of:

- 45 (i) all money credited to the account under Section **51-9-305**;
- 46 (ii) appropriations from the Legislature; and
- 47 (iii) grants from private foundations.

48 (2) (a) The state treasurer shall invest money in the account according to Title 51,  
49 Chapter 7, State Money Management Act.

50 (b) The Division of Finance shall deposit interest or other earnings derived from  
51 investment of account money into the General Fund.

52 (3) The Legislature may appropriate money from the Infrastructure and Economic  
53 Diversification Investment Account for:

- 54 (a) infrastructure and economic diversification investment projects[-]; and
- 55 (b) research projects that support economic and capital development within areas of the  
56 state that produced the severance tax revenues.

57 (4) At least 25% of the money appropriated in accordance with Subsection (3) shall be  
58 used for the following projects within areas of the state that produced the severance tax

59 revenues:

60 (a) capital and infrastructure development; [~~and~~]

61 (b) economic diversification investment[~~;~~]; and

62 (c) research to support Subsections (4)(a) and (b).

63 Section 2. Section **53B-18-1401** is enacted to read:

64 **Part 14. Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project**

65 **53B-18-1401. Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project -- Report.**

66 (1) There is created the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project to study ozone  
67 formation in the Uintah Basin.

68 (2) The Utah State University Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center  
69 shall:

70 (a) conduct the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project by:

71 (i) developing and improving computer models to simulate ozone formation and  
72 determine its cause;

73 (ii) measuring pollutants in the ambient air to:

74 (A) track how emissions are changing over time; and

75 (B) verify the accuracy of computer models; and

76 (iii) characterizing pollutant emissions from various sources; and

77 (b) annually report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim

78 Committee on the results of the research described in Subsection (2)(a) by no later than

79 November 30 of each year.

80 Section 3. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:

81 **63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.**

82 (1) Section **53A-1-403.5** is repealed July 1, 2017.

83 (2) Subsection **53A-1-410(5)** is repealed July 1, 2015.

84 (3) Section **53A-1-411** is repealed July 1, 2017.

85 (4) Section **53A-1a-513.5** is repealed July 1, 2017.

86 (5) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 10, UPSTART, is repealed July 1, 2019.

87 (6) Title 53A, Chapter 8a, Part 8, Peer Assistance and Review Pilot Program, is  
88 repealed July 1, 2017.

89 (7) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 14, Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project, is

90 repealed July 1, 2023.

91 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

92 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for  
93 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following sums of money  
94 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts  
95 previously appropriated, out of the funds or amounts indicated. These sums of money are in  
96 addition to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2017.

97 To Utah State University

98 From Infrastructure and Economic Diversification

99 Investment Account \$250,000

100 Schedule of Programs:

101 Utah State University - Uintah Basin Regional Campus \$250,000

102 The Legislature intends that Utah State University shall use the money appropriated to  
103 Utah State University under this section to fund the Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy  
104 Research Center for the purpose of conducting the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project  
105 as required by Section [53B-18-1401](#).

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