

Representative Stephen G. Handy proposes the following substitute bill:

UTILITY PERMITTING AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill prohibits municipalities and counties from making certain restrictions on energy utility services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► prohibits municipalities and counties from restricting the connection of certain energy utility services.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

10-9a-530, Utah Code Annotated 1953

17-27a-526, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **10-9a-530** is enacted to read:



26 **10-9a-530. Utility service connections.**

27 (1) A municipality may not enact an ordinance, a resolution, or a policy that prohibits,
28 or has the effect of prohibiting, the connection or reconnection of an energy utility service
29 provided by a public utility as that term is defined in Section [54-2-1](#).

30 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to:

31 (a) an incentive offered by a municipality; or

32 (b) a building owned by a municipality.

33 Section 2. Section **17-27a-526** is enacted to read:

34 **17-27a-526. Utility service connections.**

35 (1) A county may not enact an ordinance, a resolution, or a policy that prohibits, or has
36 the effect of prohibiting, the connection or reconnection of an energy utility service provided
37 by a public utility as that term is defined in Section [54-2-1](#).

38 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to:

39 (a) an incentive offered by a county; or

40 (b) a building owned by a county.

41 Section 3. **Effective date.**

42 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
43 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
44 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
45 the date of veto override.