

Christine F. Watkins proposes the following substitute bill:

Technical College Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins

Senate Sponsor: Ronald M. Winterton

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to capital development projects for technical colleges.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- amends provisions relating to construction plan approval for technical colleges.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53B-2a-112, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 254

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

Section 1. Section **53B-2a-112** is amended to read:

53B-2a-112 . Technical colleges -- Relationships with other public and higher education institutions -- Agreements -- Priorities -- New capital facilities.

(1) As used in this section, "higher education institution" means:

(a) Utah State University for:

- (i) Bridgerland Technical College;
- (ii) Tooele Technical College; and
- (iii) Uintah Basin Technical College;

(b) Weber State University for:

- (i) Ogden-Weber Technical College; and
- (ii) Davis Technical College;

(c) Utah Valley University for Mountainland Technical College;

- 30 (d) Southern Utah University for Southwest Technical College; and
31 (e) Utah Tech University for Dixie Technical College.
- 32 (2) A technical college may enter into agreements:
- 33 (a) with other higher education institutions to cultivate cooperative relationships; or
34 (b) with other public and higher education institutions to enhance career and technical
35 education within the technical college's region.
- 36 (3) Before a technical college develops new instructional facilities, the technical college
37 shall give priority to:
- 38 (a) maintaining the technical college's existing instructional facilities for both secondary
39 and adult students;
- 40 (b) coordinating with the president of the technical college's degree-granting partner and
41 entering into any necessary agreements to provide career and technical education to
42 secondary and adult students that:
- 43 (i) maintain and support existing higher education career and technical education
44 programs; and
45 (ii) maximize the use of existing higher education facilities; and
- 46 (c) developing cooperative agreements with school districts, charter schools, other
47 higher education institutions, businesses, industries, and community and private
48 agencies to maximize the availability of career and technical education instructional
49 facilities for both secondary and adult students.
- 50 (4)(a) Before submitting a funding request pertaining to new capital facilities and land
51 purchases to the board, a technical college shall:
- 52 (i) ensure that all available instructional facilities are maximized in accordance with
53 Subsections (3)(a) through (c); and
54 (ii) coordinate the request with the president of the technical college's
55 degree-granting partner, if applicable.
- 56 (b) The Division of Facilities Construction and Management shall make a finding that
57 the requirements of this section are met before the Division of Facilities Construction
58 and Management may consider a funding request from the board pertaining to new
59 capital facilities and land purchases for a technical college.
- 60 (c) A technical college may not construct, approve the construction of, [~~plan for the~~
61 ~~design or construction of,~~] or consent to the construction of a career and technical
62 education facility without approval of the Legislature.
- 63 (5) Before acquiring new fiscal and administrative support structures, a technical college

- 64 shall:
- 65 (a) review the use of existing public or higher education administrative and accounting
- 66 systems, financial record systems, and student and financial aid systems for the
- 67 delivery of education in the region;
- 68 (b) determine the feasibility of using existing systems; and
- 69 (c) with the approval of the technical college board of trustees and the board, use the
- 70 existing systems.

71 Section 1. **Effective Date.**

72 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.