

Raymond P. Ward proposes the following substitute bill:

Budgetary Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts budget-related reporting requirements.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit an annual report to the Executive Appropriations Committee that addresses the sufficiency of funding for wages and benefits for employees of:

- local health departments, local mental health authorities, local substance abuse authorities, and local area agencies; and
- corporations that provide direct services under contract with the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, the Division of Services for People with Disabilities, the Division of Child and Family Services, and the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services; and

▸ provides a sunset date for the reporting requirement, subject to legislative review.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-263, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 4

ENACTS:

63J-1-219, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63I-1-263** is amended to read:

63I-1-263 . Repeal dates: Titles 63A to 63O.

- (1) Subsection 63A-5b-405(5), regarding prioritizing and allocating capital improvement funding, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- (2) Title 63C, Chapter 4a, Constitutional and Federalism Defense Act, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- (3) Title 63C, Chapter 6, Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2025.
- (4) Title 63C, Chapter 18, Behavioral Health Crisis Response Committee, is repealed December 31, 2026.
- (5) Title 63C, Chapter 23, Education and Mental Health Coordinating Committee, is repealed December 31, 2024.
- (6) Title 63C, Chapter 25, State Finance Review Commission, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- (7) Title 63C, Chapter 27, Cybersecurity Commission, is repealed July 1, 2032.
- (8) Title 63C, Chapter 28, Ethnic Studies Commission, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- (9) Title 63C, Chapter 31, State Employee Benefits Advisory Commission, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- (10) Section 63G-6a-805, Purchase from community rehabilitation programs, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- (11) Title 63G, Chapter 21, Agreements to Provide State Services, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- (12) Title 63H, Chapter 4, Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- (13) Title 63H, Chapter 8, Utah Housing Corporation Act, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- (14) Section 63J-1-219, requiring an annual report from the Department of Health and Human Services, is repealed January 1, 2031.
- ~~[(14)]~~ (15) Subsection 63J-1-602.2(16), related to the Communication Habits to reduce Adolescent Threats (CHAT) Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- ~~[(15)]~~ (16) Subsection 63J-1-602.2(26), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2025.
- ~~[(16)]~~ (17) Section 63L-11-204, Canyon resource management plan, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- ~~[(17)]~~ (18) Title 63L, Chapter 11, Part 4, Resource Development Coordinating Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- ~~[(18)]~~ (19) Title 63M, Chapter 7, Part 7, Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Board, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- ~~[(19)]~~ (20) Section 63M-7-902, Creation -- Membership -- Terms -- Vacancies -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.

- 64 ~~[(20)]~~ (21) Title 63M, Chapter 11, Utah Commission on Aging, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 65 ~~[(21)]~~ (22) Title 63N, Chapter 1b, Part 4, Women in the Economy Subcommittee, is
- 66 repealed January 1, 2030.
- 67 ~~[(22)]~~ (23) Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 2, Enterprise Zone Act, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 68 ~~[(23)]~~ (24) Subsection 63N-2-511(1)(b), regarding the Board of Tourism Development, is
- 69 repealed July 1, 2025.
- 70 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) Section 63N-2-512, Hotel Impact Mitigation Fund, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 71 ~~[(25)]~~ (26) Title 63N, Chapter 3, Part 9, Strategic Innovation Grant Pilot Program, is
- 72 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 73 ~~[(26)]~~ (27) Title 63N, Chapter 3, Part 11, Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program, is
- 74 repealed July 1, 2025.
- 75 ~~[(27)]~~ (28) Title 63N, Chapter 4, Part 4, Rural Employment Expansion Program, is repealed
- 76 July 1, 2028.
- 77 ~~[(28)]~~ (29) Section 63N-4-804, which creates the Rural Opportunity Advisory Committee, is
- 78 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 79 ~~[(29)]~~ (30) Subsection 63N-4-805(5)(b), regarding the Rural Employment Expansion
- 80 Program, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 81 ~~[(30)]~~ (31) Subsection 63N-7-101(1), regarding the Board of Tourism Development, is
- 82 repealed July 1, 2025.
- 83 ~~[(31)]~~ (32) Subsection 63N-7-102(3)(c), regarding a requirement for the Utah Office of
- 84 Tourism to receive approval from the Board of Tourism Development, is repealed July
- 85 1, 2025.
- 86 ~~[(32)]~~ (33) Title 63N, Chapter 7, Part 2, Board of Tourism Development, is repealed July 1,
- 87 2025.

88 Section 2. Section **63J-1-219** is enacted to read:

89 **63J-1-219 . Annual report from the Department of Health and Human Services.**

90 (1) As used in this section:

91 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services created in

92 Section 26B-1-201.

93 (b) "Department contractor" means:

94 (i) a local health department, local mental health authority, local substance abuse

95 authority, or local area agency; or

96 (ii) an entity that provides direct services under contract with:

97 (A) the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation;

(B) the Division of Services for People with Disabilities;

(C) the Division of Child and Family Services; or

(D) the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services.

(2)(a) Beginning in 2025, the department shall annually submit a report to the Executive Appropriations Committee that provides information related to funding for wages and benefits for employees of department contractors.

(b) The department shall submit the report before the Executive Appropriations Committee's December meeting.

(3) The department shall include in the report:

(a) for the upcoming fiscal year, the amount necessary to give department contractors a percentage increase for wages and benefits that is equal to the percentage change in the Chained Consumer Price Index for the immediately preceding calendar year;

(b) a description of how the percentage change in the funding for wages and benefits for department contractors over the preceding 10 calendar years compares to the percentage difference between the Chained Consumer Price Index for the tenth calendar year preceding the current calendar year and the Chained Consumer Price Index for the immediately preceding calendar year; and

(c) an evaluation of the sufficiency of the current funding for the wages and benefits for department contractors for retaining and recruiting staff capable of effectively executing the entities' programs.

Section 3. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.