

Stephanie Pitcher proposes the following substitute bill:

Landscaping Procurement Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Pitcher

House Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the usage of electric lawn equipment at state government facilities.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- creates a timeline for phasing in the adoption of electric lawn equipment for the performance of landscape maintenance of state government facilities.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

63G-6a-111.1, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63G-6a-111.1** is enacted to read:

63G-6a-111.1 . Requirements for landscape maintenance.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Grounds" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63A-5b-1108.
- (b) "Landscape maintenance" means mowing, edging, trimming, fertilizing, raking, or blowing leaves, lawn, flora, or organic material.
- (c) "Landscape maintenance equipment" means any device primarily designed as a tool for the performance of landscape maintenance.
- (d) "Lawn" means the same as lawn or turf is defined in Section 63A-5b-1108.
- (e) "State government facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section

- 30 63A-5b-1108.
- 31 (2) Subject to Subsections (3) and (4):
- 32 (a) beginning July 1, 2025, a person performing landscape maintenance on a state
- 33 government facility having less than 10,000 square feet of property needing
- 34 landscape maintenance shall use handheld electric landscape maintenance equipment;
- 35 (b) beginning July 1, 2026, a person performing landscape maintenance on a state
- 36 government facility having less than 30,000 square feet of property needing
- 37 landscape maintenance shall use handheld electric landscape maintenance equipment;
- 38 (c) beginning July 1, 2027, a person performing landscape maintenance on a state
- 39 government facility having less than 50,000 square feet of property needing
- 40 landscape maintenance shall use handheld electric landscape maintenance equipment;
- 41 (3) The director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management may grant an
- 42 exemption from a requirement under Subsections (2)(a) through (c) if:
- 43 (a) the use of handheld electric landscape maintenance equipment, as opposed to
- 44 gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment, is not practical based on the
- 45 existing slope, erosion, stoniness, or other features of the landscape; or
- 46 (b) there is an emergency in order, and the use of landscape maintenance equipment is
- 47 necessary to promote the safe and operational condition of the property.
- 48 (4) If private contractors are unable to supply handheld electric landscape maintenance
- 49 equipment to a person seeking to acquire it for use to satisfy the requirements under
- 50 Subsection (2)(a), the Division of Facilities Construction and Management shall supply
- 51 the equipment.

52 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

53 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.