

Stephanie Pitcher proposes the following substitute bill:

**Landscaping Procurement Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Pitcher**

House Sponsor: Anthony E. Loubet

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**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

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*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 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

49 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.