

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

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- under certain conditions, limits a procurement unit to acquiring electric-powered landscape maintenance equipment.

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 Subsection (3), a procurement unit that is procuring landscape maintenance
32 equipment shall procure only electric-powered landscape maintenance equipment, if:

33 (a) the landscape maintenance equipment will be primarily used at a state government
34 facility; and

35 (b) the state government facility under Subsection (2)(a):

36 (i) is located in a county that had, as of April 1, 2020, a population of 200,000 or
37 more, as determined under Subsection 17-5-502(2); and

38 (ii) consists of less than 50,000 square feet of property needing landscape
39 maintenance.

40 (3) The director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management may exempt a
41 procurement unit, or a specific procurement for landscape maintenance equipment, from
42 the requirements under Subsection (2), if:

43 (a) the use of handheld electric landscape maintenance equipment, as compared 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, and the use of landscape maintenance equipment is necessary
47 to promote the safe and operational condition of the property.

48 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

49 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.