

Energy Efficiency Rebate Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to energy rebate programs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires a large-scale public utility to annually report to the Office of Energy

Development regarding the large-scale public utility's energy rebate program; and

- modifies the Office of Energy Development's reporting duties to include a review of energy rebate programs.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

79-6-405, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 258

ENACTS:

54-7-13.7, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section 54-7-13.7 is enacted to read:

54-7-13.7 . Energy rebate program -- Requirement -- Reporting to Office of

Energy Development.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Energy rebate program" means a program operated by a large-scale public utility

- 29 that provides financial rebates or incentives to customers for measures that reduce
30 energy consumption or improve the efficiency of energy consumption.
- 31 (b) "Large-scale public utility" means a public utility that:
32 (i) provides retail electric service to more than 200,000 retail customers in the state; or
33 (ii) provides retail natural gas service to more than 200,000 retail customers in the
34 state.
- 35 (c) "Office" means the Office of Energy Development created in Section 79-6-401.
- 36 (2) On or before September 1, 2026, and annually thereafter on or before September 1, a
37 large-scale public utility that operates an energy rebate program shall submit a report to
38 the office describing the energy rebate program operated by the large-scale public utility
39 during the previous calendar year.
- 40 (3) The report required by Subsection (2) shall include:
- 41 (a) a description of each energy rebate program offered by the large-scale public utility;
42 (b) for each energy rebate program:
- 43 (i) the types of rebates and incentives offered, including financial amounts and
44 eligibility criteria;
45 (ii) customer participation during the program year, including the number of
46 participants in each of the following customer categories:
- 47 (A) residential customers;
48 (B) commercial customers;
49 (C) industrial customers;
50 (D) irrigation customers; and
51 (E) any other customer class as determined by the large-scale public utility;
- 52 (iii) the total amount of rebates and incentives issued;
53 (iv) energy savings achieved through the program;
54 (v) cost-effectiveness metrics for the program; and
55 (vi) administrative costs incurred; and
- 56 (c) how each energy rebate program aligns with the state energy policy described in
57 Section 79-6-301.
- 58 Section 2. Section **79-6-405** is amended to read:
59 **79-6-405 . Reports -- Study.**
- 60 (1) The director shall report annually to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology
61 Interim Committee.
- 62 (2) The report required in Subsection (1) shall:

- 63 (a) summarize the status and development of the state's energy resources;
- 64 (b) summarize the activities and accomplishments of the office;
- 65 (c) address the director's activities under this part;
- 66 (d) recommend any energy-related executive or legislative action the director or office
- 67 considers beneficial to the state, including updates to the state energy policy under
- 68 Section 79-6-301; and
- 69 (e) address long-term energy planning required under Subsection 79-6-401(10).
- 70 (3)(a) The office shall study the impacts of the following on energy costs in the state:
- 71 (i) Title 59, Chapter 33, Wind or Solar Electric Generation Facility Capacity Tax; and
- 72 (ii) Part [H] 14, Energy Project Assessment.
- 73 (b) The director shall report the office's findings regarding the study required under this
- 74 Subsection (3) to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee by
- 75 no later than the 2026 November interim meeting of the Public Utilities, Energy, and
- 76 Technology Interim Committee.
- 77 (4)(a) On or before November 1, 2026, and annually thereafter on or before November
- 78 1, the office shall:
- 79 (i) review the reports submitted by large-scale public utilities under Section 54-7-13.7;
- 80 (ii) consult with each large-scale public utility that submitted a report under Section
- 81 54-7-13.7 regarding the alignment of the large-scale public utility's energy rebate
- 82 program with the state energy policy described in Section 79-6-301; and
- 83 (iii) as part of the consultation described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), provide
- 84 recommendations to each large-scale public utility for improving the alignment of
- 85 the energy rebate program with the state energy policy.
- 86 (b) The director shall include in the annual report required by Subsection (1) a summary
- 87 of:
- 88 (i) the energy rebate programs operated by large-scale public utilities in the state
- 89 during the previous calendar year;
- 90 (ii) the office's findings regarding the alignment of those programs with the state
- 91 energy policy; and
- 92 (iii) any recommendations made to large-scale public utilities under Subsection
- 93 (4)(a)(iii).

94 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

95 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.