

Val L. Peterson proposes the following substitute bill:

Budgetary Modifications

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to public funds.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ changes the name of:

- the Agriculture Conservation Easement Account; and
- the LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund;

▸ repeals the following accounts and funds, including related references:

- the Navajo Water Rights Negotiation Account;
- the Conversion to Alternative Fuel Grant Program Fund, including the Conversion to

Alternative Fuel Grant Program;

- the Wildlife Resources Conservation Easement Account;
- the Wild Game Meat Donation Fund; and
- the Colorado River Authority Restricted Account;

▸ clarifies that an agency that administers a state grant on another agency's behalf shall comply with the applicable grant requirements;

▸ clarifies that the state auditor may audit grant funds in accordance with the state auditor's authority;

▸ for a direct award grant, prohibits an administering agency from using grant funds to administer the grant, unless otherwise provided in the grant appropriation's intent language;

▸ modifies certain reporting requirements for a competitive grant;

▸ provides that a member of the Board of Examiners is disqualified from reviewing a line item overexpenditure report if the line item is part of the member's office's budget;

▸ allows an agency to expend up to 100% of the dedicated credits revenue that the agency

29 receives in excess of the amount appropriated, if the dedicated credits are appropriated
 30 to a specified type of fund;

- 31 ▶ amends the administration of the Industrial Assistance Account (account) by:
 - 32 • replacing the annual transfer to the account with an annual set aside; and
 - 33 • directing the GOEO board to make recommendations to the administrator regarding
- 34 applications for loans, grants, or other financial assistance from the account;
- 35 ▶ addresses the state auditor's authority related to:
 - 36 • expenses and personnel; and
 - 37 • performing audits of funds and accounts to determine compliance with the law;
- 38 ▶ creates the Energy Development Infrastructure Fund to make loans to public entities to
- 39 finance infrastructure development that supports nuclear power generation and
- 40 transmission in the state;
- 41 ▶ changes the Electrical Energy Development Investment Fund from an expendable special
- 42 revenue fund to a special revenue fund and makes appropriations from the fund
- 43 nonlapsing;
- 44 ▶ modifies the permissible uses of the Electrical Energy Development Investment Fund;
- 45 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes; and
- 46 ▶ includes a coordination clause that makes technical changes if this bill and H.B. 473,
- 47 Colorado River Authority Amendments, both pass and become law.

48 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

49 This bill appropriates (\$5,000,000) in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026,
 50 all of which is from the General Fund.

51 This bill appropriates \$5,000,000 in business-like activities for fiscal year 2026, all of which is
 52 from the General Fund.

53 This bill appropriates \$1,638,500 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2027, all of
 54 which is from the General Fund.

55 This bill appropriates (\$1,638,500) in restricted fund and account transfers for fiscal year 2027,
 56 all of which is from the General Fund.

57 **Other Special Clauses:**

58 This bill provides a special effective date.

59 This bill provides coordination clauses.

60 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

61 AMENDS:

62 **4-46-102 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special

63 Session, Chapter 16
64 **4-46-202 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah
65 2023, Chapter 180
66 **4-46-301 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 143
67 **4-46-302 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special
68 Session, Chapter 15
69 **4-46-303 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 271
70 **4-46-304 (Effective 07/01/26) (Partially Repealed 07/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of
71 Utah 2025, Chapter 91
72 **4-46-401 (Effective 07/01/26) (Partially Repealed 07/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of
73 Utah 2023, Chapter 34
74 **17-81-501 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
75 First Special Session, Chapter 14
76 **39A-8-104 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 180
77 **63C-25-101 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah
78 2025, Chapter 105
79 **63G-6b-101 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 300
80 **63G-6b-201 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 300
81 **63G-6b-301 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 300
82 **63G-6b-401 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 300
83 **63G-9-201 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 16
84 **63G-9-301 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183
85 **63I-1-223 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special
86 Session, Chapter 5
87 **63I-2-263 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 182,
88 273 and 277
89 **63J-1-105 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 382
90 **63J-1-217 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 456
91 **63J-1-602.1 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special
92 Session, Chapter 9
93 **63J-1-602.2 (Effective 07/01/26) (Partially Repealed 07/01/29)**, as last amended by Laws
94 of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 17
95 **63M-14-102 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 179
96 **63N-3-103 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282

97 **63N-3-105 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 159
 98 **63N-3-106 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 113
 99 **67-3-1 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special
 100 Session, Chapter 17
 101 **79-6-1105 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 375
 102 **79-6-1106 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 375

103 ENACTS:

104 **79-6-410 (Effective 07/01/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

105 REPEALS:

106 **19-2-301 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/29)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2015,
 107 Chapter 381
 108 **19-2-302 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/29)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah
 109 2016, Chapter 369
 110 **19-2-303 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/29)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah
 111 2016, Chapter 369
 112 **19-2-304 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/29)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah
 113 2016, Chapter 369
 114 **23A-3-204 (Effective 07/01/26) (Partially Repealed 07/01/27)**, as renumbered and
 115 amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 103
 116 **23A-3-206 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023,
 117 Chapter 103
 118 **51-9-701 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 276
 119 **51-9-702 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 412
 120 **63M-14-501 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 179

121 **Utah Code Sections affected by Coordination Clause:**

122 **UNCODIFIED MATERIAL**

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

125 Section 1. Section **4-46-102** is amended to read:

126 **4-46-102 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.**

127 As used in this chapter:

- 128 (1) "Account" means the LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Account created in
 129 Section 4-46-301.
 130 (2) "Agricultural land" means "land in agricultural use," as defined in Section 59-2-502.

- 131 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) "Board" means the Land Conservation Board established in Section 4-46-201.
- 132 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) "Conservation commission" means the Conservation Commission created in
133 Section 4-18-104.
- 134 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) "Conservation district" means a limited purpose local government entity created
135 under Title 17D, Chapter 3, Conservation District Act.
- 136 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) "Director" means the director of the Division of Conservation.
- 137 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) "Division" means the Division of Conservation created in Section 4-46-401.
- 138 ~~[(7) "Fund" means the LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund created in Section
139 4-46-301.]~~
- 140 (8) "Land use authority" means:
- 141 (a) a land use authority, as defined in Section 10-20-102, of a municipality; or
- 142 (b) a land use authority, as defined in Section 17-79-102, of a county.
- 143 (9) "Local entity" means a county, city, or town.
- 144 (10)(a) "Open land" means land that is:
- 145 (i) preserved in or restored to a predominantly natural, open, and undeveloped
146 condition; and
- 147 (ii) used for:
- 148 (A) wildlife habitat;
- 149 (B) cultural or recreational use;
- 150 (C) watershed protection; or
- 151 (D) another use consistent with the preservation of the land in, or restoration of
152 the land to, a predominantly natural, open, and undeveloped condition.
- 153 (b) "Open land" includes land described in Subsection (10)(a) that contains facilities,
154 including trails, waterways, and grassy areas, that:
- 155 (i) enhance the natural, scenic, or aesthetic qualities of the land; or
- 156 (ii) facilitate the public's access to or use of the land for the enjoyment of the land's
157 natural, scenic, or aesthetic qualities and for compatible recreational activities.
- 158 (c) "Open land" does not include land whose predominant use is as a developed facility
159 for active recreational activities, including baseball, tennis, soccer, golf, or other
160 sporting or similar activities.
- 161 (11)(a) "State conservation efforts" includes:
- 162 (i) efforts to optimize and preserve the uses of land for the benefit of the state's
163 agricultural industry and natural resources; and
- 164 (ii) conservation of working landscapes that if conserved, preserves the state's

165 agricultural industry and natural resources, such as working agricultural land.

166 (b) "State conservation efforts" does not include the purpose of opening private property
167 to public access without the consent of the owner of the private property.

168 (12)(a) "Working agricultural land" means agricultural land for which an owner or
169 producer engages in the activity of producing for commercial purposes crops,
170 orchards, livestock, poultry, aquaculture, livestock products, or poultry products and
171 the facilities, equipment, and property used to facilitate the activity.

172 (b) "Working agricultural land" includes an agricultural protection area established
173 under Title 17, Chapter 81, Agriculture, Industrial, and Critical Infrastructure
174 Materials.

175 Section 2. Section **4-46-202** is amended to read:

176 **4-46-202 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/27). Board duties and powers -- No**
177 **regulatory authority -- Criteria.**

178 (1) The board shall:

179 (a) administer the [~~fund~~] account as provided in this chapter; and

180 (b) fulfill other responsibilities imposed on the board by the Legislature.

181 (2) The board may not exercise any regulatory authority.

182 (3) In carrying out the board's powers and duties under this chapter, the board shall adopt
183 ranking criteria that is substantially similar to the ranking criteria used by the
184 Agriculture Conservation Easement Program and Agriculture Land Easement as
185 determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service under the United States
186 Department of Agriculture.

187 Section 3. Section **4-46-301** is amended to read:

188 **Part 3. LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Account**

189 **4-46-301 (Effective 07/01/26). LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch**
190 **Account.**

191 (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund entitled the "LeRay
192 McAllister Working Farm and Ranch [~~Fund~~] Account."

193 (2) The LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch [~~Fund~~] Account shall consist of:

194 (a) appropriations by the Legislature;

195 (b) grants from federal or private sources;

196 (c) revenue paid in accordance with Section 59-2-506, 59-2-511, 59-2-1705, or
197 59-2-1710; and

198 (d) interest and earnings from the account.

199 (3) The Land Conservation Board created in Section 4-46-201 may use appropriations from
200 the ~~[fund]~~ account in accordance with Section 4-46-302.

201 Section 4. Section **4-46-302** is amended to read:

202 **4-46-302 (Effective 07/01/26). Program -- Use of money in account -- Criteria --**
203 **Administration.**

204 (1) Subject to Subsection (2), the board shall administer the LeRay McAllister Working
205 Farm and Ranch ~~[Fund]~~ Account Program under which the board may authorize the use
206 of money in the fund, by grant, to:

207 (a) a local entity;

208 (b) the Department of Natural Resources created under Section 79-2-201;

209 (c) an entity within the department; or

210 (d) a charitable organization that qualifies as being tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3),
211 Internal Revenue Code.

212 (2)(a) The money in the ~~[fund]~~ account shall be used for preserving or restoring open
213 land and agricultural land.

214 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), money from the ~~[fund]~~ account:

215 (i) may be used to:

216 (A) establish a conservation easement under Title 57, Chapter 18, Land
217 Conservation Easement Act; or

218 (B) fund similar methods to preserve open land or agricultural land; and

219 (ii) may not be used to purchase a fee interest in real property to preserve open land
220 or agricultural land.

221 (c) Money from the ~~[fund]~~ account may be used to purchase a fee interest in real property
222 to preserve open land or agricultural land if:

223 (i) the property to be purchased is no more than 20 acres in size; and

224 (ii) with respect to a parcel purchased in a county in which over 50% of the land area
225 is publicly owned, real property roughly equivalent in size and located within that
226 county is contemporaneously transferred to private ownership from the
227 governmental entity that purchased the fee interest in real property.

228 (d) Eminent domain may not be used or threatened in connection with any purchase
229 using money from the ~~[fund]~~ account.

230 (e) A parcel of land larger than 20 acres in size may not be divided to create one or more
231 parcels that are smaller than 20 acres in order to comply with Subsection (2)(c)(i).

232 (f) A local entity, department, or organization under Subsection (1) may not receive

- 233 money from the [fund] account unless the local entity, department, or organization
234 provides matching funds equal to or greater than the amount of money received from
235 the [fund] account.
- 236 (g) In granting money from the [fund] account, the board may impose conditions on the
237 recipient as to how the money is to be spent.
- 238 (h) The board shall give priority to:
- 239 (i) working agricultural land; and
- 240 (ii) after giving priority to working agricultural land under Subsection (2)(h)(i),
241 requests from the Department of Natural Resources for up to 20% of each annual
242 increase in the amount of money in the [fund] account if the money is used for the
243 protection of wildlife or watershed.
- 244 (i)(i) The board may not make a grant from the [fund] account that exceeds
245 \$1,000,000 until after making a report to the Legislative Management Committee
246 about the grant.
- 247 (ii) The Legislative Management Committee may make a recommendation to the
248 board concerning the intended grant, but the recommendation is not binding on
249 the board.
- 250 (3) In determining the amount and type of financial assistance to provide a local entity,
251 department, or organization under Subsection (1) and subject to Subsection (2)(i), the
252 board shall consider:
- 253 (a) the nature and amount of open land and agricultural land proposed to be preserved or
254 restored;
- 255 (b) the qualities of the open land and agricultural land proposed to be preserved or
256 restored;
- 257 (c) the cost effectiveness of the project to preserve or restore open land or agricultural
258 land;
- 259 (d) the funds available;
- 260 (e) the number of actual and potential applications for financial assistance and the
261 amount of money sought by those applications;
- 262 (f) the open land preservation plan of the local entity where the project is located and the
263 priority placed on the project by that local entity;
- 264 (g) the effects on housing affordability and diversity; and
- 265 (h) whether the project protects against the loss of private property ownership.
- 266 (4) If a local entity, department, or organization under Subsection (1) seeks money from the [

267 fund] account for a project whose purpose is to protect critical watershed, the board shall
 268 require that the needs and quality of that project be verified by the state engineer.

269 (5) An interest in real property purchased with money from the [fund] account shall be held
 270 and administered by the state or a local entity.

271 (6)(a) The board may not authorize the use of money under this section for a project
 272 unless the land use authority for the land in which the project is located consents to
 273 the project.

274 (b)(i) To obtain consent to a project, the person who is seeking money from the [fund]
 275 account shall submit a request for consent to a project with the applicable land use
 276 authority.

277 (ii) The land use authority may grant or deny consent.

278 (iii) If the land use authority does not take action within 60 days from the day on
 279 which the request for consent is filed with the land use authority under this
 280 Subsection (6), the board shall treat the project as having the consent of the land
 281 use authority.

282 (c) An action of a land use authority under this Subsection (6) is not a land use decision
 283 subject to:

284 (i) Title 10, Chapter 20, Municipal Land Use, Development, and Management Act; or

285 (ii) Title 17, Chapter 79, County Land Use, Development, and Management Act.

286 Section 5. Section **4-46-303** is amended to read:

287 **4-46-303 (Effective 07/01/26). Board to report annually.**

288 The board shall submit an annual report to the Transportation and Infrastructure and
 289 Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittees:

290 (1) specifying the amount of each disbursement from the [fund] account;

291 (2) identifying the recipient of each disbursement and describing the project for which
 292 money was disbursed; and

293 (3) detailing the conditions, if any, placed by the board on disbursements from the [fund]
 294 account.

295 Section 6. Section **4-46-304** is amended to read:

296 **4-46-304 (Effective 07/01/26) (Partially Repealed 07/01/27). Agriculture**
 297 **Conservation Easement Fund.**

298 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the Agriculture
 299 Conservation Easement [Account] Fund.

300 (2) The Agriculture Conservation Easement [Account] Fund consists of:

- 301 (a) conservation easement stewardship fees;
- 302 (b) grants from private foundations;
- 303 (c) grants from local governments, the state, or the federal government;
- 304 (d) grants from the Land Conservation Board created under Section 4-46-201;
- 305 (e) donations from landowners for monitoring and enforcing compliance with
- 306 conservation easements;
- 307 (f) donations from any other person; and
- 308 (g) interest on ~~[account]~~ fund money.
- 309 (3) The department shall use money from the ~~[account]~~ fund to monitor and enforce
- 310 compliance with conservation easements held by the department.
- 311 (4) The department may not receive or expend donations from the ~~[account]~~ fund to acquire
- 312 conservation easements.

313 Section 7. Section **4-46-401** is amended to read:

314 **4-46-401 (Effective 07/01/26) (Partially Repealed 07/01/27). Division of**

315 **Conservation created -- Director.**

- 316 (1) Within the department there is created the Division of Conservation.
- 317 (2)(a) The director is the executive and administrative head of the division.
- 318 (b) The director shall administer this part subject to the administration and general
- 319 supervision of the commissioner.
- 320 (3) The division shall coordinate state conservation efforts by:
- 321 (a) staffing the board created in Section 4-46-201;
- 322 (b) coordinating with a conservation district in accordance with Section 4-46-402;
- 323 (c) coordinating with an agency or division within the department, the Department of
- 324 Natural Resources, other state agencies, counties, cities, towns, local land trust
- 325 entities, and federal agencies;
- 326 (d) facilitating obtaining federal funds in addition to state funds used for state
- 327 conservation efforts;
- 328 (e) monitoring and providing for the management of conservation easements on state
- 329 lands~~[-, including coordination with the Division of Wildlife Resources in the~~
- 330 ~~Division of Wildlife Resources' administration of Section 23A-3-204]; and~~
- 331 (f) implementing rules made by the department in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
- 332 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and Section 4-46-403.
- 333 (4) The division may cooperate with, or enter into agreements with, other agencies of this
- 334 state and federal agencies in the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

335 Section 8. Section **17-81-501** is amended to read:

336 **17-81-501 (Effective 07/01/26). Use of money -- Criteria -- Administration.**

- 337 (1) The county treasurer shall deposit 100% of the rollback tax funds into an account or
338 fund of the county set aside for preserving or restoring open land and agricultural land.
- 339 (2) The rollback funds:
- 340 (a) may be used to establish a conservation easement under Title 57, Chapter 18, Land
341 Conservation Easement Act, or to fund similar methods to preserve open land or
342 agricultural land; and
- 343 (b) if the property to be purchased is in a public land county, may not be used to
344 purchase a fee interest in real property to preserve open land or agricultural land,
345 unless, the governmental entity purchasing the property contemporaneously transfers
346 to the private ownership real property, in the same public land county, that is roughly
347 equivalent in size to the property to be purchased.
- 348 (3) Eminent domain may not be used or threatened in connection with any purchase using
349 the rollback tax funds.
- 350 (4) The funds collected by the account or fund of the county may roll over from
351 year-to-year, except that if the county does not spend, or obligate, 100% of the rollback
352 tax funds for a purpose described in Subsection (2) within 10 years after the year in
353 which the county collects the rollback tax funds, the county shall pay the balance to the
354 LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch [Fund] Account created in Section 4-46-301.

355 Section 9. Section **39A-8-104** is amended to read:

356 **39A-8-104 (Effective 07/01/26). Committee responsibilities.**

- 357 (1) The committee shall:
- 358 (a) identify lands to be included in the designated sentinel landscape;
- 359 (b) develop strategies and recommendations to encourage landowners within the sentinel
360 landscape to voluntarily participate in and begin or continue land uses compatible
361 with Camp Williams's military mission; and
- 362 (c) publish any policies and procedures as administrative rules in accordance with Title
363 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 364 (2) In designating sentinel lands, the coordinating committee shall include all working or
365 natural lands that the coordinating committee believes contribute to the long-term
366 sustainability of the military missions conducted at Camp Williams.
- 367 (3) The committee shall determine the appropriate level of state resources required to
368 adequately protect Camp Williams's military mission and may apply for grants from the

369 LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch [~~Fund~~] Account to aid in securing those
370 resources.

371 (4) In determining lands to designate, the coordinating committee shall seek input from:

372 (a) the director of the Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection
373 Integration Program; and

374 (b) the director of the National Guard Bureau Army Compatible Use Buffer Program, as
375 authorized under 10 U.S.C. Sec. 2684(a).

376 (5) The committee shall provide a written report of its activities if state funds are expended
377 during the previous calendar year no later than July 31 annually to:

378 (a) the governor;

379 (b) the Government Operations Interim Committee; and

380 (c) the Executive Appropriations Committee.

381 Section 10. Section **63C-25-101** is amended to read:

382 **63C-25-101 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/27). Definitions.**

383 As used in this chapter:

384 (1) "Authority" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63B-1-303.

385 (2) "Bond" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63B-1-101.

386 (3)(a) "Bonding government entity" means the state or any entity that is authorized to
387 issue bonds under any provision of state law.

388 (b) "Bonding government entity" includes:

389 (i) a bonding political subdivision; and

390 (ii) a public infrastructure district that is authorized to issue bonds either directly, or
391 through the authority of a bonding political subdivision or other governmental
392 entity.

393 (4) "Bonding political subdivision" means:

394 (a) the Utah Inland Port Authority, created in Section 11-58-201;

395 (b) the Military Installation Development Authority, created in Section 63H-1-201;

396 (c) the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority, created in Section 11-59-201;

397 (d) the Utah Lake Authority, created in Section 11-65-201;

398 (e) the State Fair Park Authority, created in Section 11-68-201; or

399 (f) the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District, created in Section
400 11-70-201.

401 (5) "Commission" means the State Finance Review Commission created in Section
402 63C-25-201.

- 403 (6) "Concessionaire" means a person who:
- 404 (a) operates, finances, maintains, or constructs a government facility under a contract
- 405 with a bonding political subdivision; and
- 406 (b) is not a bonding government entity.
- 407 (7) "Concessionaire contract" means a contract:
- 408 (a) between a bonding government entity and a concessionaire for the operation, finance,
- 409 maintenance, or construction of a government facility;
- 410 (b) that authorizes the concessionaire to operate the government facility for a term of
- 411 five years or longer, including any extension of the contract; and
- 412 (c) in which all or some of the annual source of payment to the concessionaire comes
- 413 from state funds provided to the bonding government entity.
- 414 (8) "Creating entity" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17D-4-102.
- 415 (9) "Government facility" means infrastructure, improvements, or a building that:
- 416 (a) costs more than \$5,000,000 to construct; and
- 417 (b) has a useful life greater than five years.
- 418 (10) "Large public transit district" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 419 17B-2a-802.
- 420 (11) "Loan entity" means the board, person, unit, or agency with legal responsibility for
- 421 making a loan from a revolving loan fund.
- 422 (12) "Obligation" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63B-1-303.
- 423 (13) "Parameters resolution" means a resolution of a bonding government entity that sets
- 424 forth for proposed bonds:
- 425 (a) the maximum:
- 426 (i) amount of bonds;
- 427 (ii) term; and
- 428 (iii) interest rate; and
- 429 (b) the expected security for the bonds.
- 430 (14) "Public infrastructure district" means a public infrastructure district created under Title
- 431 17D, Chapter 4, Public Infrastructure District Act.
- 432 (15) "Revolving loan fund" means:
- 433 (a) the Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund, created in Section
- 434 73-10-24;
- 435 (b) the Water Resources Construction Fund, created in Section 73-10-8;
- 436 (c) the Clean Fuel Conversion Funds, created in Title 19, Chapter 1, Part 4, Clean Fuels

- 437 and Emission Reduction Technology Program Act;
- 438 (d) the Water Development Security Fund and its subaccounts, created in Section
- 439 73-10c-5;
- 440 (e) the Agriculture Resource Development Fund, created in Section 4-18-106;
- 441 (f) the Utah Rural Rehabilitation Fund, created in Section 4-19-105;
- 442 (g) the Permanent Community Impact Fund, created in Section 35A-8-303;
- 443 (h) the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund, created in Section 19-6-409;
- 444 (i) the School Building Revolving Account, created in Section 53F-9-206;
- 445 (j) the State Infrastructure Bank Fund, created in Section 72-2-202;
- 446 (k) the Uintah Basin Revitalization Fund, created in Section 35A-8-1602;
- 447 (l) the Navajo Revitalization Fund, created in Section 35A-8-1704;
- 448 (m) the Energy Efficiency Fund, created in Section 11-45-201;
- 449 (n) the Brownfields Fund, created in Section 19-8-120;
- 450 (o) any of the enterprise revolving loan funds created in Section [~~63A-3-402~~; and]
- 451 63A-3-402;
- 452 (p) the Energy Development Infrastructure Fund, created in Section 79-6-410; and
- 453 [~~(p)~~] (q) any other revolving loan fund created in statute where the borrower from the
- 454 revolving loan fund is a public non-profit entity or political subdivision, including a
- 455 fund listed in Section 63A-3-205, from which a loan entity is authorized to make a
- 456 loan.

457 (16)(a) "State funds" means an appropriation by the Legislature identified as coming

458 from the General Fund or Education Fund.

459 (b) "State funds" does not include:

460 (i) a revolving loan fund; or

461 (ii) revenues received by a bonding political subdivision from:

462 (A) a tax levied by the bonding political subdivision;

463 (B) a fee assessed by the bonding political subdivision; or

464 (C) operation of the bonding political subdivision's government facility.

465 Section 11. Section **63G-6b-101** is amended to read:

466 **63G-6b-101 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.**

467 As use in this chapter:

468 (1)(a) "Administering agency" means a state agency that administers a grant.

469 (b) "Administering agency" includes a state agency that wholly or partially administers a

470 grant on another state agency's behalf.

- 471 (2) "Competitive grant" means a grant that is not a direct award grant.
- 472 (3) "Direct award grant" means a grant that is funded by money that the Legislature intends
473 the state agency to pass through to one or more recipients without a competitive process.
- 474 (4)(a) "Grant" means a state agency's expenditure of state money, or agreement to
475 expend state money, that is:
- 476 (i) authorized by law;
 - 477 (ii) made for a particular purpose; and
 - 478 (iii) made without acquiring, or the promise of acquiring, a procurement item in
479 exchange for the expenditure.
- 480 (b) "Grant" does not include:
- 481 (i) a tax credit;
 - 482 (ii) an expenditure of federal money;
 - 483 (iii) public assistance, as defined in Section 26B-9-101;
 - 484 (iv) a loan;
 - 485 (v) a rebate;
 - 486 (vi) an incentive; or
 - 487 (vii) a claim payment.
- 488 (5) "Grant agreement" means the agreement between an administering agency and a grant
489 recipient described in Subsection 63G-6b-201(4).
- 490 [~~5~~] (6) "Grant appropriation" means an appropriation the Legislature makes to an
491 administering agency to be used for one or more grants.
- 492 [~~6~~] (7) "Grant period" means the time frame during which a grant recipient receives funds
493 from a single grant.
- 494 [~~7~~] (8) "Multi-year grant" means a grant for which the grant period exceeds one year.
- 495 [~~8~~] (9) "Nonprofit entity" means an entity that:
- 496 (a) operates in the state;
 - 497 (b) is not a government entity; and
 - 498 (c) is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue
499 Code.
- 500 [~~9~~] (10) "Procurement item" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63G-6a-103.
- 501 [~~10~~] (11)(a) "State agency" means a department, division, or other agency or
502 instrumentality of the state.
- 503 (b) "State agency" does not include the legislative department.
- 504 [~~11~~] (12) "State money" means money that is derived from state fees or state tax revenue.

505 Section 12. Section **63G-6b-201** is amended to read:

506 **63G-6b-201 (Effective 07/01/26). Requirements for all grants.**

507 (1)(a) An administering agency shall disburse grant funds in accordance with this
508 Subsection (1).

509 (b) Before an administering agency disburses a grant's grant funds, the administering
510 agency shall ensure that the grant recipient provides a detailed budget demonstrating
511 how the grant recipient will use the grant funds.

512 (c) An administering agency shall establish a distribution schedule that ensures
513 accountability and responsible oversight of the use of the grant funds.

514 (d) An administering agency may not:

515 (i) disburse all grant funds in a single payment, unless the administering agency
516 makes the single payment after the grant recipient satisfies the grant recipient's
517 performance obligations under the ~~[agreement described in Subsection (4)]~~ grant
518 agreement; or

519 (ii) make a grant recipient's final disbursement before the grant recipient delivers the
520 report described in Subsection (3).

521 (2) For a multi-year grant:

522 (a) the grant period may not exceed five years; and

523 (b) in the final quarter of each year of the grant period, excluding the final year, the grant
524 recipient shall deliver to the administering agency a report that details the grant
525 recipient's progress towards fulfilling the grant's purpose, including the annual
526 deliverables and performance metrics described in the ~~[agreement made in~~
527 ~~accordance with Subsection (4)]~~ grant agreement.

528 (3) An administering agency may not make the final grant funds disbursement until:

529 (a) the grant recipient delivers to the administering agency a final report that details the
530 extent to which the grant recipient fulfilled the grant's purpose, including the
531 deliverables and performance metrics described in the ~~[agreement made in~~
532 ~~accordance with Subsection (4)]~~ grant agreement; and

533 (b) the administering agency determines that the grant recipient satisfactorily produced
534 each deliverable provided in the ~~[agreement described in Subsection (4)]~~ grant
535 agreement.

536 (4) Except as otherwise provided in the grant appropriation and consistent with the other
537 provisions of this section, an administering agency may not disburse grant funds to a
538 grant recipient before the administering agency and the grant recipient execute an

- 539 agreement that contains:
- 540 (a) the disbursement schedule for the grant funds;
- 541 (b) the deliverables, reporting, and performance metrics the grant recipient will produce
- 542 and use to demonstrate that the grant recipient used the grant funds to fulfill the
- 543 grant's purpose;
- 544 (c) if the grant is a multi-year grant, annual deliverables and performance metrics the
- 545 grant recipient will produce and use to demonstrate sufficient progress towards
- 546 fulfilling the grant's purpose;
- 547 (d) a provision informing the grant recipient that disbursement of grant funds is subject
- 548 to legislative appropriation; and
- 549 (e) the grant recipient's consent to follow-up audit and clawback of the grant funds if an
- 550 audit shows that the grant funds were inappropriately used.
- 551 (5)(a) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article VI, Section 33, the legislative
- 552 auditor general may audit the use of any grant funds.
- 553 (b) The state auditor may audit grant funds as provided in Utah Constitution, Article VII,
- 554 Section 15.
- 555 Section 13. Section **63G-6b-301** is amended to read:
- 556 **63G-6b-301 (Effective 07/01/26). Direct award grant requirements.**
- 557 (1)(a) A direct award grant is valid only if the direct award grant's grant appropriation
- 558 identifies the recipient or class of recipients in the grant appropriation's intent
- 559 language.
- 560 (b) For a grant appropriation that is an ongoing appropriation to fund a multi-year grant,
- 561 the requirement to identify the recipient or class of recipients applies each fiscal year.
- 562 (2) If the intent language for a direct award grant's grant appropriation provides a
- 563 disbursement schedule that is inconsistent with the [~~schedule described in Section~~
- 564 ~~63G-6b-202~~] requirements described in Section 63G-6b-201, for the fiscal year in which
- 565 the grant appropriation is made, the schedule in the intent language controls.
- 566 (3) An administering agency may not use any portion of a direct award grant's grant
- 567 appropriation to pay costs of administering the grant, unless otherwise provided in the
- 568 grant appropriation's intent language.
- 569 Section 14. Section **63G-6b-401** is amended to read:
- 570 **63G-6b-401 (Effective 07/01/26). Competitive grant requirements.**
- 571 (1)(a) For a competitive grant, the administering agency shall:
- 572 (i) establish a competitive application and selection process; and

- 573 (ii) award each competitive grant in accordance with the established process.
- 574 (b) As part of the competitive application process, the administering agency shall require
575 that each applicant disclose all other state funding the applicant receives.
- 576 (2) Except as otherwise provided in the grant appropriation's intent language, an
577 administering agency may not award a competitive grant to a recipient who has received
578 a direct award grant if:
- 579 (a) the direct award grant is for substantially the same purpose as the competitive grant;
580 and
- 581 (b) the direct award grant's grant period and the competitive grant's grant period overlap.
- 582 (3) ~~[After]~~ If directed in the grant appropriation's intent language, after an administering
583 agency completes a competitive application process for a competitive grant but before
584 the administering agency awards the grant, the administering agency shall report each
585 grant recipient to the legislative fiscal analyst and the Governor's Office of Planning and
586 Budget.

587 Section 15. Section **63G-9-201** is amended to read:

588 **63G-9-201 (Effective 07/01/26). Members -- Functions.**

- 589 (1) As used in this chapter:
- 590 (a) "Political subdivision" means any county, city, town, school district, community
591 reinvestment agency, special improvement or taxing district, special district, special
592 service district, an entity created by an interlocal agreement adopted under Title 11,
593 Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, or other governmental subdivision or public
594 corporation.
- 595 (b) "State" means the state of Utah, and includes each office, department, division,
596 agency, authority, commission, board, institution, college, university, Children's
597 Justice Center, or other instrumentality of the state.
- 598 (2) ~~[The]~~ Subject to Section 63G-9-301, the governor, the state auditor, and the attorney
599 general shall constitute a Board of Examiners, with power to examine all claims against
600 the state or a political subdivision, for the payment of which funds appropriated by the
601 Legislature or derived from any other source are not available.
- 602 (3) No claim against the state or a political subdivision, for the payment of which
603 specifically designated funds are required to be appropriated by the Legislature shall be
604 passed upon by the Legislature without having been considered and acted upon by the
605 Board of Examiners.
- 606 (4) The governor shall be the president, and the state auditor shall be the secretary of the

607 board, and in the absence of either an officer pro tempore may be elected from among
608 the members of the board.

609 Section 16. Section **63G-9-301** is amended to read:

610 **63G-9-301 (Effective 07/01/26). Audit and approval of claims -- Overexpenditure**
611 **by agencies.**

612 (1)(a) The Board of Examiners shall audit any claim presented to it, if the settlement of
613 the claim is required by law.

614 (b) If the claim is approved, the board shall transmit it to the Legislature with a
615 statement of the reasons for the approval.

616 (2)(a) When an agency's line item appropriation has been overexpended and a written
617 report is submitted to the board as required by Section 63J-1-217, the board shall
618 review the report and either:

619 [(a)] (i) recommend and submit to the Legislature any supplemental appropriations or
620 corrective legislation that may be needed; or

621 [(b)] (ii) recommend other internal procedures or policies that will make an
622 overexpenditure in the future unlikely.

623 (b)(i) A member of the board may not participate in the board's review of a report
624 under this Subsection (2) if the overexpended line item that is in the report
625 belongs to the member's office.

626 (ii) When a member is disqualified under Subsection (2)(b)(i), the state treasurer shall
627 serve in the disqualified member's position for purposes of performing the board's
628 duties related to the report.

629 Section 17. Section **63I-1-223** is amended to read:

630 **63I-1-223 (Effective 07/01/26). Repeal dates: Title 23A.**

631 (1) Section 23A-2-302, Wildlife Board Nominating Committee created, is repealed July 1,
632 2028.

633 (2) Section 23A-2-303, Regional advisory councils created, is repealed July 1, 2028.

634 [(3) Subsection 23A-3-204(2)(c), regarding the Land Conservation Board, is repealed July
635 1, 2027.]

636 Section 18. Section **63I-2-263** is amended to read:

637 **63I-2-263 (Effective 07/01/26). Repeal dates: Titles 63A through 63O.**

638 (1) Title 63A, Chapter 2, Part 5, Educational Interpretation and Translation Services
639 Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2025.

640 (2) Section 63A-5b-807, Eminent domain of unincorporated city owned land, is repealed

- 641 January 1, 2027.
- 642 (3) Section 63A-17-806, Definitions -- Infant at Work Pilot Program -- Administration --
643 Report, is repealed June 30, 2026.
- 644 (4) Section 63C-1-103, Appointment and terms of boards, committees, councils, and
645 commissions transitioning on October 1, 2024, or December 31, 2024, is repealed July
646 1, 2025.
- 647 (5) Section 63C-1-104, Appointment and terms of boards transitioning on October 1, 2024,
648 is repealed January 1, 2025.
- 649 (6) Subsection 63G-6a-802(1)(e), regarding a procurement for a presidential debate, is
650 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 651 (7) Subsection 63G-6a-802(3)(b)(iii), regarding a procurement for a presidential debate, is
652 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 653 (8) Subsection 63H-7a-403(2)(b), regarding the charge to maintain the public safety
654 communications network, is repealed July 1, 2033.
- 655 (9) Subsection 63J-1-602.2(30), regarding funding the Enterprise Zone Act, is repealed
656 December 31, 2026.
- 657 (10) Subsection [63J-1-602.2(46)] 63J-1-602.2(45), regarding appropriations to the State
658 Tax Commission for deferral reimbursements, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 659 (11) Section 63M-7-221, Expungement working group, is repealed April 30, 2025.
- 660 (12) Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 2, Enterprise Zone Act, is repealed December 31, 2026.
- 661 Section 19. Section **63J-1-105** is amended to read:
- 662 **63J-1-105 (Effective 07/01/26). Revenue types -- Disposition of dedicated credits**
663 **and expendable receipts.**
- 664 (1)(a) Dedicated credits are subject to appropriations and the restrictions in this chapter.
665 (b) An agency may expend dedicated credits for any purpose within the program or line
666 item.
- 667 (2) Except as provided in Subsections (3) and (4), an agency may not expend dedicated
668 credits in excess of the amount appropriated to a line item as dedicated credits by the
669 Legislature.
- 670 (3) Each agency that receives dedicated credits revenue greater than the amount
671 appropriated to a line item by the Legislature in the annual appropriations acts may
672 expend the excess up to 25% of the amount appropriated if the expenditure is included
673 in a revised budget execution plan submitted as provided in Section 63J-1-209.
- 674 [~~(4) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (3), when an agency's dedicated~~

675 ~~credits revenue represents over 90% of the budget of the line item for which the~~
676 ~~dedicated credits are collected, the agency may expend 100% of the excess of the~~
677 ~~amount appropriated if the agency submits a revised budget execution plan as provided~~
678 ~~in Subsection (3) and Section 63J-1-209.]~~

679 (4) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (3), an agency may expend up to 100%
680 of the excess of the amount appropriated if:

681 (a)(i) the agency's dedicated credits revenue represents over 90% of the budget of the
682 line item for which the dedicated credits are collected; and

683 (ii) the agency submits a revised budget execution plan as provided in Subsection (3)
684 and Section 63J-1-209; or

685 (b) the dedicated credits are appropriated to an expendable special revenue fund, a
686 proprietary fund, or a fiduciary fund.

687 (5) An expenditure of dedicated credits in excess of amounts appropriated to a line item as
688 dedicated credits by the Legislature may not be used to permanently increase personnel
689 within the agency unless:

690 (a) the increase is approved by the Legislature; or

691 (b) the money is deposited as a dedicated credit in a line item covering tuition or federal
692 vocational funds at an institution of higher education.

693 (6)(a) All excess dedicated credits not received or expended in compliance with
694 Subsection (3), (4), or (7) lapse to the General Fund or other appropriate fund as free
695 or restricted revenue at the end of the fiscal year.

696 (b) The Division of Finance shall determine the appropriate fund into which the
697 dedicated credits lapse.

698 (7)(a) When an agency has a line item that is funded by more than one major revenue
699 type, one of which is dedicated credits, the agency shall completely expend
700 authorized dedicated credits within the current fiscal year and allocate unused
701 spending authorization among other funding sources based upon a proration of the
702 amounts appropriated from each of those major revenue types not attributable to
703 dedicated credits, unless the Legislature has designated a portion of the dedicated
704 credits as nonlapsing, in which case the agency shall completely expend within the
705 current fiscal year authorized dedicated credits minus the portion of dedicated credits
706 designated as nonlapsing, and allocate unused spending authorization among the
707 other funding sources based upon a proration of the amounts appropriated from each
708 of those major revenue types not attributable to dedicated credits.

709 (b) Nothing in Subsection (7)(a) shall be construed to allow an agency to receive and
710 expend dedicated credits in excess of legislative appropriations to a line item without
711 complying with Subsection (3) or (4).

712 (c) Each agency that receives dedicated credits shall report, to the Division of Finance,
713 any balances remaining in those funds at the conclusion of each fiscal year.

714 (8) Each agency shall include in its annual budget request estimates of dedicated credits
715 revenue that is identified by, collected for, or set by the agency.

716 (9) Each agency may expend expendable receipts in accordance with the terms set by a
717 nonstate entity that provides the funds.

718 (10)(a) Expendable receipts are not limited by appropriations.

719 (b) Each agency that receives expendable receipts revenue greater than the amount
720 included for a line item by the Legislature in the annual appropriations acts may
721 expend the excess if the expenditure is included in a revised budget execution plan
722 submitted as provided in Section 63J-1-209.

723 (c) If an agency receives excess expendable receipts revenue that is more than 25%
724 greater than the amount included for a line item by the Legislature in the annual
725 appropriations acts, the agency shall report the excess amount, the source of the
726 expendable receipts, and the purpose for which the expendable receipts will be
727 expended to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the legislative fiscal
728 analyst, and the Executive Appropriations Committee within 60 days of submitting a
729 revised budget execution plan as provided in Section 63J-1-209.

730 Section 20. Section **63J-1-217** is amended to read:

731 **63J-1-217 (Effective 07/01/26). Overexpenditure of budget by agency --**

732 **Prorating budget income shortfall.**

733 (1) Expenditures of departments, agencies, and institutions of state government shall be
734 kept within revenues available for such expenditures.

735 (2)(a) Line items of appropriation shall not be overexpended.

736 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), if an agency's line item is overexpended at the
737 close of a fiscal year:

738 (i) the director of the Division of Finance may make payments from the line item to
739 vendors for goods or services that were received on or before June 30; and

740 (ii) the director of the Division of Finance shall immediately reduce the agency's line
741 item budget in the current year by the amount of the overexpenditure.

742 (c) Each agency with an overexpended line item shall:

- 743 (i) prepare a written report explaining the reasons for the overexpenditure; and
 744 (ii) present the report to:
 745 (A) the Board of Examiners as required by Section 63G-9-301; and
 746 (B) the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.
- 747 (3)(a) As used in this Subsection (3):
 748 (i) "Income Tax Fund budget deficit" has the same meaning as in Section 63J-1-312;
 749 and
 750 (ii) "General Fund budget deficit" has the same meaning as in Section 63J-1-312.
- 751 (b) If an Income Tax Fund budget deficit or a General Fund budget deficit exists and the
 752 adopted estimated revenues were prepared in consensus with the Governor's Office of
 753 Planning and Budget, the governor shall:
 754 (i) direct state agencies to reduce commitments and expenditures by an amount
 755 proportionate to the amount of the deficiency; and
 756 (ii) direct the Division of Finance to reduce allotments to institutions of higher
 757 education by an amount proportionate to the amount of the deficiency.
- 758 (c) The governor's directions under Subsection (3)(b) are rescinded when the Legislature
 759 rectifies the Income Tax Fund budget deficit and the General Fund budget deficit.
- 760 (4)(a) A department may not receive an advance of funds that cannot be covered by
 761 anticipated revenue within the budget execution plan of the fiscal year, unless the
 762 governor allocates money from the governor's emergency appropriations.
- 763 (b) All allocations made from the governor's emergency appropriations shall be reported
 764 to ~~[the budget subcommittee of]~~ the Legislative Management Committee by notifying
 765 the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst at least 15 days before the effective date
 766 of the allocation.
- 767 (c) Emergency appropriations shall be allocated only to support activities having
 768 existing legislative approval and appropriation, and may not be allocated to any
 769 activity or function rejected directly or indirectly by the Legislature.

770 Section 21. Section **63J-1-602.1** is amended to read:

771 **63J-1-602.1 (Effective 07/01/26). List of nonlapsing appropriations from**
 772 **accounts and funds.**

773 Appropriations made from the following accounts or funds are nonlapsing:

- 774 (1) The Native American Repatriation Restricted Account created in Section 9-9-407.
 775 (2) Certain money payable for expenses of the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission, as
 776 provided under Title 9, Chapter 23, Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Act.

- 777 (3) Funds collected for directing and administering the C-PACE district created in Section
778 11-42a-106.
- 779 (4) Money received by the Utah Inland Port Authority, as provided in Section 11-58-105.
- 780 (5) The Commerce Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account created in Section 13-1-17.
- 781 (6) The Division of Air Quality Oil, Gas, and Mining Restricted Account created in Section
782 19-2a-106.
- 783 (7) The Division of Water Quality Oil, Gas, and Mining Restricted Account created in
784 Section 19-5-126.
- 785 (8) State funds for matching federal funds in the Children's Health Insurance Program as
786 provided in Section 26B-3-906.
- 787 (9) Funds collected from the program fund for local health department expenses incurred in
788 responding to a local health emergency under Section 26B-7-111.
- 789 (10) The Technology Development Restricted Account created in Section 31A-3-104.
- 790 (11) The Criminal Background Check Restricted Account created in Section 31A-3-105.
- 791 (12) The Captive Insurance Restricted Account created in Section 31A-3-304, except to the
792 extent that Section 31A-3-304 makes the money received under that section free revenue.
- 793 (13) The Title Licensee Enforcement Restricted Account created in Section 31A-23a-415.
- 794 (14) The Health Insurance Actuarial Review Restricted Account created in Section
795 31A-30-115.
- 796 (15) The State Mandated Insurer Payments Restricted Account created in Section
797 31A-30-118.
- 798 (16) The Insurance Fraud Investigation Restricted Account created in Section 31A-31-108.
- 799 (17) The Underage Drinking Prevention Media and Education Campaign Restricted
800 Account created in Section 32B-2-306.
- 801 (18) The School Readiness Restricted Account created in Section 35A-15-203.
- 802 (19) Money received by the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation for the sale of certain
803 products or services, as provided in Section 35A-13-202.
- 804 (20) The Property Loss Related to Homelessness Compensation Enterprise Fund created in
805 Section 35A-16-212.
- 806 (21) The Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account created in Section
807 35A-16-402.
- 808 (22) The Oil and Gas Administrative Penalties Account created in Section 40-6-11.
- 809 (23) The Oil and Gas Conservation Account created in Section 40-6-14.5.
- 810 (24) The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining Restricted account created in Section 40-6-23.

- 811 (25) The Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account created by Section 41-1a-121 to the
812 Motor Vehicle Division.
- 813 (26) The License Plate Restricted Account created by Section 41-1a-122.
- 814 (27) The Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division Temporary Permit Restricted Account
815 created by Section 41-3-110 to the State Tax Commission.
- 816 (28) The State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account to the Division of Emergency
817 Management, as provided in Section 53-2a-603.
- 818 (29) The Disaster Response, Recovery, and Mitigation Restricted Account created in
819 Section 53-2a-1302.
- 820 (30) The Emergency Medical Services Critical Needs Account created in Section 53-2d-110.
- 821 (31) The Department of Public Safety Restricted Account to the Department of Public
822 Safety, as provided in Section 53-3-106.
- 823 (32) The Utah Highway Patrol Aero Bureau Restricted Account created in Section 53-8-303.
- 824 (33) The DNA Specimen Restricted Account created in Section 53-10-407.
- 825 (34) The Technical Colleges Capital Projects Fund created in Section 53H-9-605.
- 826 (35) The Higher Education Capital Projects Fund created in Section 53H-9-502.
- 827 (36) A certain portion of money collected for administrative costs under the School and
828 Institutional Trust Lands Management Act, as provided under Section 53C-3-202.
- 829 (37) The Public Utility Regulatory Restricted Account created in Section 54-5-1.5, subject
830 to Subsection 54-5-1.5(4)(d).
- 831 (38) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an
832 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-3a-105.
- 833 (39) Certain fines collected by the Division of Professional Licensing for violation of
834 unlawful or unprofessional conduct that are used for education and enforcement
835 purposes, as provided in Section 58-17b-505.
- 836 (40) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an
837 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-22-104.
- 838 (41) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an
839 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-55-106.
- 840 (42) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an
841 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-56-3.5.
- 842 (43) Certain fines collected by the Division of Professional Licensing for use in education
843 and enforcement of the Security Personnel Licensing Act, as provided in Section
844 58-63-103.

- 845 (44) The Relative Value Study Restricted Account created in Section 59-9-105.
846 (45) The Cigarette Tax Restricted Account created in Section 59-14-204.
847 (46) Funds paid to the Division of Real Estate for the cost of a criminal background check
848 for a mortgage loan license, as provided in Section 61-2c-202.
849 (47) Funds paid to the Division of Real Estate for the cost of a criminal background check
850 for principal broker, associate broker, and sales agent licenses, as provided in Section
851 61-2f-204.
852 (48) Certain funds donated to the Department of Health and Human Services, as provided
853 in Section 26B-1-202.
854 (49) Certain funds donated to the Division of Child and Family Services, as provided in
855 Section 80-2-404.
856 (50) Funds collected by the Office of Administrative Rules for publishing, as provided in
857 Section 63G-3-402.
858 (51) The Immigration Act Restricted Account created in Section 63G-12-103.
859 (52) Money received by the military installation development authority, as provided in
860 Section 63H-1-504.
861 (53) The Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account created in Section 63H-7a-304.
862 (54) The Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account created in Section 63H-7a-403.
863 (55) The Utah Capital Investment Restricted Account created in Section 63N-6-204.
864 (56) The Motion Picture Incentive Account created in Section 63N-8-103.
865 (57) Funds collected by the housing of state probationary inmates or state parole inmates, as
866 provided in Subsection 64-13e-104(2).
867 (58) Certain forestry and fire control funds utilized by the Division of Forestry, Fire, and
868 State Lands, as provided in Section 65A-8-103.
869 (59) The following funds or accounts created in Section 72-2-124:
870 (a) Transportation Investment Fund of 2005;
871 (b) Transit Transportation Investment Fund;
872 (c) Cottonwood Canyons Transportation Investment Fund;
873 (d) Active Transportation Investment Fund; and
874 (e) Commuter Rail Subaccount.
875 (60) The Amusement Ride Safety Restricted Account, as provided in Section 72-16-204.
876 (61) Certain funds received by the Office of the State Engineer for well drilling fines or
877 bonds, as provided in Section 73-3-25.
878 (62) The Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund, as provided in Section

- 879 73-23-2.
- 880 (63) Award money under the State Asset Forfeiture Grant Program, as provided under
881 Section 77-11b-403.
- 882 (64) Funds donated or paid to a juvenile court by private sources, as provided in Subsection
883 78A-6-203(1)(c).
- 884 (65) Fees for certificate of admission created under Section 78A-9-102.
- 885 (66) The Electrical Energy Development Investment Fund created in Section 79-6-1105.
- 886 [~~66~~] (67) Funds collected for adoption document access as provided in Sections 81-13-103,
887 81-13-504, and 81-13-505.
- 888 [~~67~~] (68) Funds collected for indigent defense as provided in Title 78B, Chapter 22, Part 4,
889 Utah Indigent Defense Commission.
- 890 [~~68~~] (69) The Utah Geological Survey Restricted Account created in Section 79-3-403.
- 891 [~~69~~] (70) Revenue for golf user fees at the Wasatch Mountain State Park, Palisades State
892 Park, and Green River State Park, as provided under Section 79-4-403.
- 893 [~~70~~] (71) Certain funds received by the Division of State Parks from the sale or disposal of
894 buffalo, as provided under Section 79-4-1001.
- 895 Section 22. Section **63J-1-602.2** is amended to read:
- 896 **63J-1-602.2 (Effective 07/01/26) (Partially Repealed 07/01/29). List of nonlapsing**
897 **appropriations to programs.**
- 898 Appropriations made to the following programs are nonlapsing:
- 899 (1) The Legislature and the Legislature's committees.
- 900 (2) The State Board of Education, including all appropriations to agencies, line items, and
901 programs under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education, in accordance with
902 Section 53F-9-103.
- 903 (3) The Rangeland Improvement Act created in Section 4-20-101.
- 904 (4) The Percent-for-Art Program created in Section 9-6-404.
- 905 (5) The LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch [~~Fund~~] Account Program created in
906 Title 4, Chapter 46, Part 3, LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund.
- 907 (6) The Utah Lake Authority created in Section 11-65-201.
- 908 (7) Dedicated credits accrued to the Utah Marriage Commission as provided under
909 Subsection 17-66-303(2)(d)(ii).
- 910 (8) The Wildlife Land and Water Acquisition Program created in Section 23A-6-205.
- 911 (9) Sanctions collected as dedicated credits from Medicaid providers under Subsection
912 26B-3-108(7).

- 913 (10) The primary care grant program created in Section 26B-4-310.
- 914 (11) The Opiate Overdose Outreach Pilot Program created in Section 26B-4-512.
- 915 (12) The Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program created in Section
916 26B-4-702.
- 917 (13) The Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program created in Section 26B-4-703.
- 918 (14) The Utah Medical Education Council for the:
- 919 (a) administration of the Utah Medical Education Program created in Section 26B-4-707;
- 920 (b) provision of medical residency grants described in Section 26B-4-711; and
- 921 (c) provision of the forensic psychiatric fellowship grant described in Section 26B-4-712.
- 922 (15) The Division of Services for People with Disabilities, as provided in Section 26B-6-402.
- 923 (16) The Communication Habits to reduce Adolescent Threats (CHAT) Pilot Program
924 created in Section 26B-7-122.
- 925 (17) Funds that the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services retains in accordance with
926 Subsection 32B-2-301(8)(a) or (b).
- 927 (18) The General Assistance program administered by the Department of Workforce
928 Services, as provided in Section 35A-3-401.
- 929 (19) The Utah National Guard, created in Title 39A, National Guard and Militia Act.
- 930 (20) The Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program, as provided in Section
931 53-2a-1102.
- 932 (21) The Emergency Medical Services Grant Program, as provided in Section 53-2d-207.
- 933 (22) The Motorcycle Rider Education Program, as provided in Section 53-3-905.
- 934 (23) The Utah Board of Higher Education for teacher preparation programs, as provided in
935 Section 53H-5-402.
- 936 (24) Innovation grants under Section 53G-10-608, except as provided in Subsection
937 53G-10-608(3).
- 938 (25) The Division of Fleet Operations for the purpose of upgrading underground storage
939 tanks under Section 63A-9-401.
- 940 (26) The Division of Technology Services for technology innovation as provided under
941 Section 63A-16-903.
- 942 (27) The State Capitol Preservation Board created by Section 63O-2-201.
- 943 (28) The Office of Administrative Rules for publishing, as provided in Section 63G-3-402.
- 944 (29) The Colorado River Authority of Utah, created in Title 63M, Chapter 14, Colorado
945 River Authority of Utah Act.
- 946 (30) The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to fund the Enterprise Zone Act, as

- 947 provided in Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 2, Enterprise Zone Act.
- 948 (31) The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity's Rural Employment Expansion
949 Program, as described in Title 63N, Chapter 4, Part 4, Rural Employment Expansion
950 Program.
- 951 (32) County correctional facility contracting program for state inmates as described in
952 Section 64-13e-103.
- 953 (33) County correctional facility reimbursement program for state probationary inmates and
954 state parole inmates as described in Section 64-13e-104.
- 955 (34) Programs for the Jordan River Recreation Area as described in Section 65A-2-8.
- 956 (35) The Division of Human Resource Management user training program, as provided in
957 Section 63A-17-106.
- 958 (36) A public safety answering point's emergency telecommunications service fund, as
959 provided in Section 69-2-301.
- 960 (37) The Traffic Noise Abatement Program created in Section 72-6-112.
- 961 [~~(38) The money appropriated from the Navajo Water Rights Negotiation Account to the
962 Division of Water Rights, created in Section 73-2-1.1, for purposes of participating in a
963 settlement of federal reserved water right claims.~~]
- 964 [(39)] (38) The Judicial Council for compensation for special prosecutors, as provided in
965 Section 77-10a-19.
- 966 [(40)] (39) A state rehabilitative employment program, as provided in Section 78A-6-210.
- 967 [(41)] (40) The Utah Geological Survey, as provided in Section 79-3-401.
- 968 [(42)] (41) The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Program created under Section 79-5-503.
- 969 [(43)] (42) Adoption document access as provided in Sections 81-13-103, 81-13-504, and
970 81-13-505.
- 971 [(44)] (43) Indigent defense as provided in Title 78B, Chapter 22, Part 4, Utah Indigent
972 Defense Commission.
- 973 [(45)] (44) The program established by the Division of Facilities Construction and
974 Management under Section 63A-5b-703 under which state agencies receive an
975 appropriation and pay lease payments for the use and occupancy of buildings owned by
976 the Division of Facilities Construction and Management.
- 977 [(46)] (45) The State Tax Commission for reimbursing counties for deferrals in accordance
978 with Section 59-2-1802.5.
- 979 [(47)] (46) The Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program created in Section 4-2-902.
980 Section 23. Section **63M-14-102** is amended to read:

981 **63M-14-102 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.**

982 As used in this chapter:

- 983 (1) "Appointing authority" means an authority named in Section 63M-14-202 that appoints
984 an authority member for a Colorado River authority area.
- 985 (2) "Authority" means the Colorado River Authority of Utah created by Section
986 63M-14-201.
- 987 (3) "Authority member" means a person appointed as a member of the authority under
988 Section 63M-14-202 or designated as a member of the authority.
- 989 (4) "Chair" means the chair of the authority.
- 990 (5) "Colorado River Basin States" means Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New
991 Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.
- 992 (6) "Colorado River authority area" means the geographic area designated by Subsection
993 63M-14-202(2).
- 994 (7) "Colorado River system" means the entire drainage of the Colorado River in Utah
995 including both the main stem of the Colorado River and the Colorado River's tributaries.
- 996 (8) "Law of the river" means the compacts, federal laws, treaties, court decisions and
997 decrees, contracts, and regulatory guidelines that underlie and authorize the management
998 and operation of the Colorado River.

999 [~~9~~] "~~Restricted account~~" means the ~~Colorado River Authority Restricted Account~~ created
1000 in ~~Section 63M-14-501.~~]

1001 [~~10~~] (9) "River commissioner" means the person appointed under Section 63M-14-301.
1002 Section 24. Section **63N-3-103** is amended to read:

1003 **63N-3-103 (Effective 07/01/26). Industrial Assistance Account created -- Uses --**
1004 **Administrator duties -- Costs.**

1005 (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the "Industrial
1006 Assistance Account."[-]

1007 (2) ~~The account consists of appropriations made by the Legislature.~~

1008 [~~2~~] (3) The administrator shall administer the restricted account.

1009 [~~3~~] (4) The administrator may hire appropriate support staff to perform the duties required
1010 under this section.

1011 [~~4~~] (5) The cost of administering the restricted account shall be paid from money in the
1012 restricted account.

1013 [~~5~~] (6) Interest accrued from investment of money in the restricted account shall remain in
1014 the restricted account.

1015 [(6)] (7) The office shall review the activities and progress of grant recipients under this
1016 chapter on a regular basis and, as part of the office's annual written report described in
1017 Section 63N-1a-306, report on the economic impact of activities funded by each grant.

1018 Section 25. Section **63N-3-105** is amended to read:

1019 **63N-3-105 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualification for assistance -- Application**
1020 **requirements.**

1021 (1) Subject to the requirements of this part, the administrator may provide loans, grants, or
1022 other financial assistance from the restricted account to an entity offering an economic
1023 opportunity if that entity:

1024 (a) applies to the administrator in a form approved by the administrator; and

1025 (b) meets the qualifications of Subsection (2).

1026 (2) As part of an application for receiving financial assistance under this part, an applicant
1027 shall demonstrate the following to the satisfaction of the administrator:

1028 (a) the nature of the economic opportunity and the related benefit to the economic
1029 well-being of the state by providing evidence documenting the expenditure of money
1030 necessitated by the economic opportunity;

1031 (b) how the economic opportunity will act in concert with other state, federal, or local
1032 agencies to achieve the economic benefit;

1033 (c) that the applicant will expend funds in the state with employees, vendors,
1034 subcontractors, or other businesses in an amount proportional with money provided
1035 from the restricted account at a minimum ratio of one to one per year or other more
1036 stringent requirements as established on a per project basis by the administrator;

1037 (d) for an application for a loan, the applicant's ability to sustain economic activity in the
1038 state sufficient to repay, by means of cash or appropriate credits, the loan provided by
1039 the restricted account; and

1040 (e) any other criteria the administrator considers appropriate.

1041 (3)(a) The administrator may exempt an applicant from any of the requirements of
1042 Subsection (2) if:

1043 (i) the applicant is part of a targeted industry; or

1044 (ii) the applicant is a quasi-public corporation organized under Title 16, Chapter 6a,
1045 Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, or Title 63E, Chapter 2, Independent
1046 Corporations Act, and the applicant's operations, as demonstrated to the
1047 satisfaction of the administrator, will provide significant economic stimulus to the
1048 growth of commerce and industry in the state.

1049 (b) The administrator may not exempt the applicant from the requirement under
 1050 Subsection 63N-3-106(1)(b) that the loan be structured so that the repayment or
 1051 return to the state equals at least the amount of the assistance together with an annual
 1052 interest charge.

1053 (4) The GOEO board shall make recommendations to the administrator regarding
 1054 applications for loans, grants, or other financial assistance from the Industrial Assistance
 1055 Account.

1056 [(4)] (5) Before awarding any money under this part, the administrator shall:

- 1057 (a) make findings as to whether an applicant has satisfied the requirements of Subsection
- 1058 (2);
- 1059 (b) establish benchmarks and timeframes in which progress toward the completion of the
- 1060 agreed upon activity is to occur;
- 1061 (c) monitor compliance by an applicant with any contract or agreement entered into by
- 1062 the applicant and the state as provided by Section 63N-3-107; and
- 1063 (d) make funding decisions based upon appropriate findings and compliance.

1064 Section 26. Section **63N-3-106** is amended to read:

1065 **63N-3-106 (Effective 07/01/26). Structure of loans, grants, and assistance --**
 1066 **Repayment -- Earned credits.**

1067 (1)(a) Subject to [~~Subsection (1)(b)] the other provisions of this part, the administrator
 1068 has authority to determine the structure, amount, and nature of any loan, grant, or
 1069 other financial assistance from the restricted account.~~

1070 (b) Loans made under this part shall be structured so the intended repayment or return to
 1071 the state, including cash or credit, equals at least the amount of the assistance
 1072 together with an annual interest charge as negotiated by the administrator.

1073 (c) Payments resulting from grants awarded from the restricted account shall be made
 1074 only after the administrator has determined that the company has satisfied the
 1075 conditions upon which the payment or earned credit was based.

1076 (2)(a) The administrator may provide for a system of earned credits that may be used to
 1077 support grant payments or in lieu of cash repayment of a restricted account loan
 1078 obligation.

1079 (b) The value of the credits described in Subsection (2)(a) shall be based on factors
 1080 determined by the administrator, including:

- 1081 (i) the number of Utah jobs created;
- 1082 (ii) the increased economic activity in Utah; or

- 1083 (iii) other events and activities that occur as a result of the restricted account
 1084 assistance.
- 1085 (3)(a) A cash loan repayment or other cash recovery from a company receiving
 1086 assistance under this section, including interest, shall be deposited into the restricted
 1087 account.
- 1088 (b) The administrator and the Division of Finance shall determine the manner of
 1089 recognizing and accounting for the earned credits used in lieu of loan repayments or
 1090 to support grant payments as provided in Subsection (2).
- 1091 (4)(a)(i) At the end of each fiscal year, the Division of Finance shall [~~transfer~~] set
 1092 aside the balance of the General Fund revenue surplus as defined in Section
 1093 63J-1-312 after the transfers of General Fund revenue surplus described in
 1094 Subsection (4)(b) to the Industrial Assistance Account in an amount equal to any
 1095 credit that has accrued under this part.
- 1096 (ii) The [~~transfer~~] set aside under Subsection (4)(a)(i) is capped at \$50,000,000 and
 1097 the Division of Finance shall deposit any interest accrued above the \$50,000,000
 1098 cap into the General Fund.
- 1099 (b) The Division of Finance shall make the [~~transfer~~] set aside required by Subsection
 1100 (4)(a) after the Division of Finance transfers the General Fund revenue surplus to:
 1101 (i) the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Restricted Account, as
 1102 provided in Section 63J-1-315;
 1103 (ii) the General Fund Budget Reserve Account, as provided in Section 63J-1-312; and
 1104 (iii) as provided in Section 63J-1-314:
 1105 (A) the Utah Wildfire Fund; and
 1106 (B) the State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account.
- 1107 (c) These credit amounts may not be used for purposes of the restricted account as
 1108 provided in this part until appropriated by the Legislature.
- 1109 Section 27. Section **67-3-1** is amended to read:
 1110 **67-3-1 (Effective 07/01/26). Functions and duties.**
- 1111 (1)(a) The state auditor is the auditor of public accounts and is independent of any
 1112 executive or administrative officers of the state.
- 1113 (b) The state auditor;
 1114 (i) is not limited in the selection of personnel~~[or in the determination of]~~ ; and
 1115 (ii) may determine the reasonable and necessary expenses of the state auditor's office
 1116 in accordance with Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, and subject to

1117 Title 63G, Chapter 9, Part 3, Review of Claims.

- 1118 (2) The state auditor shall examine and certify annually in respect to each fiscal year,
1119 financial statements showing:
- 1120 (a) the condition of the state's finances;
 - 1121 (b) the revenues received or accrued;
 - 1122 (c) expenditures paid or accrued;
 - 1123 (d) the amount of unexpended or unencumbered balances of the appropriations to the
1124 agencies, departments, divisions, commissions, and institutions; and
 - 1125 (e) the cash balances of the funds in the custody of the state treasurer.
- 1126 (3)(a) The state auditor shall:
- 1127 (i) audit each permanent fund, each special fund, the General Fund, and the accounts
1128 of any department of state government or any independent agency or public
1129 corporation as the law requires, as the auditor determines is necessary, or upon
1130 request of the governor or the Legislature;
 - 1131 (ii) perform the audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and
1132 other auditing procedures as promulgated by recognized authoritative bodies; and
 - 1133 (iii) as the auditor determines is necessary, conduct the audits to determine:
 - 1134 (A) honesty and integrity in fiscal affairs;
 - 1135 (B) accuracy and reliability of financial statements;
 - 1136 (C) effectiveness and adequacy of financial controls; and
 - 1137 (D) [compliance with the law] whether the entity responsible for the audited fund
1138 or account has engaged in financial practices, used public funds, or managed
1139 public property in a manner that complies with the applicable legal
1140 requirements identified in connection with the audit.
 - 1141 (b) If any state entity receives federal funding, the state auditor shall ensure that the
1142 audit is performed in accordance with federal audit requirements.
 - 1143 (c)(i) The costs of the federal compliance portion of the audit may be paid from an
1144 appropriation to the state auditor from the General Fund.
 - 1145 (ii) If an appropriation is not provided, or if the federal government does not
1146 specifically provide for payment of audit costs, the costs of the federal compliance
1147 portions of the audit shall be allocated on the basis of the percentage that each
1148 state entity's federal funding bears to the total federal funds received by the state.
 - 1149 (iii) The allocation shall be adjusted to reflect any reduced audit time required to
1150 audit funds passed through the state to local governments and to reflect any

1151 reduction in audit time obtained through the use of internal auditors working
1152 under the direction of the state auditor.

1153 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the state auditor shall, in addition to
1154 financial audits, and as the auditor determines is necessary, conduct performance and
1155 special purpose audits, examinations, and reviews of any entity that receives public
1156 funds, including a determination of any or all of the following:

- 1157 (i) the honesty and integrity of all the entity's fiscal affairs;
- 1158 (ii) whether the entity's administrators have faithfully complied with legislative intent;
- 1159 (iii) whether the entity's operations have been conducted in an efficient, effective, and
1160 cost-efficient manner;
- 1161 (iv) whether the entity's programs have been effective in accomplishing the intended
1162 objectives; and
- 1163 (v) whether the entity's management, control, and information systems are adequate,
1164 effective, and secure.

1165 (b) The auditor may not conduct performance and special purpose audits, examinations,
1166 and reviews of any entity that receives public funds if the entity:

- 1167 (i) has an elected auditor; and
- 1168 (ii) has, within the entity's last budget year, had the entity's financial statements or
1169 performance formally reviewed by another outside auditor.

1170 (5) The state auditor:

1171 (a) shall administer any oath or affirmation necessary to the performance of the duties of
1172 the auditor's office; and

1173 (b) may:

- 1174 (i) subpoena witnesses and documents, whether electronic or otherwise; and
- 1175 (ii) examine into any matter that the auditor considers necessary.

1176 (6) The state auditor may require all persons who have had the disposition or management
1177 of any property of this state or its political subdivisions to submit statements regarding
1178 the property at the time and in the form that the auditor requires.

1179 (7) The state auditor shall:

1180 (a) except where otherwise provided by law, institute suits in Salt Lake County in
1181 relation to the assessment, collection, and payment of revenues against:

- 1182 (i) persons who by any means have become entrusted with public money or property
1183 and have failed to pay over or deliver the money or property; and
- 1184 (ii) all debtors of the state;

- 1185 (b) collect and pay into the state treasury all fees received by the state auditor;
- 1186 (c) perform the duties of a member of all boards of which the state auditor is a member
1187 by the constitution or laws of the state, and any other duties that are prescribed by the
1188 constitution and by law;
- 1189 (d) stop the payment of the salary of any state official or state employee who:
- 1190 (i) refuses to settle accounts or provide required statements about the custody and
1191 disposition of public funds or other state property;
- 1192 (ii) refuses, neglects, or ignores the instruction of the state auditor or any controlling
1193 board or department head with respect to the manner of keeping prescribed
1194 accounts or funds; or
- 1195 (iii) fails to correct any delinquencies, improper procedures, and errors brought to the
1196 official's or employee's attention;
- 1197 (e) establish accounting systems, methods, and forms for public accounts in all taxing or
1198 fee-assessing units of the state in the interest of uniformity, efficiency, and economy;
- 1199 (f) superintend the contractual auditing of all state accounts;
- 1200 (g) subject to Subsection (8)(a), withhold state allocated funds or the disbursement of
1201 property taxes from a state or local taxing or fee-assessing unit, if necessary, to
1202 ensure that officials and employees in those taxing units comply with state laws and
1203 procedures in the budgeting, expenditures, and financial reporting of public funds;
- 1204 (h) subject to Subsection (9), withhold the disbursement of tax money from any county,
1205 if necessary, to ensure that officials and employees in the county comply with
1206 Section 59-2-303.1; and
- 1207 (i) withhold state allocated funds or the disbursement of property taxes from a local
1208 government entity or a limited purpose entity, as those terms are defined in Section
1209 67-1a-15 if the state auditor finds the withholding necessary to ensure that the entity
1210 registers and maintains the entity's registration with the lieutenant governor, in
1211 accordance with Section 67-1a-15.
- 1212 (8)(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the state auditor may not withhold funds
1213 under Subsection (7)(g) until a state or local taxing or fee-assessing unit has received
1214 formal written notice of noncompliance from the auditor and has been given 60 days
1215 to make the specified corrections.
- 1216 (b) If, after receiving notice under Subsection (8)(a), a state or independent local
1217 fee-assessing unit that exclusively assesses fees has not made corrections to comply
1218 with state laws and procedures in the budgeting, expenditures, and financial reporting

- 1219 of public funds, the state auditor:
- 1220 (i) shall provide a recommended timeline for corrective actions;
- 1221 (ii) may prohibit the state or local fee-assessing unit from accessing money held by
- 1222 the state; and
- 1223 (iii) may prohibit a state or local fee-assessing unit from accessing money held in an
- 1224 account of a financial institution by filing an action in a court with jurisdiction
- 1225 under Title 78A, Judiciary and Judicial Administration, requesting an order of the
- 1226 court to prohibit a financial institution from providing the fee-assessing unit
- 1227 access to an account.
- 1228 (c) The state auditor shall remove a limitation on accessing funds under Subsection (8)(b)
- 1229 upon compliance with state laws and procedures in the budgeting, expenditures, and
- 1230 financial reporting of public funds.
- 1231 (d) If a local taxing or fee-assessing unit has not adopted a budget in compliance with
- 1232 state law, the state auditor:
- 1233 (i) shall provide notice to the taxing or fee-assessing unit of the unit's failure to
- 1234 comply;
- 1235 (ii) may prohibit the taxing or fee-assessing unit from accessing money held by the
- 1236 state; and
- 1237 (iii) may prohibit a taxing or fee-assessing unit from accessing money held in an
- 1238 account of a financial institution by:
- 1239 (A) contacting the taxing or fee-assessing unit's financial institution and
- 1240 requesting that the institution prohibit access to the account; or
- 1241 (B) filing an action in a court with jurisdiction under Title 78A, Judiciary and
- 1242 Judicial Administration, requesting an order of the court to prohibit a financial
- 1243 institution from providing the taxing or fee-assessing unit access to an account.
- 1244 (e) If the local taxing or fee-assessing unit adopts a budget in compliance with state law,
- 1245 the state auditor shall eliminate a limitation on accessing funds described in
- 1246 Subsection (8)(d).
- 1247 (9) The state auditor may not withhold funds under Subsection (7)(h) until a county has
- 1248 received formal written notice of noncompliance from the auditor and has been given 60
- 1249 days to make the specified corrections.
- 1250 (10)(a) The state auditor may not withhold funds under Subsection (7)(i) until the state
- 1251 auditor receives a notice of non-registration, as that term is defined in Section
- 1252 67-1a-15.

- 1253 (b) If the state auditor receives a notice of non-registration, the state auditor may
1254 prohibit the local government entity or limited purpose entity, as those terms are
1255 defined in Section 67-1a-15, from accessing:
1256 (i) money held by the state; and
1257 (ii) money held in an account of a financial institution by:
1258 (A) contacting the entity's financial institution and requesting that the institution
1259 prohibit access to the account; or
1260 (B) filing an action in a court with jurisdiction under Title 78A, Judiciary and
1261 Judicial Administration, requesting an order of the court to prohibit a financial
1262 institution from providing the entity access to an account.
- 1263 (c) The state auditor shall remove the prohibition on accessing funds described in
1264 Subsection (10)(b) if the state auditor received a notice of registration, as that term is
1265 defined in Section 67-1a-15, from the lieutenant governor.
- 1266 (11) Notwithstanding Subsection (7)(g), (7)(h), (7)(i), (8)(b), (8)(d), or (10)(b), the state
1267 auditor:
1268 (a) shall authorize a disbursement by a local government entity or limited purpose entity,
1269 as those terms are defined in Section 67-1a-15, or a state or local taxing or
1270 fee-assessing unit if the disbursement is necessary to:
1271 (i) avoid a major disruption in the operations of the local government entity, limited
1272 purpose entity, or state or local taxing or fee-assessing unit; or
1273 (ii) meet debt service obligations; and
1274 (b) may authorize a disbursement by a local government entity, limited purpose entity,
1275 or state or local taxing or fee-assessing unit as the state auditor determines is
1276 appropriate.
- 1277 (12)(a) The state auditor may seek relief under the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure to take
1278 temporary custody of public funds if an action is necessary to protect public funds
1279 from being improperly diverted from their intended public purpose.
- 1280 (b) If the state auditor seeks relief under Subsection (12)(a):
1281 (i) the state auditor is not required to exhaust the procedures in Subsection (7) or (8);
1282 and
1283 (ii) the state treasurer may hold the public funds in accordance with Section 67-4-1 if
1284 a court orders the public funds to be protected from improper diversion from their
1285 public purpose.
- 1286 (13) The state auditor shall:

- 1287 (a) establish audit guidelines and procedures for audits of local mental health and
1288 substance abuse authorities and their contract providers, conducted pursuant to Title
1289 17, Chapter 77, Local Health and Human Services, Title 26B, Chapter 5, Health Care
1290 - Substance Use and Mental Health, and Title 51, Chapter 2a, Accounting Reports
1291 from Political Subdivisions, Interlocal Organizations, and Other Local Entities Act;
1292 and
- 1293 (b) ensure that those guidelines and procedures provide assurances to the state that:
- 1294 (i) state and federal funds appropriated to local mental health authorities are used for
1295 mental health purposes;
- 1296 (ii) a private provider under an annual or otherwise ongoing contract to provide
1297 comprehensive mental health programs or services for a local mental health
1298 authority is in compliance with state and local contract requirements and state and
1299 federal law;
- 1300 (iii) state and federal funds appropriated to local substance abuse authorities are used
1301 for substance abuse programs and services; and
- 1302 (iv) a private provider under an annual or otherwise ongoing contract to provide
1303 comprehensive substance abuse programs or services for a local substance abuse
1304 authority is in compliance with state and local contract requirements, and state and
1305 federal law.
- 1306 (14)(a) The state auditor may, in accordance with the auditor's responsibilities for
1307 political subdivisions of the state as provided in Title 51, Chapter 2a, Accounting
1308 Reports from Political Subdivisions, Interlocal Organizations, and Other Local
1309 Entities Act, initiate audits or investigations of any political subdivision that are
1310 necessary to determine honesty and integrity in fiscal affairs, accuracy and reliability
1311 of financial statements, effectiveness, and adequacy of financial controls and
1312 compliance with the law.
- 1313 (b) If the state auditor receives notice under Subsection 11-41-104(7) from the
1314 Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity on or after July 1, 2024, the state auditor
1315 may initiate an audit or investigation of the public entity subject to the notice to
1316 determine compliance with Section 11-41-103.
- 1317 (15)(a) The state auditor may not audit work that the state auditor performed before
1318 becoming state auditor.
- 1319 (b) If the state auditor has previously been a responsible official in state government
1320 whose work has not yet been audited, the Legislature shall:

- 1321 (i) designate how that work shall be audited; and
1322 (ii) provide additional funding for those audits, if necessary.
- 1323 (16) The state auditor shall:
- 1324 (a) with the assistance, advice, and recommendations of an advisory committee
1325 appointed by the state auditor from among special district boards of trustees, officers,
1326 and employees and special service district boards, officers, and employees:
- 1327 (i) prepare a Uniform Accounting Manual for Special Districts that:
- 1328 (A) prescribes a uniform system of accounting and uniform budgeting and
1329 reporting procedures for special districts under Title 17B, Limited Purpose
1330 Local Government Entities - Special Districts, and special service districts
1331 under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act;
- 1332 (B) conforms with generally accepted accounting principles; and
1333 (C) prescribes reasonable exceptions and modifications for smaller districts to the
1334 uniform system of accounting, budgeting, and reporting;
- 1335 (ii) maintain the manual under this Subsection (16)(a) so that the manual continues to
1336 reflect generally accepted accounting principles;
- 1337 (iii) conduct a continuing review and modification of procedures in order to improve
1338 them;
- 1339 (iv) prepare and supply each district with suitable budget and reporting forms; and
1340 (v)(A) prepare instructional materials, conduct training programs, and render other
1341 services considered necessary to assist special districts and special service
1342 districts in implementing the uniform accounting, budgeting, and reporting
1343 procedures; and
1344 (B) ensure that any training described in Subsection (16)(a)(v)(A) complies with
1345 Title 63G, Chapter 22, State Training and Certification Requirements; and
- 1346 (b) continually analyze and evaluate the accounting, budgeting, and reporting practices
1347 and experiences of specific special districts and special service districts selected by
1348 the state auditor and make the information available to all districts.
- 1349 (17)(a) The following records in the custody or control of the state auditor are protected
1350 records under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management
1351 Act:
- 1352 (i) records that would disclose information relating to allegations of personal
1353 misconduct, gross mismanagement, or illegal activity of a past or present
1354 governmental employee if the information or allegation cannot be corroborated by

1355 the state auditor through other documents or evidence, and the records relating to
1356 the allegation are not relied upon by the state auditor in preparing a final audit
1357 report;

1358 (ii) records and audit workpapers to the extent the workpapers would disclose the
1359 identity of an individual who during the course of an audit, communicated the
1360 existence of any waste of public funds, property, or manpower, or a violation or
1361 suspected violation of a law, rule, or regulation adopted under the laws of this
1362 state, a political subdivision of the state, or any recognized entity of the United
1363 States, if the information was disclosed on the condition that the identity of the
1364 individual be protected;

1365 (iii) before an audit is completed and the final audit report is released, records or
1366 drafts circulated to an individual who is not an employee or head of a
1367 governmental entity for the individual's response or information;

1368 (iv) records that would disclose an outline or part of any audit survey plans or audit
1369 program; and

1370 (v) requests for audits, if disclosure would risk circumvention of an audit.

1371 (b) The provisions of Subsections (17)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii) do not prohibit the disclosure
1372 of records or information that relate to a violation of the law by a governmental entity
1373 or employee to a government prosecutor or peace officer.

1374 (c) The provisions of this Subsection (17) do not limit the authority otherwise given to
1375 the state auditor to classify a document as public, private, controlled, or protected
1376 under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

1377 (d)(i) As used in this Subsection (17)(d), "record dispute" means a dispute between
1378 the state auditor and the subject of an audit performed by the state auditor as to
1379 whether the state auditor may release a record, as defined in Section 63G-2-103,
1380 to the public that the state auditor gained access to in the course of the state
1381 auditor's audit but which the subject of the audit claims is not subject to disclosure
1382 under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

1383 (ii) The state auditor may submit a record dispute to the director of the Government
1384 Records Office, created in Section 63A-12-202, for a determination of whether the
1385 state auditor may, in conjunction with the state auditor's release of an audit report,
1386 release to the public the record that is the subject of the record dispute.

1387 (iii) The state auditor or the subject of the audit may seek judicial review of the
1388 director's determination, described in Subsection (17)(d)(ii), as provided in

1389 Section 63G-2-404.

1390 (18) If the state auditor conducts an audit of an entity that the state auditor has previously
1391 audited and finds that the entity has not implemented a recommendation made by the
1392 state auditor in a previous audit, the state auditor shall notify the Legislative
1393 Management Committee through the Legislative Management Committee's Audit
1394 Subcommittee that the entity has not implemented that recommendation.

1395 (19) The state auditor shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint the state
1396 privacy auditor described in Section 67-3-13.

1397 (20) Except as provided in Subsection (21), the state auditor shall report, or ensure that
1398 another government entity reports, on the financial, operational, and performance
1399 metrics for the state system of higher education and the state system of public education,
1400 including metrics in relation to students, programs, and schools within those systems.

1401 (21)(a) Notwithstanding Subsection (20), the state auditor shall conduct regular audits of:

1402 (i) the scholarship granting organization for the Carson Smith Opportunity
1403 Scholarship Program, created in Section 53E-7-402;

1404 (ii) the State Board of Education for the Carson Smith Scholarship Program, created
1405 in Section 53F-4-302; and

1406 (iii) the scholarship program manager for the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program,
1407 created in Section 53F-6-402, including an analysis of the cost effectiveness of the
1408 program, taking into consideration the amount of the scholarship and the amount
1409 of state and local funds dedicated on a per-student basis within the traditional
1410 public education system.

1411 (b) Nothing in this subsection limits or impairs the authority of the State Board of
1412 Education to administer the programs described in Subsection (21)(a).

1413 (22) The state auditor shall, based on the information posted by the Office of Legislative
1414 Research and General Counsel under Subsection 36-12-12.1(2), for each policy, track
1415 and post the following information on the state auditor's website:

1416 (a) the information posted under Subsections 36-12-12.1(2)(a) through (e);

1417 (b) an indication regarding whether the policy is timely adopted, adopted late, or not
1418 adopted;

1419 (c) an indication regarding whether the policy complies with the requirements
1420 established by law for the policy; and

1421 (d) a link to the policy.

1422 (23)(a) A legislator may request that the state auditor conduct an inquiry to determine

- 1423 whether a government entity, government official, or government employee has
1424 complied with a legal obligation directly imposed, by statute, on the government
1425 entity, government official, or government employee.
- 1426 (b) The state auditor may, upon receiving a request under Subsection (23)(a), conduct
1427 the inquiry requested.
- 1428 (c) If the state auditor conducts the inquiry described in Subsection (23)(b), the state
1429 auditor shall post the results of the inquiry on the state auditor's website.
- 1430 (d) The state auditor may limit the inquiry described in this Subsection (23) to a simple
1431 determination, without conducting an audit, regarding whether the obligation was
1432 fulfilled.
- 1433 (24) The state auditor shall:
- 1434 (a) ensure compliance with Title 63G, Chapter 31, Distinctions on the Basis of Sex, in
1435 accordance with Section 63G-31-401; and
- 1436 (b) report to the Legislative Management Committee, upon request, regarding the state
1437 auditor's actions under this Subsection (24).
- 1438 (25) The state auditor shall report compliance with Sections 67-27-107, 67-27-108, and
1439 67-27-109 by:
- 1440 (a) establishing a process to receive and audit each alleged violation; and
- 1441 (b) reporting to the Legislative Management Committee, upon request, regarding the
1442 state auditor's findings and recommendations under this Subsection (25).
- 1443 (26) The state auditor shall ensure compliance with Section 63G-1-704 regarding the
1444 display of flags in or on government property.
- 1445 (27)(a) On or before January 31 each year, the state auditor shall prepare a report that
1446 states, for each entity that holds public funds as defined in Section 51-7-3, the entity's
1447 total balance, as of the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year, of cash, cash
1448 equivalents, and investments, as those terms are defined under the standards
1449 established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- 1450 (b) The state auditor shall make the report described in Subsection (27)(a) publicly
1451 available on a website that the state auditor maintains.
- 1452 Section 28. Section **79-6-410** is enacted to read:
- 1453 **79-6-410 (Effective 07/01/26). Energy Development Infrastructure Fund.**
- 1454 (1) As used in this section, "public entity" means a state agency, county, municipality,
1455 special district, special service district, an intergovernmental entity organized under state
1456 law, or the military installation development authority created in Section 63H-1-201.

- 1457 (2) There is created a revolving loan fund known as the Energy Development Infrastructure
1458 Fund.
- 1459 (3) The fund consists of:
- 1460 (a) money the Legislature appropriates to the fund;
1461 (b) money received for repayment of a loan made from the fund; and
1462 (c) interest earned on money in the fund.
- 1463 (4) The office may use money in the fund to make one or more loans to one or more public
1464 entities to finance infrastructure development that supports nuclear power generation
1465 and transmission in the state.
- 1466 (5)(a) A public entity that borrows money from the fund shall enter into a loan
1467 agreement with the office for repayment of the money.
- 1468 (b)(i) The office shall ensure that a loan under this section is secured by:
- 1469 (A) bonds, notes, or another evidence of indebtedness validly issued under state
1470 law; or
- 1471 (B) revenue generated from the project.
- 1472 (ii) The security provided under Subsection (5)(b)(i) may include the borrower's
1473 pledge of some or all of a revenue source that the borrower controls.
- 1474 (c) A loan under this section shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed .5% above bond
1475 market interest rates available to the state.
- 1476 (6) The office may provide conditions in the loan agreement described in Subsection (5) to
1477 ensure that:
- 1478 (a) the proceeds of the loan will be used to pay the cost of the project; and
1479 (b) the project will be completed.
- 1480 (7) The office shall administer and enforce a loan under this section according to the terms
1481 of the loan agreement.
- 1482 Section 29. Section **79-6-1105** is amended to read:
- 1483 **79-6-1105 (Effective 07/01/26). Electrical Energy Development Investment Fund.**
- 1484 (1) There is created [~~an expendable~~] a special revenue fund known as the "Electrical Energy
1485 Development Investment Fund."
- 1486 (2) The fund consists of:
- 1487 (a) property tax differential revenue collected under Section 79-6-1104;
- 1488 (b) revenue from the radioactive waste facility expansion tax collected under Section
1489 59-24-103.8; and
- 1490 (c) revenue from a tax on new generators of radioactive waste as described in Subsection

1491 59-24-103.5(3).

1492 (3) The council shall:

1493 (a) administer the fund; and

1494 (b) use fund money only as authorized under Section 79-6-1106.

1495 Section 30. Section **79-6-1106** is amended to read:

1496 **79-6-1106 (Effective 07/01/26). Authorized uses of fund money.**

1497 (1)(a) [The] Subject to legislative appropriation, the council may use fund money to:

1498 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) facilitate electrical energy infrastructure development within the state,

1499 including:

1500 ~~[(i)]~~ (A) transmission and distribution lines;

1501 ~~[(ii)]~~ (B) pipeline development;

1502 ~~[(iii)]~~ (C) energy storage facilities;

1503 ~~[(iv)]~~ (D) generation facilities;

1504 ~~[(v)]~~ (E) related infrastructure;~~[-and]~~

1505 ~~[(vi)]~~ (F) to fund research, site selection, permitting, public outreach, and other
1506 activities related to the development of nuclear energy; and

1507 (G) district energy systems as defined in Section 79-6-602;

1508 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) provide matching funds for federal energy development grants;

1509 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) support energy workforce development programs;

1510 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) provide incentives for electrical energy development projects; and

1511 ~~[(e)]~~ (v) pay for administrative expenses related to the council's duties.

1512 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) [Fund] Except as provided in Subsection (2), fund money derived from the

1513 radioactive waste facility expansion tax revenue collected under Section 59-24-103.8

1514 is prioritized for activities related to the development of nuclear energy.

1515 (2) Subject to legislative appropriation, the Department of Environmental Quality created in

1516 Section 19-1-104 may use up to 10% of fund money derived from the radioactive waste

1517 facility expansion tax revenue collected under Section 59-24-103.8 for energy-related

1518 permitting reforms.

1519 Section 31. **Repealer.**

1520 This bill repeals:

1521 Section **19-2-301, Title.**

1522 Section **19-2-302, Definitions.**

1523 Section **19-2-303, Grants and programs -- Conditions.**

1524 Section **19-2-304, Duties and authorities -- Rulemaking.**

1525 Section **23A-3-204, Wildlife Resources Conservation Easement Restricted Account.**
 1526 Section **23A-3-206, Donations related to donation of wild game meat -- Wild Game Meat**
 1527 **Donation Fund.**

1528 Section **51-9-701, Title.**

1529 Section **51-9-702, Navajo Water Rights Negotiation Account -- Settlement.**

1530 Section **63M-14-501, Colorado River Authority Restricted Account.**

1531 Section 32. **FY 2026 Appropriations.**

1532 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
 1533 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
 1534 fiscal year 2026.

1535 Subsection 32(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

1536 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
 1537 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
 1538 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

1539 ITEM 1 To Department of Natural Resources - Office of Energy Development

1540 From General Fund, One-time (5,000,000)

1541 Schedule of Programs:

1542 Office of Energy Development (5,000,000)

1543 Subsection 32(b). **Business-like Activities**

1544 The Legislature has reviewed the following proprietary funds. Under the terms and
 1545 conditions of Utah Code 63J-1-410, for any included Internal Service Fund, the Legislature
 1546 approves budgets, full-time permanent positions, and capital acquisition amounts as indicated,
 1547 and appropriates to the funds, as indicated, estimated revenue from rates, fees, and other
 1548 charges. The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer amounts between
 1549 funds and accounts as indicated.

1550 ITEM 2 To Department of Natural Resources - Energy Development Infrastructure Fund

1551 From General Fund, One-time 5,000,000

1552 Schedule of Programs:

1553 Energy Development Infrastructure Fund 5,000,000

1554 Section 33. **FY 2027 Appropriations.**

1555 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
 1556 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
 1557 fiscal year 2027.

1558 Subsection 33(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

1559 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
 1560 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
 1561 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

1562 ITEM 3 To Office of the Governor - Colorado River Authority of Utah
 1563 From General Fund 1,638,500

1564 Schedule of Programs:
 1565 Colorado River Authority of Utah 1,638,500

1566 Subsection 33(b). **Restricted Fund and Account Transfers**

1567 The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following
 1568 amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from
 1569 the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an appropriation.

1570 ITEM 4 To General Fund Restricted - Colorado River Authority Restricted Account
 1571 From General Fund (1,638,500)

1572 Schedule of Programs:
 1573 Colorado River Authority Restricted Account (1,638,500)

1574 The Legislature intends that the Division of
 1575 Finance transfer any balances remaining in the Colorado
 1576 River Authority Restricted Account after fiscal year 2026
 1577 closeout to Office of the Governor - Colorado River
 1578 Authority of Utah line item.

1579 Section 34. **Effective Date.**

1580 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.

1581 Section 35. **Coordinating H.B. 545 with H.B. 473.**

1582 If this H.B. 545, Budgetary Modifications, and H.B. 473, Colorado River Authority
 1583 Amendments, both pass and become law, the Legislature intends that, on July 1, 2026, the
 1584 appropriations in Section 33 of H.B. 545, which address money in the Colorado River
 1585 Authority Restricted Account, not take effect.