

David Shallenberger proposes the following substitute bill:

**Energy Efficiency Rebate Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: David Shallenberger**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions related to energy rebate programs.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires a large-scale public utility to operate an energy rebate program;
- requires a large-scale public utility to annually report to the Office of Energy

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

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

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

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

ENACTS:

**54-7-13.7**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

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

**Energy Development.**

(1) As used in this section:

- 29 (a) "Energy rebate program" means a program operated by a large-scale public utility  
30 that provides financial rebates or incentives to customers for measures that reduce  
31 energy consumption or improve the efficiency of energy consumption.
- 32 (b) "Large-scale public utility" means a public utility that:  
33 (i) provides retail electric service to more than 200,000 retail customers in the state; or  
34 (ii) provides retail natural gas service to more than 200,000 retail customers in the  
35 state.
- 36 (c) "Office" means the Office of Energy Development created in Section 79-6-401.
- 37 (2) On or before September 1, 2027, and annually thereafter on or before September 1, a  
38 large-scale public utility that operates an energy rebate program shall submit a report to  
39 the office describing the energy rebate program operated by the large-scale public utility  
40 during the previous calendar year.
- 41 (3) The report required by Subsection (2) shall include:
- 42 (a) a description of each energy rebate program offered by the large-scale public utility;  
43 (b) for each energy rebate program:  
44 (i) the types of rebates and incentives offered, including financial amounts and  
45 eligibility criteria;  
46 (ii) customer participation during the program year, including the number of  
47 participants in each of the following customer categories:  
48 (A) residential customers;  
49 (B) commercial customers;  
50 (C) industrial customers;  
51 (D) irrigation customers; and  
52 (E) any other customer class as determined by the large-scale public utility;  
53 (iii) the total amount of rebates and incentives issued;  
54 (iv) energy savings achieved through the program;  
55 (v) cost-effectiveness metrics for the program; and  
56 (vi) administrative costs incurred; and
- 57 (c) how each energy rebate program aligns with the state energy policy described in  
58 Section 79-6-301.

59 Section 2. Section **79-6-405** is amended to read:

60 **79-6-405 . Reports -- Study.**

- 61 (1) The director shall report annually to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology  
62 Interim Committee.

- 63 (2) The report required in Subsection (1) shall:
- 64 (a) summarize the status and development of the state's energy resources;
- 65 (b) summarize the activities and accomplishments of the office;
- 66 (c) address the director's activities under this part;
- 67 (d) recommend any energy-related executive or legislative action the director or office
- 68 considers beneficial to the state, including updates to the state energy policy under
- 69 Section 79-6-301; and
- 70 (e) address long-term energy planning required under Subsection 79-6-401(10).
- 71 (3)(a) The office shall study the impacts of the following on energy costs in the state:
- 72 (i) Title 59, Chapter 33, Wind or Solar Electric Generation Facility Capacity Tax; and
- 73 (ii) Part [H]14, Energy Project Assessment.
- 74 (b) The director shall report the office's findings regarding the study required under this
- 75 Subsection (3) to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee by
- 76 no later than the 2026 November interim meeting of the Public Utilities, Energy, and
- 77 Technology Interim Committee.
- 78 (4)(a) On or before November 1, 2027, and annually thereafter on or before November
- 79 1, the office shall:
- 80 (i) review the reports submitted by large-scale public utilities under Section 54-7-13.7;
- 81 (ii) consult with each large-scale public utility that submitted a report under Section
- 82 54-7-13.7 regarding the alignment of the large-scale public utility's energy rebate
- 83 program with the state energy policy described in Section 79-6-301; and
- 84 (iii) as part of the consultation described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), provide
- 85 recommendations to each large-scale public utility for improving the alignment of
- 86 the energy rebate program with the state energy policy.
- 87 (b) The director shall include in the annual report required by Subsection (1) a summary
- 88 of:
- 89 (i) the energy rebate programs operated by large-scale public utilities in the state
- 90 during the previous calendar year;
- 91 (ii) the office's findings regarding the alignment of those programs with the state
- 92 energy policy; and
- 93 (iii) any recommendations made to large-scale public utilities under Subsection
- 94 (4)(a)(iii).

95 **Section 3. Effective Date.**

96 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.