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Landscaping Procurement Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Pitcher

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LONG TITLE

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General Description:

4 This bill addresses procurement of landscape maintenance equipment.

Highlighted Provisions:

5 This bill:

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- 7 ▶ defines terms; and
- 8 ▶ subject to specified exceptions, requires that when a state entity procures landscape
- 9 maintenance equipment, the landscape maintenance equipment be electric-powered.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

10 None

Other Special Clauses:

11 None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

12 ENACTS:

13 **63G-6a-111.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

16 Section 1. Section **63G-6a-111.1** is enacted to read:

63G-6a-111.1 . Requirements for landscape maintenance equipment.

(1) As used in this section:

17 (a) "Electric-powered" means operated using electricity as the primary power source.

18 (b)(i) "Landscape maintenance" means routine care of outdoor vegetation and

19 associated elements, including mulch, gravel, flower beds, and decorative barriers.

20 (ii) "Landscape maintenance" includes mowing, edging, trimming, fertilizing, raking,

21 and blowing.

22 (c) "Landscape maintenance equipment" means any device that is primarily designed for

23 the performance of landscape maintenance.

24 (d) "State agency" means any unit of state government, including a department, division,

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31 office, or institution of higher eduction.

32 (e) "State government facility" means a building, structure, or other improvement that is
33 constructed on property owned by the state or a state agency.

34 (f) "State government grounds" means means the real property, whether fenced or
35 unfenced, on which a state government facility is located.

36 (2) Subject to Subsection (3), when a procurement unit procures landscape maintenance
37 equipment to be used primarily on state government grounds, the procurement unit shall
38 procure landscape maintenance equipment that is electric-powered if the state
39 government grounds:

40 (a) are located in a county of the first or second class, as classified under Section
41 17-60-104; and

42 (b) consist of fewer than 50,000 square feet of property needing landscape maintenance.

43 (3) The director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management created in
44 Section 63A-5b-301 may exempt a procurement from the requirements of Subsection (2)
45 if the director determines that the landscape features of the state government grounds
46 make the electric powered version of the landscape maintenance equipment impractical
47 for:

48 (a) accomplishing the task for which the landscape maintenance equipment is intended;
49 or

50 (b) maintaining safe conditions on the state government grounds.

51 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

52 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.