

Stephanie Pitcher proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **Landscaping Procurement Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Pitcher**

House Sponsor:

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2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill addresses procurement of landscape maintenance equipment.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

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.

10 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

11 None

12 **Other Special Clauses:**

13 None

14 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

15 **ENACTS:**

16 **63G-6a-111.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

19 **63G-6a-111.1 . Requirements for landscape maintenance equipment.**

20 **(1) As used in this section:**

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

22 (b)(i) "Landscape maintenance" means routine care of outdoor vegetation and  
23 associated elements, including mulch, gravel, flower beds, and decorative barriers.

24 (ii) "Landscape maintenance" includes mowing, edging, trimming, fertilizing, raking,  
25 and blowing.

26 (c) "Landscape maintenance equipment" means any device that is primarily designed for  
27 the performance of landscape maintenance.

30 (d) "State agency" means any unit of state government, including a department, division,  
31 office, or institution of higher education.

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 the real property, whether fenced or unfenced, on  
35 which a state government facility is located.

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

41 (a) are located in a county of the first or second class, as classified under Section  
42 17-60-104; and

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

44 (3) The director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management created in  
45 Section 63A-5b-301 may exempt a procurement unit, or a specific procurement  
46 transaction, from the requirements of Subsection (2) if:

47 (a) using electric-powered landscape maintenance equipment is not practical due to the  
48 existing slope, erosion, stoniness, or other features of the landscape where the  
49 equipment is to be used; or

50 (b) there is an emergency and using electric-powered landscape maintenance equipment  
51 is impractical to maintaining the safe and operational condition of the property where  
52 the equipment is to be used.

53 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

54 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.