



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND NONLAPSING AUTHORITY INTENT

BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LABOR APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

BUDGET BRIEF

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PERFORMANCE MEASURES

VCAA – Public Service Commission

The Legislature intends that the Public Service Commission report by October 15, 2019 on the following performance measures for the Public Service Commission line item, whose mission is to provide balanced regulation ensuring safe, reliable, adequate, and reasonably priced utility service: (1) Electric or natural gas rate changes within a fiscal year not consistent or comparable with other states served by the same utility (Target = 0); (2) Number of appellate court cases within a fiscal year modifying or reversing PSC decisions (Target = 0); (3) Number, within a fiscal year, of financial sector analyses of Utah's public utility regulatory climate resulting in an unfavorable or unbalanced assessment (Target = 0); to the Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations Subcommittee.

Fund 2360 - Universal Telecommunications Support Fund

The Legislature intends that the Public Service Commission report by October 15, 2019 on the following performance measures for the Universal Telecommunications Support Fund line item, whose mission is to provide balanced operation of the fund that is nondiscriminatory and competitively and technologically neutral, neither providing a competitive advantage for, nor imposing a competitive disadvantage upon, any telecommunications provider operating in Utah: (1) Number of months within a fiscal year during which the Fund did not maintain a balance equal to at least three months of fund payments (Target = 0); (2) Number of times a change to the fund surcharge occurred more than once every three fiscal years (Target = 0); (3) Total adoption and usage of Telecommunications Relay Service and Caption Telephone Service within a fiscal year (Target = 50,000); to the Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations Subcommittee.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NONLAPSING AUTHORITY

Under the terms of the 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Public Service Commission not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2018. The use of non-lapsing funds is limited to maintenance, upgrades, and licensing for the Public Service Commission's document management system; computer equipment and software upgrades; employee training and incentives; and special projects/studies that might require consultants or temporary employees.

Under the terms of the 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Public Service Commission not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2018. Non-lapsing funds are needed to fund the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support and the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired Programs.