

HB 295: VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM

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WHAT DOES THE "CLEANER CAR BILL" DO?

- Reduces vehicle emissions by encouraging the purchase of cleaner cars in Utah for lower income people in nonattainment areas with older cars that fail an emissions test.
- Supports a federal Targeted Air Shed Grant program in Utah to increase replacements of the dirtiest vehicles in Utah's nonattainment counties.
- Educates the public about the emissions that Tier 0 and 1 vehicles create and the benefits of purchasing cleaner cars.

WHY SUPPORT THIS BILL:

- Air quality is a top priority for Utahns because bad air negatively impacts our health and our economy.
- A recent UCAIR survey shows that 52% of Utahns believe that the responsibility for air quality lies with individuals, but they need solutions to be convenient and affordable.

BENEFITS

- Takes Tier 0 and Tier 1 vehicles off the road to reduce emissions in Utah. These vehicles currently make up 20% of the vehicle pool, but create 60% of the emissions.
- Supports the Targeted Air Shed Grant in Cache County and a proposed program in the SL non attainment area.
- Extends full Targeted Air Shed Grant benefits to Utah County to add the ability to retire and replace failing vehicles in that non attainment area without federal funding.
- Follows the same criteria as the federal Targeted Air Shed Grants for ease of administration.
- Requires surveys and a study to assess the efficacy of the program.
- Allows flexibility for adjustments to improve participation and optimization over time.

BACKGROUND:

*Mobile emissions make up 42% of air pollution in Utah. Tier 0 and Tier 1 vehicles are generally vehicles of age 2003 and older. Although Tier 0 and Tier 1 vehicles make up **less than 20% of our vehicle population**, they emit **over 60% of the passenger vehicle emissions.***

*Failing Tier 0 and Tier 1 vehicles **can release 150-600% more emissions** than a compliant Tier 0 and Tier 1 vehicle, which already release exponentially more emissions than newer vehicles.*

Many people do not understand the importance of purchasing cleaner vehicles or practicing smarter driving and need more public education and incentives to change habits and reduce vehicle emissions in order to help clean up our air.