

S.B. 153: IDLING AMENDMENTS

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SUMMARY

SB 153 allows certain local highway authorities to implement an ordinance to regulate idling of commercial vehicles. Key provisions include: permitting individuals to receive rewards for reporting idling or emissions violations; allowing increased penalties during periods of poor air quality; exempting government-owned vehicles from idling restrictions; providing exemptions for certain commercial vehicles based on functional necessity; allowing the purchase of exemptions for vehicle fleets; and generating revenue for traffic enforcement and pollution mitigation.

GOALS



Incentivize companies to incorporate sustainability into their business.



Contribute to enhancing air quality in Utah while helping to enforce current law.



Generate revenue for Utah residents, traffic enforcement agencies & emissions reductions.

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WHAT VEHICLES WILL THIS LAW APPLY TO?

A vehicle, including a truck or van, that is designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of people or property; or is a van or bus with a capacity of 15 or more passengers.

WILL THIS LAW APPLY TO STANDARD PASSENGER VEHICLES?

No.

DOES THIS BILL REQUIRE COUNTIES TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM?

No, 1st and 2nd class counties will be allowed to voluntarily implement the program described in the bill.

WHO PAYS FOR THE PROGRAM?

The county will collect fines from reported violations and will return a portion of the fine to the reporting individual while collecting the remainder of the fine to deposit into an account used to mitigate pollution and improve air quality.

WHY IS THIS LAW NECESSARY?

Recent reports found that existing idling laws were rarely enforced. This is not the end solution to our air quality issues, but it does provide accountability for a large source of air pollution.