

sb 176

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childcare services



77% of Utahns reside in a childcare desert, costing Utah an annual economic loss of **\$1.36 billion**.

SB 176 WILL PILOT A PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Establish a pilot program in Salt Lake County.
- Retrofit vacant state-owned properties into high-quality childcare facilities (meeting DHHS licensing requirement).
- Businesses will partner with the state and access the properties through a no-cost lease agreement.
- 60% of the daycare center's capacity is designated for partnering businesses' employees.
- The remaining 40% will be allocated to accommodate the children of low income working families, state employees, and military personnel.



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