

1                                   **REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ENERGY**  
2                                   **POLICY TASK FORCE**

3                                   2003 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Sponsor: Leonard M. Blackham**

6   **This act modifies the Public Utilities Title to reauthorize the Energy Policy Task Force**  
7   **and make technical changes.**

8   This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

9   AMENDS:

10           **63-55b-154**, as last amended by Chapter 196, Laws of Utah 2000

11   ENACTS:

12           **54-7-12.6**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

14           Section 1. Section **54-7-12.6** is enacted to read:

15           **54-7-12.6. Energy Policy Task Force -- Commission to work with task force.**

16           (1) (a) There is created the Energy Policy Task Force consisting of the following  
17   members:

18           (i) five members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than  
19   three of whom may be from the same political party; and

20           (ii) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
21   House of Representatives, no more than five of whom may be from the same political party.

22           (b) (i) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed  
23   under Subsection (1)(a)(i) as a cochair of the task force.

24           (ii) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the  
25   House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(a)(ii) as a cochair of the task force.

26           (c) In conducting its business, the task force shall comply with the rules of legislative  
27   interim committees.



28 (d) The task force may meet as often as twice a month, if the chairs determine that the  
29 meetings are needed.

30 (e) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance  
31 with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

32 (f) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support  
33 to the task force.

34 (2) The task force shall:

35 (a) study energy needs of the state;

36 (b) monitor federal and other states' efforts to address energy needs;

37 (c) study potential Utah, federal, and other states:

38 (i) conservation efforts; or

39 (ii) demand side management activities;

40 (d) study potential ways the state could develop, facilitate, or promote generation,  
41 exploration, or transportation of new energy to serve the needs of the state; and

42 (e) make recommendations to the Legislature regarding what legislation, if any, is  
43 needed to ensure that the energy needs of the state are met.

44 (3) In addition to the assistance of the commission under Subsection (5), the task force  
45 may request assistance from public and private resources as part of its activities.

46 (4) The task force shall report at least annually to the Public Utilities and Technology  
47 Interim Committee.

48 (5) To assist the task force in the task force's duties under this section, the commission  
49 shall, as directed by the task force, work with the task force including providing the task force  
50 with reports.

51 Section 2. Section **63-55b-154** is amended to read:

52 **63-55b-154. Repeal dates -- Title 54.**

53 [~~Sections 54-7-12.5 and 54-7-12.7 are~~] Section 54-7-12.6 is repealed November 30,  
54 [~~2002~~] 2004.

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**Legislative Review Note**

as of 1-23-03 8:03 AM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note****Reauthorization of the Energy Policy Task Force***06-Feb-03***Bill Number: SB0133***3:21 PM*

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Reauthorization of this task force is estimated to cost \$14,500 from the General Fund in FY 03. Those funds will be appropriated \$6,000 to the Senate and \$8,500 to the House of Representatives.

	<u>FY 03 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 03 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 04 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 04 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 05 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 05 Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$14,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**