

ENERGY POLICY AMENDMENTS

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Roger E. Barrus

Senate Sponsor: Gregory S. Bell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill makes additions to the state's energy policy.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ includes hydroelectric in a list of renewable energy resources;
- ▶ adds language supporting energy related educational programs; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ for fiscal year 2007-08, \$150,000 from the General Fund only to the Governor's Office, Governor's Energy Advisor.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63-53b-301, as enacted by Chapter 180, Laws of Utah 2006

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

Section 1. Section **63-53b-301** is amended to read:

63-53b-301. State energy policy.



- 28 (1) It is the policy of the state that:
- 29 (a) Utah have adequate, reliable, affordable, sustainable, and clean energy resources;
- 30 (b) Utah will promote the development of:
- 31 (i) nonrenewable energy resources, including natural gas, coal, oil, oil shale, and tar
- 32 sands; and
- 33 (ii) renewable energy resources, including geothermal, solar, wind, biomass, biodiesel,
- 34 hydroelectric, and ethanol;
- 35 (c) Utah will promote the study of nuclear power generation;
- 36 (d) Utah will promote the development of resources and infrastructure sufficient to
- 37 meet the state's growing demand, while contributing to the regional and national energy supply,
- 38 thus reducing dependence on international energy sources;
- 39 (e) Utah will allow market forces to drive prudent use of energy resources, although
- 40 incentives and other methods may be used to ensure the state's optimal development and use of
- 41 energy resources in the short- and long-term;
- 42 (f) Utah will pursue energy conservation, energy efficiency, and environmental quality;
- 43 (g) (i) state regulatory processes should be streamlined to balance economic costs with
- 44 the level of review necessary to ensure protection of the state's various interests; and
- 45 (ii) where federal action is required, Utah will encourage expedited federal action and
- 46 will collaborate with federal agencies to expedite review; [~~and~~]
- 47 (h) Utah will maintain an environment that provides for stable consumer prices that are
- 48 as low as possible while providing producers and suppliers a fair return on investment,
- 49 recognizing that:
- 50 (i) economic prosperity is linked to the availability, reliability, and affordability of
- 51 consumer energy supplies; and
- 52 (ii) investment will occur only when adequate financial returns can be realized[-]; and
- 53 (i) Utah will promote training and education programs focused on developing a
- 54 comprehensive understanding of energy, including programs addressing:
- 55 (i) energy conservation;
- 56 (ii) energy efficiency;
- 57 (iii) supply and demand; and
- 58 (iv) energy related workforce development.

59 (2) State agencies are encouraged to conduct agency activities consistent with
60 Subsection (1).

61 (3) A person may not file suit to challenge a state agency's action that is inconsistent
62 with Subsection (1).

63 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

64 There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only, \$150,000 to
65 the Governor's Office, Governor's Energy Advisor to be used to study:

66 (1) the expansion of the Electrical Facility Review Board to include natural gas and
67 petroleum facilities;

68 (2) the creation of a pipeline infrastructure authority; and

69 (3) state and federal coordination on energy-related matters.

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will appropriate \$150,000 from the General Fund one time in FY 2008 to the Governor's Office. These funds are directed to be used to study natural gas and petroleum facilities.

	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund, One-Time	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Individuals or businesses would be impacted if they are awarded contracts related to the study requirements of the bill.
