

**Senator Evan J. Vickers** proposes the following substitute bill:

**WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION FUND**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates a source of funding for the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund;
- ▶ modifies the structure of the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund, as a one-time appropriation:
  - from the Mineral Bonus Account, \$2,000,000.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**59-21-2**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapters 212 and 242

**63J-1-314**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 295

**63J-1-315**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283



26 [63J-3-103](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 63

27 [63N-3-106](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283

28 [65A-8-204](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 136

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

31 Section 1. Section [59-21-2](#) is amended to read:

32 **59-21-2. Mineral Bonus Account created -- Contents -- Use of Mineral Bonus**  
33 **Account money -- Mineral Lease Account created -- Contents -- Appropriation of money**  
34 **from Mineral Lease Account.**

35 (1) (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the  
36 "Mineral Bonus Account."

37 (b) The Mineral Bonus Account consists of federal mineral lease bonus payments  
38 deposited pursuant to Subsection [59-21-1\(3\)](#).

39 (c) The Legislature shall make appropriations from the Mineral Bonus Account in  
40 accordance with Section 35 of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. Sec. 191.

41 (d) The state treasurer shall:

42 (i) invest the money in the Mineral Bonus Account by following the procedures and  
43 requirements of Title 51, Chapter 7, State Money Management Act; and

44 (ii) deposit all interest or other earnings derived from the account into the Mineral  
45 Bonus Account.

46 (e) The Division of Finance shall, beginning on July 1, 2017, annually deposit 30% of  
47 mineral lease bonus payments deposited under Subsection (1)(b) from the previous fiscal year  
48 into the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund created in Section [65A-8-204](#), up to \$2,000,000 but  
49 not to exceed 20% of the amount expended in the previous fiscal year from the Wildland Fire  
50 Suppression Fund.

51 (2) (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the  
52 "Mineral Lease Account."

53 (b) The Mineral Lease Account consists of federal mineral lease money deposited  
54 pursuant to Subsection [59-21-1\(1\)](#).

55 (c) The Legislature shall make appropriations from the Mineral Lease Account as  
56 provided in Subsection [59-21-1\(1\)](#) and this Subsection (2).

57 (d) The Legislature shall annually appropriate 32.5% of all deposits made to the  
58 Mineral Lease Account to the Permanent Community Impact Fund established by Section  
59 [35A-8-303](#).

60 (e) The Legislature shall annually appropriate 2.25% of all deposits made to the  
61 Mineral Lease Account to the State Board of Education, to be used for education research and  
62 experimentation in the use of staff and facilities designed to improve the quality of education in  
63 Utah.

64 (f) The Legislature shall annually appropriate 2.25% of all deposits made to the  
65 Mineral Lease Account to the Utah Geological Survey, to be used for activities carried on by  
66 the survey having as a purpose the development and exploitation of natural resources in the  
67 state.

68 (g) The Legislature shall annually appropriate 2.25% of all deposits made to the  
69 Mineral Lease Account to the Water Research Laboratory at Utah State University, to be used  
70 for activities carried on by the laboratory having as a purpose the development and exploitation  
71 of water resources in the state.

72 (h) (i) The Legislature shall annually appropriate to the Department of Transportation  
73 40% of all deposits made to the Mineral Lease Account to be distributed as provided in  
74 Subsection (2)(h)(ii) to:

75 (A) counties;

76 (B) special service districts established:

77 (I) by counties;

78 (II) under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act; and

79 (III) for the purpose of constructing, repairing, or maintaining roads; or

80 (C) special service districts established:

81 (I) by counties;

82 (II) under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act; and

83 (III) for other purposes authorized by statute.

84 (ii) The Department of Transportation shall allocate the funds specified in Subsection  
85 (2)(h)(i):

86 (A) in amounts proportionate to the amount of mineral lease money generated by each  
87 county; and

88 (B) to a county or special service district established by a county under Title 17D,  
89 Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, as determined by the county legislative body.

90 (i) (i) The Legislature shall annually appropriate 5% of all deposits made to the  
91 Mineral Lease Account to the Department of Workforce Services to be distributed to:

92 (A) special service districts established:

93 (I) by counties;

94 (II) under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act; and

95 (III) for the purpose of constructing, repairing, or maintaining roads; or

96 (B) special service districts established:

97 (I) by counties;

98 (II) under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act; and

99 (III) for other purposes authorized by statute.

100 (ii) The Department of Workforce Services may distribute the amounts described in  
101 Subsection (2)(i)(i) only to special service districts established under Title 17D, Chapter 1,  
102 Special Service District Act, by counties:

103 (A) of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class;

104 (B) in which 4.5% or less of the mineral lease money within the state is generated; and

105 (C) that are significantly socially or economically impacted as provided in Subsection  
106 (2)(i)(iii) by the development of minerals under the Mineral Lands Leasing Act, 30 U.S.C. Sec.  
107 181 et seq.

108 (iii) The significant social or economic impact required under Subsection (2)(i)(ii)(C)  
109 shall be as a result of:

110 (A) the transportation within the county of hydrocarbons, including solid hydrocarbons  
111 as defined in Section 59-5-101;

112 (B) the employment of persons residing within the county in hydrocarbon extraction,  
113 including the extraction of solid hydrocarbons as defined in Section 59-5-101; or

114 (C) a combination of Subsections (2)(i)(iii)(A) and (B).

115 (iv) For purposes of distributing the appropriations under this Subsection (2)(i) to  
116 special service districts established by counties under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service  
117 District Act, the Department of Workforce Services shall:

118 (A) (I) allocate 50% of the appropriations equally among the counties meeting the

119 requirements of Subsections (2)(i)(ii) and (iii); and

120 (II) allocate 50% of the appropriations based on the ratio that the population of each  
121 county meeting the requirements of Subsections (2)(i)(ii) and (iii) bears to the total population  
122 of all of the counties meeting the requirements of Subsections (2)(i)(ii) and (iii); and

123 (B) after making the allocations described in Subsection (2)(i)(iv)(A), distribute the  
124 allocated revenues to special service districts established by the counties under Title 17D,  
125 Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, as determined by the executive director of the  
126 Department of Workforce Services after consulting with the county legislative bodies of the  
127 counties meeting the requirements of Subsections (2)(i)(ii) and (iii).

128 (v) The executive director of the Department of Workforce Services:

129 (A) shall determine whether a county meets the requirements of Subsections (2)(i)(ii)  
130 and (iii);

131 (B) shall distribute the appropriations under Subsection (2)(i)(i) to special service  
132 districts established by counties under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, that  
133 meet the requirements of Subsections (2)(i)(ii) and (iii); and

134 (C) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
135 may make rules:

136 (I) providing a procedure for making the distributions under this Subsection (2)(i) to  
137 special service districts; and

138 (II) defining the term "population" for purposes of Subsection (2)(i)(iv).

139 (j) (i) The Legislature shall annually make the following appropriations from the  
140 Mineral Lease Account:

141 (A) an amount equal to 52 cents multiplied by the number of acres of school or  
142 institutional trust lands, lands owned by the Division of Parks and Recreation, and lands owned  
143 by the Division of Wildlife Resources that are not under an in lieu of taxes contract, to each  
144 county in which those lands are located;

145 (B) to each county in which school or institutional trust lands are transferred to the  
146 federal government after December 31, 1992, an amount equal to the number of transferred  
147 acres in the county multiplied by a payment per acre equal to the difference between 52 cents  
148 per acre and the per acre payment made to that county in the most recent payment under the  
149 federal payment in lieu of taxes program, 31 U.S.C. Sec. 6901 et seq., unless the federal

150 payment was equal to or exceeded the 52 cents per acre, in which case a payment under this  
151 Subsection (2)(j)(i)(B) may not be made for the transferred lands;

152 (C) to each county in which federal lands, which are entitlement lands under the federal  
153 in lieu of taxes program, are transferred to the school or institutional trust, an amount equal to  
154 the number of transferred acres in the county multiplied by a payment per acre equal to the  
155 difference between the most recent per acre payment made under the federal payment in lieu of  
156 taxes program and 52 cents per acre, unless the federal payment was equal to or less than 52  
157 cents per acre, in which case a payment under this Subsection (2)(j)(i)(C) may not be made for  
158 the transferred land; and

159 (D) to a county of the fifth or sixth class, an amount equal to the product of:

160 (I) \$1,000; and

161 (II) the number of residences described in Subsection (2)(j)(iv) that are located within  
162 the county.

163 (ii) A county receiving money under Subsection (2)(j)(i) may, as determined by the  
164 county legislative body, distribute the money or a portion of the money to:

165 (A) special service districts established by the county under Title 17D, Chapter 1,  
166 Special Service District Act;

167 (B) school districts; or

168 (C) public institutions of higher education.

169 (iii) (A) Beginning in fiscal year 1994-95 and in each year after fiscal year 1994-95, the  
170 Division of Finance shall increase or decrease the amounts per acre provided for in Subsections  
171 (2)(j)(i)(A) through (C) by the average annual change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban  
172 consumers published by the Department of Labor.

173 (B) For fiscal years beginning on or after fiscal year 2001-02, the Division of Finance  
174 shall increase or decrease the amount described in Subsection (2)(j)(i)(D)(I) by the average  
175 annual change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the  
176 Department of Labor.

177 (iv) Residences for purposes of Subsection (2)(j)(i)(D)(II) are residences that are:

178 (A) owned by:

179 (I) the Division of Parks and Recreation; or

180 (II) the Division of Wildlife Resources;

- 181 (B) located on lands that are owned by:
- 182 (I) the Division of Parks and Recreation; or
- 183 (II) the Division of Wildlife Resources; and
- 184 (C) are not subject to taxation under:
- 185 (I) Chapter 2, Property Tax Act; or
- 186 (II) Chapter 4, Privilege Tax.

187 (k) The Legislature shall annually appropriate to the Permanent Community Impact  
 188 Fund all deposits remaining in the Mineral Lease Account after making the appropriations  
 189 provided for in Subsections (2)(d) through (j).

190 (3) (a) Each agency, board, institution of higher education, and political subdivision  
 191 receiving money under this chapter shall provide the Legislature, through the Office of the  
 192 Legislative Fiscal Analyst, with a complete accounting of the use of that money on an annual  
 193 basis.

- 194 (b) The accounting required under Subsection (3)(a) shall:
- 195 (i) include actual expenditures for the prior fiscal year, budgeted expenditures for the  
 196 current fiscal year, and planned expenditures for the following fiscal year; and
- 197 (ii) be reviewed by the Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations  
 198 Subcommittee as part of its normal budgetary process under Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary  
 199 Procedures Act.

200 Section 2. Section **63J-1-314** is amended to read:

201 **63J-1-314. Deposits related to the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund and the**  
 202 **Disaster Recovery Funding Act.**

203 (1) As used in this section, "operating deficit" means that, at the end of the fiscal year,  
 204 the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is less than zero.

205 (2) Except as provided under Subsection (3), at the end of each fiscal year, the Division  
 206 of Finance shall, after the transfer of General Fund revenue surplus has been made to the  
 207 Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account, as provided in Section  
 208 [63J-1-315](#), and the General Fund Budget Reserve Account, as provided in Section [63J-1-312](#),  
 209 transfer:

- 210 (a) \$4,000,000 to the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund created in Section [65A-8-204](#),  
 211 not to exceed the cap described in Subsection [65A-8-204\(5\)](#); and

212 (b) an amount into the State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account, created in Section  
 213 53-2a-603, from the General Fund revenue surplus as defined in Section 63J-1-312, calculated  
 214 by:

215 ~~(a)~~ (i) determining the amount of General Fund revenue surplus after the transfer to  
 216 the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account under Section 63J-1-315  
 217 ~~and~~, the General Fund Budget Reserve Account under Section 63J-1-312, and the transfer to  
 218 the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund as described in Subsection (2)(a);

219 ~~(b)~~ (ii) calculating an amount equal to the lesser of:

220 ~~(i)~~ (A) 25% of the amount determined under Subsection ~~(2)(a)~~ (2)(b)(ii); or

221 ~~(ii)~~ (B) 6% of the total of the General Fund appropriation amount for the fiscal year  
 222 in which the surplus occurs; and

223 ~~(c)~~ (iii) adding to the amount calculated under Subsection (2)(b)(ii) an amount equal  
 224 to the lesser of:

225 ~~(i)~~ (A) 25% more of the amount described in Subsection ~~(2)(a)~~ (2)(b)(i); or

226 ~~(ii)~~ (B) the amount necessary to replace, in accordance with this Subsection ~~(2)(c)~~

227 ~~(2)(b)(iii)~~, any amount appropriated from the State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account

228 within 10 fiscal years before the fiscal year in which the surplus occurs if:

229 ~~(A)~~ (I) a surplus exists; and

230 ~~(B)~~ (II) the Legislature appropriates money from the State Disaster Recovery  
 231 Restricted Account that is not replaced by appropriation or as provided in this Subsection

232 ~~(2)(c)~~ (2)(b)(iii).

233 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), if, at the end of a fiscal year, the Division of  
 234 Finance determines that an operating deficit exists, the division shall reduce the transfer to the  
 235 State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account by the amount necessary to eliminate the operating  
 236 deficit.

237 Section 3. Section 63J-1-315 is amended to read:

238 **63J-1-315. Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account --**  
 239 **Transfers of Medicaid growth savings -- Base budget adjustments.**

240 (1) As used in this section:

241 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health created in Section 26-1-4.

242 (b) "Division" means the Division of Health Care Financing created within the



243 department under Section 26-18-2.1.

244 (c) "General Fund revenue surplus" means a situation where actual General Fund  
245 revenues collected in a completed fiscal year exceed the estimated revenues for the General  
246 Fund for that fiscal year that were adopted by the Executive Appropriations Committee of the  
247 Legislature.

248 (d) "Medicaid growth savings" means the Medicaid growth target minus Medicaid  
249 program expenditures, if Medicaid program expenditures are less than the Medicaid growth  
250 target.

251 (e) "Medicaid growth target" means Medicaid program expenditures for the previous  
252 year multiplied by 1.08.

253 (f) "Medicaid program" is as defined in Section 26-18-2.

254 (g) "Medicaid program expenditures" means total state revenue expended for the  
255 Medicaid program from the General Fund, including restricted accounts within the General  
256 Fund, during a fiscal year.

257 (h) "Medicaid program expenditures for the previous year" means total state revenue  
258 expended for the Medicaid program from the General Fund, including restricted accounts  
259 within the General Fund, during the fiscal year immediately preceding a fiscal year for which  
260 Medicaid program expenditures are calculated.

261 (i) "Operating deficit" means that, at the end of the fiscal year, the unassigned fund  
262 balance in the General Fund is less than zero.

263 (j) "State revenue" means revenue other than federal revenue.

264 (k) "State revenue expended for the Medicaid program" includes money transferred or  
265 appropriated to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account only to the  
266 extent the money is appropriated for the Medicaid program by the Legislature.

267 (2) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account to be known as the  
268 Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account.

269 (3) (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (6), if, at the end of a fiscal year, there is a  
270 General Fund revenue surplus, the Division of Finance shall transfer an amount equal to  
271 Medicaid growth savings from the General Fund to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and  
272 Budget Stabilization Account.

273 (ii) If the amount transferred is reduced to prevent an operating deficit, as provided in

274 Subsection (6), the Legislature shall include, to the extent revenue is available, an amount  
275 equal to the reduction as an appropriation from the General Fund to the account in the base  
276 budget for the second fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the reduction was made.

277 (b) If, at the end of a fiscal year, there is not a General Fund revenue surplus, the  
278 Legislature shall include, to the extent revenue is available, an amount equal to Medicaid  
279 growth savings as an appropriation from the General Fund to the account in the base budget for  
280 the second fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the reduction was made.

281 (c) Subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b) apply only to the fiscal year in which the department  
282 implements the proposal developed under Section 26-18-405 to reduce the long-term growth in  
283 state expenditures for the Medicaid program, and to each fiscal year after that year.

284 (4) The Division of Finance shall calculate the amount to be transferred under  
285 Subsection (3):

286 (a) before transferring revenue from the General Fund revenue surplus to:

287 (i) the General Fund Budget Reserve Account under Section 63J-1-312; [and]

288 (ii) the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund created in Section 65A-8-204, as described in  
289 Section 63J-1-314; and

290 [~~ii~~] (iii) the State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account under Section 63J-1-314;

291 (b) before earmarking revenue from the General Fund revenue surplus to the Industrial  
292 Assistance Account under Section 63N-3-106; and

293 (c) before making any other year-end contingency appropriations, year-end set-asides,  
294 or other year-end transfers required by law.

295 (5) (a) If, at the close of any fiscal year, there appears to be insufficient money to pay  
296 additional debt service for any bonded debt authorized by the Legislature, the Division of  
297 Finance may hold back from any General Fund revenue surplus money sufficient to pay the  
298 additional debt service requirements resulting from issuance of bonded debt that was  
299 authorized by the Legislature.

300 (b) The Division of Finance may not spend the hold back amount for debt service  
301 under Subsection (5)(a) unless and until it is appropriated by the Legislature.

302 (c) If, after calculating the amount for transfer under Subsection (3), the remaining  
303 General Fund revenue surplus is insufficient to cover the hold back for debt service required by  
304 Subsection (5)(a), the Division of Finance shall reduce the transfer to the Medicaid Growth

305 Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account by the amount necessary to cover the debt service  
306 hold back.

307 (d) Notwithstanding Subsections (3) and (4), the Division of Finance shall hold back  
308 the General Fund balance for debt service authorized by this Subsection (5) before making any  
309 transfers to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account or any other  
310 designation or allocation of General Fund revenue surplus.

311 (6) Notwithstanding Subsections (3) and (4), if, at the end of a fiscal year, the Division  
312 of Finance determines that an operating deficit exists and that holding back earmarks to the  
313 Industrial Assistance Account under Section [63N-3-106](#), transfers to the Wildland Fire  
314 Suppression Fund and State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account under Section [63J-1-314](#),  
315 transfers to the General Fund Budget Reserve Account under Section [63J-1-312](#), or earmarks  
316 and transfers to more than one of those accounts, in that order, does not eliminate the operating  
317 deficit, the Division of Finance may reduce the transfer to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and  
318 Budget Stabilization Account by the amount necessary to eliminate the operating deficit.

319 (7) The Legislature may appropriate money from the Medicaid Growth Reduction and  
320 Budget Stabilization Account only:

321 (a) if Medicaid program expenditures for the fiscal year for which the appropriation is  
322 made are estimated to be 108% or more of Medicaid program expenditures for the previous  
323 year; and

324 (b) for the Medicaid program.

325 (8) The Division of Finance shall deposit interest or other earnings derived from  
326 investment of Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account money into the  
327 General Fund.

328 Section 4. Section **63J-3-103** is amended to read:

329 **63J-3-103. Definitions.**

330 As used in this chapter:

331 (1) (a) "Appropriations" means actual unrestricted capital and operating appropriations  
332 from unrestricted General Fund and Education Fund sources.

333 (b) "Appropriations" includes appropriations that are contingent upon available  
334 surpluses in the General Fund and Education Fund.

335 (c) "Appropriations" does not mean:

- 336 (i) public education expenditures;
- 337 (ii) Utah Education and Telehealth Network expenditures in support of public  
338 education;
- 339 (iii) Utah College of Applied Technology expenditures in support of public education;
- 340 (iv) Tax Commission expenditures related to collection of income taxes in support of  
341 public education;
- 342 (v) debt service expenditures;
- 343 (vi) emergency expenditures;
- 344 (vii) expenditures from all other fund or subfund sources;
- 345 (viii) transfers or appropriations from the Education Fund to the Uniform School Fund;
- 346 (ix) transfers into, or appropriations made to, the General Fund Budget Reserve  
347 Account established in Section [63J-1-312](#);
- 348 (x) transfers into, or appropriations made to, the Education Budget Reserve Account  
349 established in Section [63J-1-313](#);
- 350 (xi) transfers in accordance with Section [63J-1-314](#) into, or appropriations made to the  
351 Wildland Fire Suppression Fund created in Section [65A-8-204](#) or the State Disaster Recovery  
352 Restricted Account created in Section [53-2a-603](#);
- 353 (xii) money appropriated to fund the total one-time project costs for the construction of  
354 capital developments as defined in Section [63A-5-104](#);
- 355 (xiii) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to the Centennial Highway Fund  
356 created by Section [72-2-118](#);
- 357 (xiv) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to the Transportation Investment  
358 Fund of 2005 created by Section [72-2-124](#);
- 359 (xv) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to:
- 360 (A) the Department of Transportation from any source; or
- 361 (B) any transportation-related account or fund from any source; or
- 362 (xvi) supplemental appropriations from the General Fund to the Division of Forestry,  
363 Fire, and State Lands to provide money for wildland fire control expenses incurred during the  
364 current or previous fire years.
- 365 (2) "Base year real per capita appropriations" means the result obtained for the state by  
366 dividing the fiscal year 1985 actual appropriations of the state less debt money by:

- 367 (a) the state's July 1, 1983 population; and  
368 (b) the fiscal year 1983 inflation index divided by 100.
- 369 (3) "Calendar year" means the time period beginning on January 1 of any given year  
370 and ending on December 31 of the same year.
- 371 (4) "Fiscal emergency" means an extraordinary occurrence requiring immediate  
372 expenditures and includes the settlement under Laws of Utah 1988, Fourth Special Session,  
373 Chapter 4.
- 374 (5) "Fiscal year" means the time period beginning on July 1 of any given year and  
375 ending on June 30 of the subsequent year.
- 376 (6) "Fiscal year 1985 actual base year appropriations" means fiscal year 1985 actual  
377 capital and operations appropriations from General Fund and non-Uniform School Fund  
378 income tax revenue sources, less debt money.
- 379 (7) "Inflation index" means the change in the general price level of goods and services  
380 as measured by the Gross National Product Implicit Price Deflator of the Bureau of Economic  
381 Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce calculated as provided in Section [63J-3-202](#).
- 382 (8) (a) "Maximum allowable appropriations limit" means the appropriations that could  
383 be, or could have been, spent in any given year under the limitations of this chapter.
- 384 (b) "Maximum allowable appropriations limit" does not mean actual appropriations  
385 spent or actual expenditures.
- 386 (9) "Most recent fiscal year's inflation index" means the fiscal year inflation index two  
387 fiscal years previous to the fiscal year for which the maximum allowable inflation and  
388 population appropriations limit is being computed under this chapter.
- 389 (10) "Most recent fiscal year's population" means the fiscal year population two fiscal  
390 years previous to the fiscal year for which the maximum allowable inflation and population  
391 appropriations limit is being computed under this chapter.
- 392 (11) "Population" means the number of residents of the state as of July 1 of each year  
393 as calculated by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget according to the procedures  
394 and requirements of Section [63J-3-202](#).
- 395 (12) "Revenues" means the revenues of the state from every tax, penalty, receipt, and  
396 other monetary exaction and interest connected with it that are recorded as unrestricted revenue  
397 of the General Fund and from non-Uniform School Fund income tax revenues, except as

398 specifically exempted by this chapter.

399 (13) "Security" means any bond, note, warrant, or other evidence of indebtedness,  
400 whether or not the bond, note, warrant, or other evidence of indebtedness is or constitutes an  
401 "indebtedness" within the meaning of any provision of the constitution or laws of this state.

402 Section 5. Section **63N-3-106** is amended to read:

403 **63N-3-106. Loans, grants, and assistance -- Repayment -- Earned credits.**

404 (1) (a) A company that qualifies under Section **63N-3-105** may receive loans, grants, or  
405 other financial assistance from the Industrial Assistance Account for expenses related to  
406 establishment, relocation, or development of industry in Utah.

407 (b) A company creating an economic impediment that qualifies under Section  
408 **63N-3-108** may in accordance with this part receive loans, grants, or other financial assistance  
409 from the restricted account for the expenses of the company creating an economic impediment  
410 related to:

411 (i) relocation to a rural area in Utah of the company creating an economic impediment;

412 and

413 (ii) the siting of a replacement company.

414 (c) An entity offering an economic opportunity that qualifies under Section **63N-3-109**  
415 may:

416 (i) receive loans, grants, or other financial assistance from the restricted account for  
417 expenses related to the establishment, relocation, retention, or development of industry in the  
418 state; and

419 (ii) include infrastructure or other economic development precursor activities that act  
420 as a catalyst and stimulus for economic activity likely to lead to the maintenance or  
421 enlargement of the state's tax base.

422 (2) (a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b), the administrator has authority to determine the  
423 structure, amount, and nature of any loan, grant, or other financial assistance from the restricted  
424 account.

425 (b) Loans made under Subsection (2)(a) shall be structured so the intended repayment  
426 or return to the state, including cash or credit, equals at least the amount of the assistance  
427 together with an annual interest charge as negotiated by the administrator.

428 (c) Payments resulting from grants awarded from the restricted account shall be made

429 only after the administrator has determined that the company has satisfied the conditions upon  
430 which the payment or earned credit was based.

431 (3) (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the administrator may provide for a  
432 system of earned credits that may be used to support grant payments or in lieu of cash  
433 repayment of a restricted account loan obligation.

434 (ii) The value of the credits described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) shall be based on factors  
435 determined by the administrator, including:

436 (A) the number of Utah jobs created;

437 (B) the increased economic activity in Utah; or

438 (C) other events and activities that occur as a result of the restricted account assistance.

439 (b) (i) The administrator shall provide for a system of credits to be used to support  
440 grant payments or in lieu of cash repayment of a restricted account loan when loans are made to  
441 a company creating an economic impediment.

442 (ii) The value of the credits described in Subsection (3)(b)(i) shall be based on factors  
443 determined by the administrator, including:

444 (A) the number of Utah jobs created;

445 (B) the increased economic activity in Utah; or

446 (C) other events and activities that occur as a result of the restricted account assistance.

447 (4) (a) A cash loan repayment or other cash recovery from a company receiving  
448 assistance under this section, including interest, shall be deposited into the restricted account.

449 (b) The administrator and the Division of Finance shall determine the manner of  
450 recognizing and accounting for the earned credits used in lieu of loan repayments or to support  
451 grant payments as provided in Subsection (3).

452 (5) (a) (i) At the end of each fiscal year, the Division of Finance shall set aside the  
453 balance of the General Fund revenue surplus as defined in Section [63J-1-312](#) after the transfers  
454 of General Fund revenue surplus described in Subsection (5)(b) to the Industrial Assistance  
455 Account in an amount equal to any credit that has accrued under this part.

456 (ii) The set aside under Subsection (5)(a)(i) shall be capped at \$50,000,000, at which  
457 time no subsequent contributions may be made and any interest accrued above the \$50,000,000  
458 cap shall be deposited into the General Fund.

459 (b) The set aside required by Subsection (5)(a) shall be made after the transfer of



460 surplus General Fund revenue surplus is made:

461 (i) to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Restricted Account, as  
462 provided in Section [63J-1-315](#);

463 (ii) to the General Fund Budget Reserve Account, as provided in Section [63J-1-312](#);  
464 and

465 (iii) to the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund or State Disaster Recovery Restricted  
466 Account, as provided in Section [63J-1-314](#).

467 (c) These credit amounts may not be used for purposes of the restricted account as  
468 provided in this part until appropriated by the Legislature.

469 Section 6. Section **65A-8-204** is amended to read:

470 **65A-8-204. Wildland Fire Suppression Fund created.**

471 (1) There is created [~~a private-purpose trust~~] an expendable special revenue fund  
472 known as the "Wildland Fire Suppression Fund."

473 (2) The fund shall be administered by the division to pay [~~fire~~] wildfire suppression  
474 [~~and presuppression~~] costs on eligible lands [~~within unincorporated areas of counties~~].

475 (3) The contents of the fund shall include:

476 [~~(a) payments by counties pursuant to written agreements made under Section~~  
477 [65A-8-205](#)];

478 (a) the balance of the fund as of July 1, 2016;

479 (b) money deposited by the Division of Finance, pursuant to Section [59-21-2](#);

480 (c) money transferred by the Division of Finance, pursuant to Section [63J-1-312](#);

481 (d) costs recovered from successful investigations;

482 (e) federal funds received by the division for wildfire management costs;

483 (f) suppression costs paid to the division from another state agency;

484 (g) costs recovered from settlements and civil actions related to wildfire suppression;

485 [~~(b)~~] (h) interest and earnings from the investment of fund money; and

486 [~~(c)~~] (i) money appropriated by the Legislature.

487 (4) Fund money shall be invested by the state treasurer with the earnings and interest  
488 accruing to the fund.

489 (5) [~~(a)~~] A maximum level of [~~\$8,000,000~~] \$12,000,000 is established for the fund.

490 [~~(b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b)(ii), if the amount of money in the fund~~



491 equals or exceeds \$8,000,000 on March 31, no assessments may be charged for the following  
492 year.]

493 ~~[(ii) The waiver of assessments provided in Subsection (5)(b)(i) does not apply to any~~  
494 ~~equity payment required by Section 65A-8-205:]~~

495 Section 7. **Appropriation.**

496 Under the terms and conditions of Utah Code Title 63J Chapter 1, Budgetary  
497 Procedures Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the  
498 following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or  
499 reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These  
500 are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2017.

501 To Wildland Fire Suppression Fund

502 From Mineral Bonus Account -- One-time \$2,000,000

503 Schedule of Programs:

504 Wildland Fire Suppression Fund \$2,000,000