

1 **EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT**

2 **DISTRICT FUNDING**

3 2017 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

6 House Sponsor: John Knotwell

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill requires a public transit district to consider mass-transit facilities and
11 population in allocating funds.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ ~~§~~ → [~~requires~~] allows ← ~~§~~ a public transit district to allocate funds based on access
14a to rail lines and
15 population distribution; and

16 ▶ requires a report of the criteria and data considered in the funding decisions.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20 None

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 AMENDS:

23 **17B-2a-806**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 329

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

26 Section 1. Section **17B-2a-806** is amended to read:

27 **17B-2a-806. Authority of the state or an agency of the state with respect to a**



28 **public transit district -- Counties and municipalities authorized to provide funds to**
29 **public transit district -- Equitable allocation of resources within the public transit**
30 **district.**

31 (1) The state or an agency of the state may:

32 (a) make public contributions to a public transit district as in the judgment of the
33 Legislature or governing board of the agency are necessary or proper;

34 (b) authorize a public transit district to perform, or aid and assist a public transit district
35 in performing, an activity that the state or agency is authorized by law to perform.

36 (2) (a) A county or municipality involved in the establishment and operation of a
37 public transit district may provide funds necessary for the operation and maintenance of the
38 district.

39 (b) A county's use of property tax funds to establish and operate a public transit district
40 within any part of the county is a county purpose under Section [17-53-220](#).

41 (3) (a) To allocate resources and funds for development and operation of a public
42 transit district, whether received under this section or from other sources, a public transit
43 district ~~shall~~ **may** :

44 (i) give priority to public transit services that feed rail fixed guideway services; and

45 (ii) allocate funds according to population distribution within the public transit district.

46 (b) The comptroller of a public transit district shall report the criteria and data
47 supporting the allocation of resources and funds in the statement required in Section

48 [17B-2a-812](#).

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