

EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT

DISTRICT FUNDING

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne

House Sponsor: John Knotwell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows a public transit district to allocate funds based on access to rail lines and population distribution; and
- ▶ requires a report of the criteria and data considered in the funding decisions.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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

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

17B-2a-806. Authority of the state or an agency of the state with respect to a public transit district -- Counties and municipalities authorized to provide funds to 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 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](#).