

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

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**LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9                   This bill requires a public transit district to consider mass-transit facilities and  
10                   population in allocating funds.  
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12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13                   This bill:

14                   ▶ requires a public transit district to allocate funds based on access 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

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

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

26                   **17B-2a-806. Authority of the state or an agency of the state with respect to a**  
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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:

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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**Legislative Review Note**  
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