

Representative Merrill F. Nelson proposes the following substitute bill:

TRAFFIC FLOW AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ken Ivory

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to perform an annual study related to the efficiency of traffic flow and traffic signals.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Department of Transportation (department) to perform an annual study related to the efficiency of traffic flow and traffic signals;

- ▶ requires the department to report to the Transportation Interim Committee;

- ▶ requires the department to adjust traffic signals to improve mobility and efficiency;

and

- ▶ requires the department to engage in a public outreach effort to inform the public and local highway authorities about available tools to inform the department of traffic inefficiencies.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



26 AMENDS:

27 **72-6-115**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 374

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

30 Section 1. Section **72-6-115** is amended to read:

31 **72-6-115. Traffic management systems.**

32 (1) (a) The Department of Transportation shall implement and administer traffic
33 management systems to:

34 (i) facilitate the efficient flow of motor vehicle traffic on state highways to improve
35 regional mobility; and

36 (ii) reduce motor vehicle emissions where those improvements are cost effective.

37 (b) A traffic management system shall be designed to allow safe, efficient, and
38 effective:

39 (i) integration of existing traffic management systems;

40 (ii) additions of highways and intersections under county and city administrative
41 jurisdiction;

42 (iii) incorporation of other traffic management systems; and

43 (iv) adaptation to future traffic needs.

44 (2) (a) The cost of implementing and administering a traffic management system shall
45 be shared pro rata by the department and the counties and municipalities using it.

46 (b) The department shall enter into an agreement or contract under Title 11, Chapter
47 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, with a county or municipality to share costs incurred under this
48 section.

49 (3) Additional highways and intersections under the administrative jurisdiction of a
50 county or municipality may be added to a traffic management system upon application of the
51 county or municipality after:

52 (a) approval by the department;

53 (b) determination of the appropriate cost share of the addition under Subsection (2)(a);

54 and

55 (c) an agreement under Subsection (2)(b).

56 (4) (a) The department shall perform a study to:

57 (i) identify key corridors or intersections with potential signalization concerns,
58 including intersections with a history of complaints regarding malfunctioning traffic signals;
59 and

60 (ii) study traffic movements and signalization on the corridors and at the intersections
61 identified.

62 (b) The department shall make appropriate adjustments to traffic signals based on the
63 findings of the study described in Subsection (4)(a).

64 (c) The department shall report annually to the Transportation Interim Committee of
65 the Legislature regarding the findings of the study required by this Subsection (4), and any
66 action taken by the department based on the study.

67 (d) (i) The department shall conduct a public outreach campaign to inform local
68 highway authorities and citizens of the tools available to report concerns regarding traffic flow
69 and signals.

70 (ii) The department shall work in cooperation with local highway authorities to
71 encourage the integration and connectivity of traffic signals under the jurisdiction of each local
72 highway authority.