

1                                   **STATE ENERGY POLICY AMENDMENTS**

2   2019 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4   **Chief Sponsor: Keith Grover**

5   House Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9           This bill amends the state energy policy.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11       This bill:

- 12           ▶ adds to the state energy policy the promotion of certain nuclear power generation
- 13 technologies;
- 14           ▶ adds to the state energy policy the promotion of energy development in certain
- 15 areas;
- 16           ▶ adds to the state energy policy the promotion of energy education programs in
- 17 grades K-12; and
- 18           ▶ makes technical changes.

19 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

20       None

21 **Other Special Clauses:**

22       None

23 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

24 AMENDS:

25       **63M-4-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 378

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

28       Section 1. Section **63M-4-301** is amended to read:

29       **63M-4-301. State energy policy.**

- 30 (1) It is the policy of the state that:
- 31 (a) Utah shall have adequate, reliable, affordable, sustainable, and clean energy
- 32 resources;
- 33 (b) Utah will promote the development of:
- 34 (i) nonrenewable energy resources, including natural gas, coal, oil, oil shale, and oil
- 35 sands; ~~and~~
- 36 (ii) renewable energy resources, including geothermal, solar, wind, biomass, biofuel,
- 37 and hydroelectric;
- 38 (iii) nuclear power generation technologies certified for use by the United States
- 39 Nuclear Regulatory Commission including molten salt reactors producing medical isotopes;
- 40 (iv) alternative transportation fuels and technologies; ~~and~~
- 41 (v) infrastructure to facilitate energy development ~~and~~, diversified modes of
- 42 transportation, greater access to domestic and international markets for Utah's resources, and
- 43 advanced transmission systems;
- 44 (vi) energy storage and other advanced energy systems; and
- 45 (vii) increased refinery capacity;
- 46 (c) Utah will promote the development of resources and infrastructure sufficient to
- 47 meet the state's growing demand, while contributing to the regional and national energy supply,
- 48 thus reducing dependence on international energy sources;
- 49 (d) Utah will allow market forces to drive prudent use of energy resources, although
- 50 incentives and other methods may be used to ensure the state's optimal development and use of
- 51 energy resources in the short- and long-term;
- 52 (e) Utah will pursue energy conservation, energy efficiency, and environmental quality;
- 53 (f) (i) state regulatory processes should be streamlined to balance economic costs with
- 54 the level of review necessary to ensure protection of the state's various interests; and
- 55 (ii) where federal action is required, Utah will encourage expedited federal action and
- 56 will collaborate with federal agencies to expedite review;
- 57 (g) Utah will maintain an environment that provides for stable consumer prices that are

58 as low as possible while providing producers and suppliers a fair return on investment,  
59 recognizing that:

60 (i) economic prosperity is linked to the availability, reliability, and affordability of  
61 consumer energy supplies; and

62 (ii) investment will occur only when adequate financial returns can be realized; and

63 (h) Utah will promote training and education programs focused on developing a  
64 comprehensive understanding of energy, including:

65 (i) programs addressing:

66 ~~[(+)]~~ (A) energy conservation;

67 ~~[(+)]~~ (B) energy efficiency;

68 ~~[(+)]~~ (C) supply and demand; and

69 ~~[(+)]~~ (D) energy related workforce development~~[-];~~ and

70 ~~[(+)]~~ (ii) energy education programs in grades K-12.

71 (2) State agencies are encouraged to conduct agency activities consistent with  
72 Subsection (1).

73 (3) A person may not file suit to challenge a state agency's action that is inconsistent  
74 with Subsection (1).