

**FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AIR QUALITY LABORATORY**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill directs the Division of Air Quality to conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of an air quality and changing climate solutions laboratory.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the Division of Air Quality to study the feasibility of creating a premier state-level air quality and changing climate solutions laboratory;
- ▶ addresses the elements that the feasibility study should include;
- ▶ instructs the Division of Air Quality to coordinate with certain entities to prepare the study;
- ▶ instructs the Department of Administrative Services to assist the Division of Air Quality with the feasibility study as requested; and
- ▶ directs the Division of Air Quality to provide the study to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and the Legislative Management Committee.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None



28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 ENACTS:

30 **19-2a-106**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

33 Section 1. Section **19-2a-106** is enacted to read:

34 **19-2a-106. Feasibility study for air quality laboratory.**

35 (1) As used in this section:

36 (a) "Division" means the Division of Air Quality created in Section [19-1-105](#).

37 (b) "Laboratory" means the premier state-level air quality and changing climate  
38 solutions laboratory that is the subject of the feasibility study to be conducted in accordance  
39 with this section.

40 (c) "Study" means the feasibility study for creation of a premier state-level air quality  
41 and changing climate solutions laboratory to be prepared in accordance with this section.

42 (2) The division shall conduct a study of the feasibility of creating a premier state-level  
43 air quality and changing climate solutions laboratory.

44 (3) The study shall include the following components:

45 (a) a proposed mission statement for the laboratory;

46 (b) a summary of the air quality and changing climate solutions resources currently  
47 utilized by or available to the division, including identification of any gaps in those services  
48 that might be filled by the laboratory;

49 (c) an identification and evaluation of potential contributors to the laboratory;

50 (d) an assessment of the potential benefits to the state from the work output of the  
51 laboratory;

52 (e) a projected timeline for creation of the laboratory;

53 (f) an evaluation of potential physical facilities for the laboratory; and

54 (g) financial and economic analyses, including an estimate of the initial and ongoing  
55 costs to fund the laboratory.

56 (4) As needed, the division shall coordinate with the Department of Environmental  
57 Quality, the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah, and other state and local  
58 agencies, non-profit entities, professionals, and schools to prepare the study.

59           (5) The Department of Administrative Services shall assist the division with the study  
60 at the division's request.

61           (6) The division shall provide the study to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and  
62 Environment Interim Committee and the Legislative Management Committee on or before  
63 November 1, 2021.