Representative Carl R. Albrecht proposes the following substitute bill:

1	**STATE ENERGY POLICY AMENDMENTS**
2	2021 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	**Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht**
5	Senate Sponsor: _____
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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	▸ amends the state energy policy to include a policy of developing energy resources
13	with the intent to:
14	• respond to disruptions in state energy systems; and
15	• maintain reserves of energy generation in case of disruptions.
16	**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**
17	None
18	**Other Special Clauses:**
19	None
20	**Utah Code Sections Affected:**
21	AMENDS:
22	**63M-4-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 415
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24	*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*
25	Section 1. Section **63M-4-301** is amended to read:

26   **63M-4-301.   State energy policy.**

27   (1) It is the policy of the state that:

28   (a) Utah shall have adequate, reliable, affordable, sustainable, and clean energy

29   resources;

30   (b) Utah will promote the development of:

31   (i) nonrenewable energy resources, including natural gas, coal, oil, oil shale, and oil

32   sands;

33   (ii) renewable energy resources, including geothermal, solar, wind, biomass, biofuel,

34   [and] hydroelectric, and pump storage;

35   (iii) nuclear power generation technologies certified for use by the United States

36   Nuclear Regulatory Commission including molten salt reactors producing medical isotopes;

37   (iv) alternative transportation fuels and technologies, including hydrogen;

38   (v) infrastructure to facilitate energy development, diversified modes of transportation,

39   greater access to domestic and international markets for Utah's resources, and advanced

40   transmission systems;

41   (vi) energy storage and other advanced energy systems; and

42   (vii) increased refinery capacity;

43   (c) Utah will promote the development of resources and infrastructure sufficient to

44   meet the state's growing demand, while contributing to the regional and national energy supply,

45   thus reducing dependence on international energy sources;

46   (d) Utah will promote the development of resources, tools, and infrastructure to

47   enhance the state's ability to:

48   (i) respond effectively to significant disruptions to the state's energy generation, energy

49   delivery systems, or fuel supplies; and

50   (ii) maintain adequate reserves of proven dispatchable electricity generation to meet

51   grid demand;

52   [(d)] (e) Utah will allow market forces to drive prudent use of energy resources,

53   although incentives and other methods may be used to ensure the state's optimal development

54   and use of energy resources in the short- and long-term;

55   [(e)] (f) Utah will pursue energy conservation, energy efficiency, and environmental

56   quality;

57   [(f)] (g) (i) state regulatory processes should be streamlined to balance economic costs

58   with the level of review necessary to ensure protection of the state's various interests; and

59   (ii) where federal action is required, Utah will encourage expedited federal action and

60   will collaborate with federal agencies to expedite review;

61   [(g)] (h) Utah will maintain an environment that provides for stable consumer prices

62   that are as low as possible while providing producers and suppliers a fair return on investment,

63   recognizing that:

64   (i) economic prosperity is linked to the availability, reliability, and affordability of

65   consumer energy supplies; and

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

67   [(h)] (i) Utah will promote training and education programs focused on developing a

68   comprehensive understanding of energy, including:

69   (i) programs addressing:

70   (A) energy conservation;

71   (B) energy efficiency;

72   (C) supply and demand; and

73   (D) energy related workforce development; and

74   (ii) energy education programs in grades K-12.

75   (2) State agencies are encouraged to conduct agency activities consistent with

76   Subsection (1).

77   (3) A person may not file suit to challenge a state agency's action that is inconsistent

78   with Subsection (1).