

COST CUTTING PRIORITIZATION

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions establishing a process to identify and prioritize government efficiency improvements.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► requires the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to include spending reductions in a process that identifies and prioritizes government efficiency improvements.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63J-1-904, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 421

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

Section 1. Section **63J-1-904** is amended to read:

63J-1-904. Efficiency improvement process.

(1) By May 1, 2022, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Office of



28 the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall jointly establish a process that identifies and prioritizes
29 government processes to target for efficiency improvements, including specific spending
30 reductions.

31 (2) The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Office of the Legislative
32 Fiscal Analyst shall ensure that the efficiency improvement process described in Subsection (1)
33 addresses the following:

34 (a) the roles of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Office of the
35 Legislative Fiscal Analyst throughout the efficiency improvement and spending reduction
36 process;

37 (b) how to collaborate with an appropriated entity in the development of the
38 appropriated entity's performance measures under Section [63J-1-903](#);

39 (c) how to evaluate the results of an appropriated entity's performance measures,
40 including identifying which performance measures that an appropriated entity may want to
41 retain, modify, or discontinue;

42 (d) the process by which an appropriated entity's government process is selected for an
43 efficiency evaluation;

44 (e) the criteria and methodology used for an efficiency evaluation;

45 (f) whether to provide any rewards or incentives for an appropriated entity to
46 implement recommendations from an efficiency evaluation;

47 (g) whether to create a formal or informal committee that advises the efficiency
48 improvement process; and

49 (h) the process by which the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Office
50 of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst notify the Office of the Legislative Auditor General when an
51 efficiency evaluation is completed.

52 (3) (a) The Office of the Legislative Auditor General shall independently review the
53 results of each efficiency evaluation conducted under this section.

54 (b) If, based on the review described in Subsection (3)(a), the Office of the Legislative
55 Auditor General determines further review is necessary, the Office of the Legislative Auditor
56 General shall:

57 (i) conduct a risk assessment; and

58 (ii) provide the results of the risk assessment to the Audit Subcommittee created in

59 Section 36-12-8.

60 (4) Beginning in 2021 and each calendar year thereafter, the Governor's Office of
61 Planning and Budget and the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall, before December
62 31, report to the governor and the Legislative Management Committee, respectively, regarding
63 the status of the efficiency improvement process and recommended changes, if any.

64 (5) The efficiency improvement and spending reduction process described in this
65 section does not apply to a legislative department government process.