

SCHOOL ENERGY AND WATER REDUCTIONS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Gay Lynn Bennion

Senate Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses grant money for energy and water reductions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ authorizes the state board to issue grants related to energy and water reductions;
- ▶ provides for prioritizing certain projects;
- ▶ requires rulemaking;
- ▶ requires use of an evaluation panel;
- ▶ requires reporting; and
- ▶ provides a repeal date.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-2-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 208, 229, 274, 354, 370,
and 409

ENACTS:

53F-5-220, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53F-5-220** is enacted to read:

53F-5-220. Management of energy and water use pilot program.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Energy" means natural gas or electricity.

(b) "Great Salt Lake watershed" means the drainage area for the Great Salt Lake, the Bear River watershed, the Jordan River watershed, the Utah Lake watershed, the Weber River watershed, and the West Desert watershed.

(c) "Rural school district or charter school" means a school district or charter school that is located within a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class.

(2) (a) On or after May 3, 2023, but before July 1, 2028, the state board may award a grant to a school district or charter school upon recommendation by the review panel created in Subsection (5) to implement a program to reduce the use of energy or water by a school district or charter school.

(b) When issuing a grant under this section, the state board shall prioritize outdoor water conservation projects.

(c) When issuing a grant under this section during the period beginning on May 3, 2023, and ending October 31, 2023, the state board shall prioritize, in the order the state board considers appropriate, a grant:

(i) to a rural school district or charter school;

(ii) to a school district or charter school that is located within the Great Salt Lake watershed; and

(iii) for an outdoor water conservation project.

(3) (a) Grant money may be used to pay for any of the following, provided the use is directly related to reducing the use of energy or water by the school district or charter school:

(i) computer equipment and peripherals;

- 56 (ii) software;
- 57 (iii) upgrades of existing computer equipment or software;
- 58 (iv) physical equipment used to deliver energy or water;
- 59 (v) upgrades of existing physical equipment used to deliver energy or water;
- 60 (vi) personnel to provide technical support or coordination and management;
- 61 (vii) staff or student management training;
- 62 (viii) recalibration of equipment for increased efficiency; or
- 63 (ix) another means of optimizing and measuring energy or water efficiency.
- 64 (b) Equipment or software purchased in compliance with Subsection (3)(a), when not
- 65 in use to reduce energy or water, may be used for other purposes.

66 (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
67 state board shall make rules:

- 68 (a) establishing procedures for applying for and awarding a grant;
- 69 (b) establishing eligibility criteria;
- 70 (c) creating grant distribution thresholds;
- 71 (d) specifying how grant money is allocated among school districts and charter schools;
- 72 (e) requiring reporting of grant money expenditures and evidence showing that the
- 73 grant money has been used to implement reduced use of energy or water; and
- 74 (f) establishing technology standards.

75 (5) The state board shall establish a review panel to consider grant applications under
76 this section, which shall include in addition to a representative for the state board,
77 representation from the Office of Energy Development, the Department of Environmental
78 Quality, the Division of Water Resources, and private energy providers.

79 (6) By no later than the 2027 November interim meeting of the following, the state
80 board shall report on the effectiveness of grants issued under this section to the following:

- 81 (a) Education Interim Committee; and
- 82 (b) Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.

83 Section 2. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:

84 **63I-2-253. Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**

85 (1) (a) Subsection **53B-2a-108(5)**, regarding exceptions to the composition of a
86 technical college board of trustees, is repealed July 1, 2022.

87 (b) When repealing Subsection **53B-2a-108(5)**, the Office of Legislative Research and
88 General Counsel shall, in addition to its authority under Subsection **36-12-12(3)**, make
89 necessary changes to subsection numbering and cross references.

90 (2) Section **53B-6-105.7** is repealed July 1, 2024.

91 (3) Section **53B-7-707** regarding performance metrics for technical colleges is repealed
92 July 1, 2023.

93 (4) Section **53B-8-114** is repealed July 1, 2024.

94 (5) The following provisions, regarding the Regents' scholarship program, are repealed
95 on July 1, 2023:

96 (a) in Subsection **53B-8-105(12)**, the language that states, "or any scholarship
97 established under Sections **53B-8-202** through **53B-8-205**";

98 (b) Section **53B-8-202**;

99 (c) Section **53B-8-203**;

100 (d) Section **53B-8-204**; and

101 (e) Section **53B-8-205**.

102 (6) Section **53B-10-101** is repealed on July 1, 2027.

103 (7) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 14, Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project, is
104 repealed July 1, 2023.

105 (8) Subsection **53E-1-201(1)(s)** regarding the report by the Educational Interpretation
106 and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2024.

107 (9) Section **53E-1-202.2**, regarding a Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee
108 evaluation and recommendations, is repealed January 1, 2024.

109 (10) Subsection **53E-10-309(7)**, related to the PRIME pilot program, is repealed July 1,

110 2024.

111 (11) In Subsections [53F-2-205](#)(4) and (5), regarding the State Board of Education's
112 duties if contributions from the minimum basic tax rate are overestimated or underestimated,
113 the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#), as applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

114 (12) Section [53F-2-209](#), regarding local education agency budgetary flexibility, is
115 repealed July 1, 2024.

116 (13) Subsection [53F-2-301](#)(1), relating to the years the section is not in effect, is
117 repealed July 1, 2023.

118 (14) Section [53F-2-302.1](#), regarding the Enrollment Growth Contingency Program, is
119 repealed July 1, 2023.

120 (15) Subsection [53F-2-314](#)(4), relating to a one-time expenditure between the at-risk
121 WPU add-on funding and previous at-risk funding, is repealed January 1, 2024.

122 (16) Section [53F-2-524](#), regarding teacher bonuses for extra work assignments, is
123 repealed July 1, 2024.

124 (17) In Subsection [53F-2-515](#)(1), the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#), as
125 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

126 (18) Subsection [53F-4-401](#)(3)(b), regarding a child enrolled or eligible for enrollment
127 in kindergarten, is repealed July 1, 2022.

128 (19) In Subsection [53F-4-404](#)(4)(c), the language that states "Except as provided in
129 Subsection (4)(d)" is repealed July 1, 2022.

130 (20) Subsection [53F-4-404](#)(4)(d) is repealed July 1, 2022.

131 (21) Section [53F-5-220](#), regarding a management of energy and water pilot program, is
132 repealed July 1, 2028.

133 [~~(21)~~] (22) In Subsection [53F-9-302](#)(3), the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#), as
134 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

135 [~~(22)~~] (23) In Subsection [53F-9-305](#)(3)(a), the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#), as
136 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

137 [~~(23)~~] (24) In Subsection [53F-9-306](#)(3)(a), the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#), as
138 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

139 [~~(24)~~] (25) In Subsection [53G-3-304](#)(1)(c)(i), the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#),
140 as applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

141 [~~(25)~~] (26) On July 1, 2023, when making changes in this section, the Office of
142 Legislative Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to the office's authority under
143 Subsection [36-12-12](#)(3), make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections
144 identified in this section are complete sentences and accurately reflect the office's perception of
145 the Legislature's intent.