

**Representative Jordan D. Teuscher** proposes the following substitute bill:

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT**

**FEES**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher**

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to revenue collected by the Department of Commerce.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ allows the Department of Commerce (department) to collect a fee to defray the costs of electronic payments;
- ▶ creates the Commerce Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account (restricted account);
- ▶ requires the department to deposit electronic payment fees into the restricted account; and
- ▶ provides that appropriations from the restricted account are nonlapsing.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2024:

- ▶ to the Department of Commerce as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the Commerce Service Account, (\$800,000).
  - from the Commerce Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account, \$800,000.



26 **Other Special Clauses:**

27 None

28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **13-1-2**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 415

31 **63J-1-602.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 48, 191, 255, 335, 415,

32 and 451

33 ENACTS:

34 **13-1-17**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

37 Section 1. Section **13-1-2** is amended to read:

38 **13-1-2. Creation and functions of department -- Divisions created -- Fees --**

39 **Commerce Service Account.**

40 (1) (a) There is created the Department of Commerce.

41 (b) The department shall:

42 (i) execute and administer state laws regulating business activities and occupations  
43 affecting the public interest; and

44 (ii) ensure that any training or certification required of a public official or public  
45 employee, as those terms are defined in Section **63G-22-102**, complies with Title 63G, Chapter  
46 22, State Training and Certification Requirements, if the training or certification is required:

47 (A) under this title;

48 (B) by the department; or

49 (C) by an agency or division within the department.

50 (2) Within the department the following divisions are created:

51 (a) the Division of Professional Licensing;

52 (b) the Division of Real Estate;

53 (c) the Division of Securities;

54 (d) the Division of Public Utilities;

55 (e) the Division of Consumer Protection; and

56 (f) the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code.

57 (3) (a) Unless otherwise provided by statute, the department may adopt a schedule of  
58 fees assessed for services provided by the department by following the procedures and  
59 requirements of Section [63J-1-504](#).

60 (b) The department shall submit each fee established in this manner to the Legislature  
61 for the Legislature's approval as part of the department's annual appropriations request.

62 (c) (i) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the  
63 "Commerce Service Account."

64 (ii) The restricted account created in Subsection (3)(c)(i) consists of fees collected by  
65 each division and by the department.

66 (iii) The undesignated account balance may not exceed \$1,000,000 at the end of each  
67 fiscal year.

68 (iv) At the end of each fiscal year, the director of the Division of Finance shall transfer  
69 into the General Fund any undesignated funds in the account that exceed the amount necessary  
70 to maintain the undesignated account balance at \$1,000,000.

71 (d) The department may not charge or collect a fee or expend money from the  
72 restricted account without approval by the Legislature.

73 (4) (a) As used in this Subsection (4):

74 (i) "Business entity" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership,  
75 limited liability company, corporation, or other entity or association used to carry on a business  
76 for profit.

77 (ii) "Fund" means the Single Sign-On Expendable Special Revenue Fund, created in  
78 Subsection (4)(c).

79 (iii) "Renewal fee" means a fee that the Division of Corporations and Commercial  
80 Code, established in Section [13-1a-1](#), is authorized or required to charge a business entity in  
81 connection with the business entity's periodic renewal of the business entity's status with the  
82 Division of Corporations and Commercial Code.

83 (iv) "Single sign-on fee" means a fee described in Subsection (4)(b) to pay for the  
84 establishment and maintenance of the single sign-on business portal.

85 (v) "Single sign-on business portal" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
86 [63A-16-802](#).

87 (b) (i) The schedule of fees adopted by the department under Subsection (3) shall

88 include a single sign-on fee, not to exceed \$5, as part of a renewal fee.

89 (ii) The department shall deposit all single sign-on fee revenue into the fund.

90 (c) (i) There is created the Single Sign-On Expendable Special Revenue Fund.

91 (ii) The fund consists of:

92 (A) money that the department collects from the single sign-on fee; and

93 (B) money that the Legislature appropriates to the fund.

94 (d) The department shall use the money in the fund to pay for costs:

95 (i) to design, create, operate, and maintain the single sign-on business portal; and

96 (ii) incurred by:

97 (A) the Department of Technology Services, created in Section 63A-16-103; or

98 (B) a third-party vendor working under a contract with the Department of Technology  
99 Services.

100 (e) The department shall report on fund revenues and expenditures to the Public  
101 Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee of the Legislature annually and at any  
102 other time requested by the committee.

103 (5) (a) As used in this Subsection (5):

104 (i) "Costs of electronic payments" means:

105 (A) any charge, discount fee, or processing fee that a credit card company or processing  
106 agent charges to process an electronic payment; or

107 (B) the costs associated with the purchase of equipment necessary for processing  
108 electronic payments.

109 (ii) "Electronic payment" means any form of payment processed through electronic  
110 means, including a credit card, debit card, or automatic clearinghouse transaction.

111 (iii) "Electronic payment fee" means the fee the department adopts in accordance with  
112 this Subsection (5) to defray the costs of electronic payments.

113 (b) As part of the schedule of fees described in Subsection (3)(a), the department shall  
114 establish an electronic payment fee.

115 (c) The department:

116 (i) may collect an electronic payment fee from each person who applies for or renews a  
117 license or registration issued by the department or a division of the department; and

118 (ii) shall deposit into the Commerce Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account

119 created in Section 13-1-17 each electronic payment fee the department collects.

120 (d) The electronic payment fee described in this Subsection (5) is not subject to  
121 Subsection 63J-1-105(3) or (4).

122 (e) (i) If the department imposes an electronic payment fee, the department shall collect  
123 the electronic payment fee from each person described in Subsection (5)(c)(i) regardless of  
124 whether the person makes an electronic payment.

125 (ii) The department is not required to separately identify an electronic payment charged  
126 to a person described in Subsection (5)(c)(i).

127 Section 2. Section 13-1-17 is enacted to read:

128 **13-1-17. Commerce Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account.**

129 (1) As used in this section:

130 (a) "Account" means the Commerce Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account  
131 created in this section.

132 (b) "Costs of electronic payments" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
133 13-1-2.

134 (c) "Department" means the Department of Commerce.

135 (d) "Electronic payment" means the same as that term is defined in Section 13-1-2.

136 (e) "Electronic payment fee" means the same as that term is defined in Section 13-1-2.

137 (2) There is created in the General Fund a restricted account known as the "Commerce  
138 Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account."

139 (3) The account consists of money that the department collects as an electronic  
140 payment fee in accordance with Section 13-1-2.

141 (4) Upon appropriation, the department may use money in the account to cover the  
142 costs of electronic payments.

143 (5) In accordance with Section 63J-1-602.1, appropriations made to the department  
144 from the account are nonlapsing.

145 Section 3. Section 63J-1-602.1 is amended to read:

146 **63J-1-602.1. List of nonlapsing appropriations from accounts and funds.**

147 Appropriations made from the following accounts or funds are nonlapsing:

148 (1) The Utah Intracurricular Student Organization Support for Agricultural Education  
149 and Leadership Restricted Account created in Section 4-42-102.

- 150 (2) The Native American Repatriation Restricted Account created in Section 9-9-407.
- 151 (3) The Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Support Restricted Account created in
- 152 Section 9-18-102.
- 153 (4) The National Professional Men's Soccer Team Support of Building Communities
- 154 Restricted Account created in Section 9-19-102.
- 155 (5) Funds collected for directing and administering the C-PACE district created in
- 156 Section 11-42a-106.
- 157 (6) Money received by the Utah Inland Port Authority, as provided in Section
- 158 11-58-105.
- 159 (7) The "Latino Community Support Restricted Account" created in Section 13-1-16.
- 160 (8) The Clean Air Support Restricted Account created in Section 19-1-109.
- 161 (9) The Division of Air Quality Oil, Gas, and Mining Restricted Account created in
- 162 Section 19-2a-106.
- 163 (10) The Division of Water Quality Oil, Gas, and Mining Restricted Account created in
- 164 Section 19-5-126.
- 165 (11) The "Support for State-Owned Shooting Ranges Restricted Account" created in
- 166 Section 23-14-13.5.
- 167 (12) Award money under the State Asset Forfeiture Grant Program, as provided under
- 168 Section 24-4-117.
- 169 (13) Funds collected from the program fund for local health department expenses
- 170 incurred in responding to a local health emergency under Section 26-1-38.
- 171 (14) The Children with Cancer Support Restricted Account created in Section
- 172 26-21a-304.
- 173 (15) State funds for matching federal funds in the Children's Health Insurance Program
- 174 as provided in Section 26-40-108.
- 175 (16) The Children with Heart Disease Support Restricted Account created in Section
- 176 26-58-102.
- 177 (17) The Technology Development Restricted Account created in Section 31A-3-104.
- 178 (18) The Criminal Background Check Restricted Account created in Section
- 179 31A-3-105.
- 180 (19) The Captive Insurance Restricted Account created in Section 31A-3-304, except

181 to the extent that Section 31A-3-304 makes the money received under that section free revenue.

182 (20) The Title Licensee Enforcement Restricted Account created in Section  
183 31A-23a-415.

184 (21) The Health Insurance Actuarial Review Restricted Account created in Section  
185 31A-30-115.

186 (22) The Insurance Fraud Investigation Restricted Account created in Section  
187 31A-31-108.

188 (23) The Underage Drinking Prevention Media and Education Campaign Restricted  
189 Account created in Section 32B-2-306.

190 (24) The Drinking While Pregnant Prevention Media and Education Campaign  
191 Restricted Account created in Section 32B-2-308.

192 (25) The School Readiness Restricted Account created in Section 35A-15-203.

193 (26) Money received by the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation for the sale of certain  
194 products or services, as provided in Section 35A-13-202.

195 (27) The Oil and Gas Administrative Penalties Account created in Section 40-6-11.

196 (28) The Oil and Gas Conservation Account created in Section 40-6-14.5.

197 (29) The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining Restricted account created in Section  
198 40-6-23.

199 (30) The Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account created by Section 41-1a-121 to  
200 the Motor Vehicle Division.

201 (31) The Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division Temporary Permit Restricted Account  
202 created by Section 41-3-110 to the State Tax Commission.

203 (32) The Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Support Restricted Account created in  
204 Section 53-1-120.

205 (33) The State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account to the Division of Emergency  
206 Management, as provided in Section 53-2a-603.

207 (34) The Post Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Restricted Account created in Section  
208 53-2a-1302.

209 (35) The Department of Public Safety Restricted Account to the Department of Public  
210 Safety, as provided in Section 53-3-106.

211 (36) The Utah Highway Patrol Aero Bureau Restricted Account created in Section

- 212 53-8-303.
- 213 (37) The DNA Specimen Restricted Account created in Section 53-10-407.
- 214 (38) The Canine Body Armor Restricted Account created in Section 53-16-201.
- 215 (39) The Technical Colleges Capital Projects Fund created in Section 53B-2a-118.
- 216 (40) The Higher Education Capital Projects Fund created in Section 53B-22-202.
- 217 (41) A certain portion of money collected for administrative costs under the School
- 218 Institutional Trust Lands Management Act, as provided under Section 53C-3-202.
- 219 (42) The Public Utility Regulatory Restricted Account created in Section 54-5-1.5,
- 220 subject to Subsection 54-5-1.5(4)(d).
- 221 (43) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an
- 222 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-3a-105.
- 223 (44) Certain fines collected by the Division of Professional Licensing for violation of
- 224 unlawful or unprofessional conduct that are used for education and enforcement purposes, as
- 225 provided in Section 58-17b-505.
- 226 (45) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an
- 227 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-22-104.
- 228 (46) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an
- 229 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-55-106.
- 230 (47) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an
- 231 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-56-3.5.
- 232 (48) Certain fines collected by the Division of Professional Licensing for use in
- 233 education and enforcement of the Security Personnel Licensing Act, as provided in Section
- 234 58-63-103.
- 235 (49) The Relative Value Study Restricted Account created in Section 59-9-105.
- 236 (50) The Cigarette Tax Restricted Account created in Section 59-14-204.
- 237 (51) Funds paid to the Division of Real Estate for the cost of a criminal background
- 238 check for a mortgage loan license, as provided in Section 61-2c-202.
- 239 (52) Funds paid to the Division of Real Estate for the cost of a criminal background
- 240 check for principal broker, associate broker, and sales agent licenses, as provided in Section
- 241 61-2f-204.
- 242 (53) Certain funds donated to the Department of Health and Human Services, as



243 provided in Section 26B-1-202.

244 (54) The National Professional Men's Basketball Team Support of Women and  
245 Children Issues Restricted Account created in Section 26B-1-302.

246 (55) Certain funds donated to the Division of Child and Family Services, as provided  
247 in Section 80-2-404.

248 (56) The Choose Life Adoption Support Restricted Account created in Section  
249 80-2-502.

250 (57) Funds collected by the Office of Administrative Rules for publishing, as provided  
251 in Section 63G-3-402.

252 (58) The Immigration Act Restricted Account created in Section 63G-12-103.

253 (59) Money received by the military installation development authority, as provided in  
254 Section 63H-1-504.

255 (60) The Computer Aided Dispatch Restricted Account created in Section 63H-7a-303.

256 (61) The Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account created in Section  
257 63H-7a-304.

258 (62) The Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account created in Section  
259 63H-7a-403.

260 (63) The Utah Capital Investment Restricted Account created in Section 63N-6-204.

261 (64) The Motion Picture Incentive Account created in Section 63N-8-103.

262 (65) Certain money payable for expenses of the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission,  
263 as provided under Section 63N-10-301.

264 (66) Funds collected by the housing of state probationary inmates or state parole  
265 inmates, as provided in Subsection 64-13e-104(2).

266 (67) Certain forestry and fire control funds utilized by the Division of Forestry, Fire,  
267 and State Lands, as provided in Section 65A-8-103.

268 (68) The Amusement Ride Safety Restricted Account, as provided in Section  
269 72-16-204.

270 (69) Certain funds received by the Office of the State Engineer for well drilling fines or  
271 bonds, as provided in Section 73-3-25.

272 (70) The Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund, as provided in  
273 Section 73-23-2.

274 (71) Funds donated or paid to a juvenile court by private sources, as provided in  
275 Subsection 78A-6-203(1)(c).

276 (72) Fees for certificate of admission created under Section 78A-9-102.

277 (73) Funds collected for adoption document access as provided in Sections 78B-6-141,  
278 78B-6-144, and 78B-6-144.5.

279 (74) Funds collected for indigent defense as provided in Title 78B, Chapter 22, Part 4,  
280 Utah Indigent Defense Commission.

281 (75) The Utah Geological Survey Oil, Gas, and Mining Restricted Account created in  
282 Section 79-3-403.

283 (76) Revenue for golf user fees at the Wasatch Mountain State Park, Palisades State  
284 Park, and Green River State Park, as provided under Section 79-4-403.

285 (77) Funds donated as described in Section 41-1a-422 for the State Park Fees  
286 Restricted Account created in Section 79-4-402 for support of the Division of State Parks' dark  
287 sky initiative.

288 (78) Certain funds received by the Division of State Parks from the sale or disposal of  
289 buffalo, as provided under Section 79-4-1001.

290 (79) The Commerce Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account created in Section  
291 13-1-17.

292 Section 4. **Appropriation.**

293 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
294 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
295 fiscal year 2024. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures  
296 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
297 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

298 ITEM 1

299 To the Department of Commerce -- Commerce General Regulation

300 From the Commerce Service Account (\$800,000)

301 From the Commerce Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account \$800,000