

**Senator Todd D. Weiler** proposes the following substitute bill:

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler**

House Sponsor: Nelson T. Abbott

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires a report for an agency that utilizes an administrative law judge.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► requires an agency that employs or utilizes an administrative law judge to submit a report to the Legislature.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**63A-17-711**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63A-17-711** is enacted to read:

**63A-17-711. Report.**

(1) As used in this section, "agency" means a department, division, office, bureau,



26 board, commission, or other administrative unit of the state.

27 (2) An agency that employs, pays for the services of, or otherwise uses the services of  
28 an administrative law judge shall provide a report described in this section to the Government  
29 Operations Interim Committee and to the Rules Review and General Oversight Committee on  
30 or before June 1, 2024.

31 (3) The report described in Subsection (2) shall provide:

32 (a) the number of full time administrative law judges currently employed by, paid for,  
33 or utilized by the agency;

34 (b) the number of part-time administrative law judges currently employed by, paid for,  
35 or utilized by the agency;

36 (c) for each individual referenced under Subsection (2)(a) or (b), the employment  
37 arrangement for the administrative law judge, including whether the administrative law judge is  
38 employed by the agency, employed by multiple agencies, temporarily assigned to the agency, or  
39 another employment arrangement, which the agency shall describe;

40 (d) the number of employees of the agency that act as support or administrative staff  
41 for administrative law judge functions engaged in by the agency, and for each such employee:

42 (i) a title or job description for each such employee; and

43 (ii) whether each such employee has full or part time duties in relation to  
44 administrative law judge functions;

45 (e) a listing and description of each rule, policy, or practice that the agency uses to  
46 ensure the independence of an administrative law judge who is employed by, assigned to, or  
47 working on behalf of the agency; and

48 (f) whether the agency requires an administrative law judge to comply with any rules,  
49 policies, guidelines, or other agency requirements when making a decision, and if so, a  
50 complete list of each of those requirements, and as applicable, a citation to or copy of the rule,  
51 policy, guideline, or requirement.

52 **Section 2. Effective date.**

53 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.