

David Shallenberger proposes the following substitute bill:

Energy Efficiency Rebate Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David Shallenberger

Senate Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to energy rebate programs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- ~~requires a large-scale public utility to operate an energy rebate program;~~
- requires a large-scale public utility to annually report to the Office of Energy Development regarding the large-scale public utility's energy rebate program; and
- modifies the Office of Energy Development's reporting duties to include a review of

energy rebate programs.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

79-6-405, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 258

ENACTS:

54-7-13.7, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **54-7-13.7** is enacted to read:

54-7-13.7 . Energy rebate program -- Requirement -- Reporting to Office of

Energy Development.

(1) As used in this section:

- 29 (a) "Energy rebate program" means a program operated by a large-scale public utility
30 that provides financial rebates or incentives to customers for measures that reduce
31 energy consumption or improve the efficiency of energy consumption.
- 32 (b) "Large-scale public utility" means a public utility that:
33 (i) provides retail electric service to more than 200,000 retail customers in the state; or
34 (ii) provides retail natural gas service to more than 200,000 retail customers in the
35 state.
- 36 (c) "Office" means the Office of Energy Development created in Section 79-6-401.
- 37 (2) On or before September 1, ~~2027~~ 2026 ~~2026~~, and annually thereafter on or
37a before September 1, a
38 large-scale public utility that operates an energy rebate program shall submit a report to
39 the office describing the energy rebate program operated by the large-scale public utility
40 during the previous calendar year.
- 41 (3) The report required by Subsection (2) shall include:
- 42 (a) a description of each energy rebate program offered by the large-scale public utility;
43 (b) for each energy rebate program:
44 (i) the types of rebates and incentives offered, including financial amounts and
45 eligibility criteria;
46 (ii) customer participation during the program year, including the number of
47 participants in each of the following customer categories:
48 (A) residential customers;
49 (B) commercial customers;
50 (C) industrial customers;
51 (D) irrigation customers; and
52 (E) any other customer class as determined by the large-scale public utility;
53 (iii) the total amount of rebates and incentives issued;
54 (iv) energy savings achieved through the program;
55 (v) cost-effectiveness metrics for the program; and
56 (vi) administrative costs incurred; and
- 57 (c) how each energy rebate program aligns with the state energy policy described in
58 Section 79-6-301.

59 Section 2. Section **79-6-405** is amended to read:

60 **79-6-405 . Reports -- Study.**

- 61 (1) The director shall report annually to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

62 Interim Committee.

63 (2) The report required in Subsection (1) shall:

64 (a) summarize the status and development of the state's energy resources;

65 (b) summarize the activities and accomplishments of the office;

66 (c) address the director's activities under this part;

67 (d) recommend any energy-related executive or legislative action the director or office
68 considers beneficial to the state, including updates to the state energy policy under
69 Section 79-6-301; and

70 (e) address long-term energy planning required under Subsection 79-6-401(10).

71 (3)(a) The office shall study the impacts of the following on energy costs in the state:

72 (i) Title 59, Chapter 33, Wind or Solar Electric Generation Facility Capacity Tax; and

73 (ii) Part [H] 14, Energy Project Assessment.

74 (b) The director shall report the office's findings regarding the study required under this
75 Subsection (3) to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee by
76 no later than the 2026 November interim meeting of the Public Utilities, Energy, and
77 Technology Interim Committee.

78 (4)(a) On or before November 1, ~~H~~ → [2027] 2026 ← H , and annually thereafter on

78a or before November

79 1, the office shall:

80 (i) review the reports submitted by large-scale public utilities under Section 54-7-13.7;

81 (ii) consult with each large-scale public utility that submitted a report under Section
82 54-7-13.7 regarding the alignment of the large-scale public utility's energy rebate
83 program with the state energy policy described in Section 79-6-301; and

84 (iii) as part of the consultation described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), provide
85 recommendations to each large-scale public utility for improving the alignment of
86 the energy rebate program with the state energy policy.

87 (b) The director shall include in the annual report required by Subsection (1) a summary
88 of:

89 (i) the energy rebate programs operated by large-scale public utilities in the state
90 during the previous calendar year;

91 (ii) the office's findings regarding the alignment of those programs with the state
92 energy policy; and

93 (iii) any recommendations made to large-scale public utilities under Subsection
94 (4)(a)(iii).

95 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

96 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.