

**CLIMATE AND AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Joel K. Briscoe**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill creates the Climate and Air Quality Task Force to study and make recommendations on ways to address air quality, climate change, and the Utah Roadmap.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Climate and Air Quality Task Force;
- ▶ provides that the task force shall study and make recommendations on:
  - ways to address air quality and climate change; and
  - the recommendations in the Utah Roadmap;
- ▶ provides that the task force may recommend legislation to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee;
- ▶ requires the task force to provide a final report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee; and
- ▶ provides a sunset date for the task force.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-1-236**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 193 and 246

ENACTS:

**36-29-107**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **36-29-107** is enacted to read:

**36-29-107. Climate and Air Quality Task Force.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Task force" means the Climate and Air Quality Task Force created in Subsection

(2).

(b) "Utah Roadmap" means the Utah Roadmap report created by the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, dated January 31, 2020.

(2) There is created the Climate and Air Quality Task Force consisting of the following 17 members:

(a) four members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than three of whom are from the same political party;

(b) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than five of whom are from the same political party;

(c) two members, who are not legislators, appointed by the governor;

(d) two members, who are not legislators, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(e) two members, who are not legislators, appointed by the president of the Senate.

(3) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

(4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance with Section **36-2-2** and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

(5) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

59           (a) Section 63A-3-106;  
60           (b) Section 63A-3-107; and  
61           (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and  
62 63A-3-107.  
63           (6) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support  
64 to the task force.  
65           (7) The task force shall study and make recommendations to the Natural Resources,  
66 Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee on:  
67           (a) ways to address air quality and climate change in Utah; and  
68           (b) the following recommendations from the Utah Roadmap to:  
69           (i) implement best practices and statewide efforts to transition to cleaner state vehicle  
70 fleets, adopt energy efficiency goals in state buildings, establish more robust telework program  
71 targets, provide additional funding for reforestation, and invest in more energy planning;  
72           (ii) create a premier air quality and changing climate solutions laboratory to coordinate,  
73 encourage, and inform statewide and national efforts;  
74           (iii) adopt emissions goals and measure results;  
75           (iv) accelerate existing quality growth efforts to provide more transportation choices,  
76 support housing options, preserve open space, improve energy efficiency in buildings, and link  
77 economic development with transportation and housing decisions;  
78           (v) position Utah as the market-based electric vehicle state by expanding the network  
79 of charging stations, incentivizing the transition from older vehicles to cleaner vehicles, and  
80 involving Utah auto dealers in strategies to increase the zero-emissions vehicle supply;  
81           (vi) provide ongoing economic transition assistance to rural communities; and  
82           (vii) participate in national dialogue and take the lead in national discussions about  
83 how to harness the power of market forces and new technologies to reduce carbon emissions in  
84 a way that protects health, sustains economic development, and offers other benefits to Utahns.  
85           (8) The task force may recommend legislation to the Natural Resources, Agriculture,  
86 and Environment Interim Committee.  
87           (9) The task force shall provide a final report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture,  
88 and Environment Interim Committee before November 30, 2025.  
89           Section 2. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:

90           **63I-1-236. Repeal dates, Title 36.**

91           (1) Title 36, Chapter 17, Legislative Process Committee, is repealed January 1, 2023.

92           (2) Section [36-12-20](#) is repealed June 30, 2023.

93           (3) Title 36, Chapter 22, Native American Legislative Liaison Committee, is repealed

94 July 1, 2022.

95           (4) Title 36, Chapter 28, Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, is repealed

96 January 1, 2025.

97           (5) Section [36-29-105](#) is repealed on December 31, 2020.

98           (6) Section [36-29-106](#) is repealed June 1, 2021.

99           (7) Section [36-29-107](#) is repealed on July 1, 2026.

100           ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Title 36, Chapter 31, Martha Hughes Cannon Capitol Statue Oversight

101 Committee, is repealed January 1, 2021.