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Mr. Speaker:

The Public Utilities and Energy Committee recommends **2nd Sub. S.B. 21**, GEOTHERMAL AMENDMENTS, by Senator M. K. McKell, be replaced and reports a favorable recommendation on **3rd Sub. S.B. 21**, GEOTHERMAL AMENDMENTS with the following amendments, and, due to unknown fiscal impact, recommends it be referred to the Rules Committee pending completion of a fiscal note.

Amendment 1

1 Line 66:

66 Section **73-22-2** . is amended to read:

67 **73-22-2** Purpose of chapter -- Scope of chapter .

(1) [It is declared to be in the public interest]The purpose of this chapter is to:

69 {(1)} (a) foster, encourage, and promote the discovery, development, production,
[utilization]use ,

70 and disposal of geothermal resources [~~in the State of Utah~~]for the purpose of electricity

71 production in such manner as will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and

72 safeguard the natural environment and the public welfare; [~~to~~]and

73 {(2)} (b) authorize, encourage, and provide for the development and operation of
geothermal

74 resource properties for the purpose of electricity production in such manner that the

75 maximum ultimate economic recovery of geothermal resources may be obtained

76 through, among other things, agreements for cooperative development, production,

77 injection, and pressure maintenance operations.

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(2) This chapter does not apply to the removal or extraction of a mineral from a geothermal resource.

Respectfully,

Colin W. Jack
Chair

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