

Senator Peter C. Knudson proposes to substitute the following bill:

**TASK FORCE ON GOVERNMENT REVENUE  
AND TAX STRUCTURE**

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson**

**This act creates the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure. This act requires the task force to follow interim rules, and provides for the membership of the task force, task force chairs, establishment of subcommittees, compensation of task force and subcommittee members. The act provides for the task force duties and responsibilities, the task force meeting schedule, task force reporting requirements, and staff support. The act appropriates a total of \$112,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2000-01 to the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to fund the two-year task force. This act is repealed on November 30, 2002.**

This act enacts uncodified material.

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

**Section 1. Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure -- Creation --  
Membership -- Chairs -- Interim rules followed -- Compensation.**

(1) There is created the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure consisting of the following § [20] 18 § members:

(a) five members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party; and

(b) § [eight] SEVEN § members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than five of whom may be from the same political party;

(c) § [two representatives] ONE REPRESENTATIVE § of the Utah League of Cities and Towns, appointed by the Utah League of Cities and Towns; and



26 (d) a representative of the Utah Association of Counties, appointed by the Utah  
27 Association of Counties;

28 (e) a representative of the Utah Association of Special Districts, appointed by the Utah  
29 Association of Special Districts;

30 (f) a representative of the education community jointly appointed by the president of the  
31 Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives; and

32 (g) two representatives from the general public jointly appointed by the president of the  
33 Senate and the speaker of the House **§ OF REPRESENTATIVES § :**

34 (i) one representing land development interests; and

35 (ii) one representing public utility interests.

36 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under  
37 Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure.

38 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House  
39 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the Task Force on  
40 Government Revenue and Tax Structure.

41 (3) (a) The Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure may establish one or  
42 more subcommittees.

43 (b) If the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure establishes a  
44 subcommittee, the cochairs of the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure may  
45 appoint members of the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure or persons who  
46 are not members of the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure to the  
47 subcommittee.

48 (c) (i) A majority of the members of the subcommittee constitutes a quorum.

49 (ii) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the subcommittee.

50 (4) (a) In conducting its business, a majority of the members of the Task Force on  
51 Government Revenue and Tax Structure constitutes a quorum.

52 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum of the Task Force on Government Revenue and  
53 Tax Structure constitutes the action of the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure.

54 (5) (a) Legislators on the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure, or of one  
55 of its subcommittees, shall receive compensation and expenses in accordance with Section 36-2-2  
56 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

57 (b) (i) A member of the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure, or of one  
58 of its subcommittees, who is not a legislator or a government employee may not receive  
59 compensation or benefits for the member's services, but may receive per diem and expenses  
60 incurred in the performance of the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division  
61 of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

62 (ii) A nonlegislative member of the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax  
63 Structure, or of one of its subcommittees, may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their  
64 services.

65 **Section 2. Duties and responsibilities -- Meeting schedule -- Task force reporting**  
66 **requirements -- Staff support.**

67 (1) The Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure shall:

68 (a) study the tax system of the state and its political subdivisions;

69 (b) study state and local revenue sources, including:

70 (i) property taxes;

71 (ii) individual income taxes;

72 (iii) corporate franchise and income taxes;

73 (iv) sales and use taxes; and

74 (v) other taxes or fees as determined by the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax  
75 Structure;

76 (c) study the tax policy of the state;

77 (d) study short-term and long-term impacts of any proposed changes to the tax system of  
78 the state or a political subdivision of the state; and

79 (e) study any other issue as determined by the Task Force on Government Revenue and  
80 Tax Structure relating to:

81 (i) the tax system of the state or its political subdivisions; or

82 (ii) state or local revenue sources.

83 (2) The Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure shall meet at least eight  
84 times but no more than 12 times per year during the:

85 (a) 2001 interim; and

86 (b) 2002 interim.

87 (3) (a) The Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure shall make the

88 following reports during the 2001 interim:

89 (i) the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure shall make reports on its  
90 studies to the Utah Tax Review Commission and the Utah Advisory Council on Intergovernmental  
91 Relations:

92 (A) on or before the July interim meeting; and

93 (B) on or before the November interim meeting; and

94 (ii) the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure shall make a report on its  
95 study to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee on or before the October interim meeting.

96 (b) The Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure shall make the following  
97 reports during the 2002 interim:

98 (i) the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure shall make reports on its  
99 studies to the Utah Tax Review Commission and the Utah Advisory Council on Intergovernmental  
100 Relations:

101 (A) on or before the June interim meeting;

102 (B) on or before the September interim meeting; and

103 (C) on or before the November interim meeting; and

104 (ii) the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure shall make a report on its  
105 study to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee on or before the October interim meeting.

106 (4) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to  
107 the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure.

108 (5) The Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure may request information  
109 from the governor's Office of Planning and Budget in conducting the study required by this section.

110 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

111 There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2000-01 to pay for the two-year  
112 Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure:

113 (1) \$20,000 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the  
114 Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure;

115 (2) \$32,000 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses of  
116 representatives on the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure; and

117 (3) \$60,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for staffing  
118 the Task Force on Government Revenue and Tax Structure.

119 Section 4. **Repeal date.**

120 This act is repealed November 30, 2002.