

1 **GOVERNOR'S RURAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2006 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Thomas V. Hatch**

6 House Sponsor: DeMar Bud Bowman

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies provisions related to the Governor's Rural Partnership Board.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ provides that members of the Governor's Rural Partnership Board may receive per
14 diem and payment for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties
15 for their services on the board;

16 ▶ provides that a member may decline to receive per diem and payment for expenses
17 incurred for the member's service on the board; and

18 ▶ provides that the Governor's Office of Economic Development shall administer the
19 payment program.

20 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 AMENDS:

26 **63C-10-102**, as enacted by Chapter 73, Laws of Utah 2004



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

29 Section 1. Section **63C-10-102** is amended to read:

30 **63C-10-102. Governor's Rural Partnership Board -- Creation -- Membership --**
31 **Vacancies -- Chairs -- Expenses.**

32 (1) There is created the Governor's Rural Partnership Board composed of 11 members
33 as follows:

34 (a) the governor or the governor's designee;

35 (b) a rural member of the Utah Association of Counties' Board of Directors, appointed
36 by the association's board;

37 (c) a rural member of the Utah League of Cities and Towns' Board of Directors,
38 appointed by the league's board;

39 (d) the vice president of Utah State University's Extension Services or the vice
40 president's designee;

41 (e) the president of Southern Utah University or the president's designee;

42 (f) the chair of the Utah Rural Development Council; and

43 (g) five rural members appointed by the governor, at least one of which shall be a
44 representative from a rural private business.

45 (2) (a) Except as required by Subsection (2)(b), board members identified in
46 Subsections (1)(b), (c), and (g) shall be appointed for four-year terms.

47 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (2)(a), the governor shall, at the
48 time of appointment or reappointment for members appointed under Subsection (1)(g), adjust
49 the length of terms to ensure that the terms of these members are staggered so that
50 approximately half of these five members are appointed every two years.

51 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be
52 appointed for the unexpired term in the same manner as the vacated member was chosen.

53 (d) Once initial board appointments are made pursuant to Subsection (1)(g),
54 recommendations for filling vacancies for any reason of those five board positions shall be
55 made to the governor from a nominating committee consisting of:

56 (i) three individuals selected by the Steering Committee of the Rural Coordinating
57 Committee; and

58 (ii) three individuals selected by the Governor's Rural Partnership Board from the Utah

59 Rural Development Council membership.

60 (3) (a) The governor or the governor's designee shall serve as cochair of the board.

61 (b) The chair of the Utah Rural Development Council shall serve as cochair of the
62 board.

63 (4) The board shall meet at the call of the cochairs, but at least semiannually.

64 (5) (a) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum.

65 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the board.

66 (6) (a) Members of the board may receive [no compensation or benefits] per diem and
67 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties for their services on the board at
68 the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

69 (b) A member may decline to receive per diem and expenses for the member's service
70 on the board.

71 (c) The Governor's Office of Economic Development created in Section 63-38f-201
72 shall administer the payment program authorized under this Subsection (6).

Legislative Review Note
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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

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