

**STATEWIDE RURAL BOARDS AND  
COMMITTEES**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions of the Statewide Rural Boards and Committees chapter of the State Commissions and Councils Code regarding the membership of the Governor's Rural Partnership Board and the Rural Coordinating Committee.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ increases the membership of the Governor's Rural Partnership Board from 11 to 15 members to include a rural representative of agriculture, a rural representative of the travel industry, a representative of rural utilities, and an additional rural member;
- ▶ provides that the chair, rather than the director, of the Utah Rural Development Council is a member of the Rural Coordinating Committee; and
- ▶ makes certain technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63C-10-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 182



28 **63C-10-201**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 73



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

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

32 **63C-10-102. Governor's Rural Partnership Board -- Creation -- Membership --**  
33 **Vacancies -- Chairs -- Expenses.**

34 (1) There is created the Governor's Rural Partnership Board composed of [~~11~~] 15  
35 members as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

44 (f) the chair of the Utah Rural Development Council; [~~and~~]

45 (g) a rural representative of agriculture;

46 (h) a rural representative of the travel industry;

47 (i) a representative of rural utilities; and

48 [~~(g) five~~] (j) six rural members appointed by the governor, at least [~~one~~] two of which  
49 shall be [~~a representative~~] representatives from [~~a~~] rural private business.

50 (2) (a) Except as required by Subsection (2)(b), board members identified in  
51 Subsections (1)(b), (c), [~~and~~] (g), (h), (i), and (j) shall be appointed for four-year terms.

52 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (2)(a), the governor shall, at the  
53 time of appointment or reappointment for members appointed under Subsection (1)[~~(g)~~] (j),  
54 adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of these members are staggered so that  
55 approximately half of these [~~five~~] six members are appointed every two years.

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

58 (d) Once initial board appointments are made pursuant to Subsection (1)[~~(g)~~] (j),

59 recommendations for filling vacancies for any reason of those [~~five~~] six board positions shall  
60 be made to the governor from a nominating committee consisting of:

61 (i) three individuals selected by the Steering Committee of the Rural Coordinating  
62 Committee; and

63 (ii) three individuals selected by the Governor's Rural Partnership Board from the Utah  
64 Rural Development Council membership.

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

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

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

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

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

71 (6) Members receive no compensation or benefits for their services on the board, but  
72 may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties  
73 at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

74 Section 2. Section **63C-10-201** is amended to read:

75 **63C-10-201. Rural Coordinating Committee -- Creation -- Membership -- Chair**  
76 **-- Vacancies -- Quorum -- Expenses.**

77 (1) There is created the Rural Coordinating Committee consisting of the following 13  
78 members:

79 (a) the [~~director~~] chair of the Office of Rural Development;

80 (b) the vice president for Utah State University Extension Services or the vice  
81 president's designee;

82 (c) the director of the Utah Rural Development Council;

83 (d) the director of the Utah Center for Rural Life;

84 (e) the executive director of the Utah Association of Counties or the executive  
85 director's designee;

86 (f) the executive director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns or the executive  
87 director's designee;

88 (g) a director of a rural Association of Counties or the director's designee;

89 (h) a representative from the Department of Natural Resources appointed by the

90 department;

91 (i) a representative from the Department of Agriculture and Food appointed by the  
92 department;

93 (j) the State Planning Coordinator;

94 (k) a representative from the Department of Workforce Services appointed by the  
95 department;

96 (l) a member of the State Board of Education, appointed by the board; and

97 (m) a member of the State Board of Regents, appointed by the board.

98 (2) (a) The director of the Office of Rural Development shall serve as committee  
99 cochair.

100 (b) The committee shall elect one of its other members to serve as cochair for a  
101 two-year term.

102 (3) (a) A member who is not serving ex officio shall be appointed for a four-year term  
103 and may be reappointed to subsequent terms.

104 (b) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of those appointed to four-year terms  
105 under Subsection (3)(a), the replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

106 (4) The committee shall meet at the call of the chairs, but at least once a year.

107 (5) (a) A majority of the members of the committee constitute a quorum.

108 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the committee.

109 (6) Committee members receive no compensation for their service on the committee.

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill could increase costs to the Governor's Office of Economic Development by \$1,000 annually.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.