

**Representative Keven J. Stratton** proposes the following substitute bill:

**RADON TASK FORCE**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton**

Senate Sponsor: Scott D. Sandall

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the Radon Task Force.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Radon Task Force;
- ▶ provides for the appointment of task force members;
- ▶ requires the task force to study and make recommendations on:
  - ways to increase public awareness about the risks of radon; and
  - ways to mitigate Utah residents' exposure to radon;
- ▶ requires the task force to 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:**



26 AMENDS:

27 63I-1-236, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 19

28 ENACTS:

29 36-29-108, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

32 Section 1. Section **36-29-108** is enacted to read:

33 **36-29-108. Radon Task Force.**

34 (1) As used in this section:

35 (a) "Committee" means the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim  
36 Committee.

37 (b) "Task force" means the Radon Task Force described in Subsection (2).

38 (2) There is created the Radon Task Force consisting of the following 11 members:

39 (a) two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate;

40 (b) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
41 House of Representatives;

42 (c) the executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, or the  
43 executive director's designee;

44 (d) the executive director of the Utah Department of Health, or the executive director's  
45 designee;

46 (e) the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources, or the executive  
47 director's designee if the designee possesses expertise in the field of geology; and

48 (f) the following four members appointed by the governor:

49 (i) one individual who possesses expertise in the field of radon testing and mitigation;

50 (ii) one individual who represents the real estate field;

51 (iii) one individual who represents the construction industry; and

52 (iv) one individual who represents a local health department.

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

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

57 (4) Each individual with authority to appoint an individual under Subsection (2), or to  
58 make a designation under Subsection (2), shall make the appointment or designation on or  
59 before May 30, 2021.

60 (5) (a) The individual who appointed a task force member may remove that task force  
61 member from the task force.

62 (b) If a task force member described in Subsection (2)(a) or (b) leaves the member's  
63 legislative office, the individual may not continue to serve as a task force member.

64 (c) A vacancy in a position appointed under Subsections (2)(a) through (e) shall be  
65 filled by appointing a replacement member in the same manner as the member creating the  
66 vacancy was appointed.

67 (6) (a) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum.

68 (b) The action of a quorum of the task force constitutes an action of the task force.

69 (7) Except as provided in Subsection (8), a task force member may not receive  
70 compensation or benefits for the member's service on the task force but may receive per diem  
71 and travel expenses incurred as a task force member in accordance with:

72 (a) Section [63A-3-106](#);

73 (b) Section [63A-3-107](#); and

74 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and  
75 [63A-3-107](#).

76 (8) Compensation and expenses of a task force member who is a legislator are  
77 governed by Section [36-2-2](#) and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator  
78 Compensation.

79 (9) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support  
80 to the task force.

81 (10) The task force shall study and make recommendations to the committee on:

82 (a) ways to increase public education and outreach regarding the risks of radon,  
83 consistent with best available science and taking into account divergent scientific views; and

84 (b) ways to mitigate Utah residents' exposure to radon based on a scientifically sound  
85 cost benefit analysis.

86 (11) The task force may recommend legislation to the committee.

87 (12) The task force shall convene its initial meeting on or before July 1, 2021.

88           (13) The task force shall provide a report to the committee during or before the  
89 November interim meeting in 2021.

90           (14) No later than the first interim meeting in 2022, the task force shall provide a final  
91 report to the committee.

92           (15) The task force shall ensure that each meeting of the task force complies with Title  
93 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

94           Section 2. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:

95           **63I-1-236. Repeal dates, Title 36.**

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

97           (2) Section **36-12-20** is repealed June 30, 2023.

98           (3) Title 36, Chapter 28, Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, is repealed  
99 January 1, 2025.

100           (4) Section **36-29-105** is repealed on December 31, 2020.

101           (5) Section **36-29-106** is repealed June 1, 2021.

102           (6) Section **36-29-108** is repealed on June 1, 2022.

103           ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Title 36, Chapter 31, Martha Hughes Cannon Capitol Statue Oversight  
104 Committee, is repealed January 1, 2022.