

Utah Olympics Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions of the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- modifies the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Act to reflect the award of the 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games to Utah and the shift from a bid committee to an organizing committee;
- modifies requirements for the Utah Olympic bid and organizing committee (host committee) and the host committee's relation to the Legislature's Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Coordination Committee;
- imposes requirements on the host committee;
- repeals provisions; and
- updates language and makes technical corrections.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63G-28-101, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 406

63G-28-201, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 14

63G-28-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 406

63G-28-203, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 14

63G-28-301, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 14

28 **63G-28-402**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 14

29 ENACTS:

30 **63G-28-403**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

31 REPEALS:

32 **63G-28-401**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 14

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

35 Section 1. Section **63G-28-101** is amended to read:

36 **63G-28-101 . Definitions.**

37 As used in this chapter:

38 (1)(a) "Corporation director" means a board member of the host committee who:

39 (i) has the authority to vote in board decisions;

40 (ii) is subject to the approval of the host representatives under Subsection
41 63G-28-403(1); and

42 (iii) is appointed by the board after a search conducted by the Nominations and
43 Governance Committee.

44 (b) "Corporation director" does not mean a board member of the host committee who
45 was appointed by, or serves as a board member as a result of the individual's
46 affiliation with:

47 (i) the International Olympic Committee;

48 (ii) the International Paralympic Committee; or

49 (iii) the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

50 ~~[(4)]~~ (2) "Division" means the Division of Facilities Construction and Management created
51 in Section 63A-5b-301.

52 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) "Fund" means the Olympic and Paralympic Venues Grant Fund.

53 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) "Games" means the [2030 or] 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

54 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) "Games committee" means the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games
55 Coordination Committee created in Section 63G-28-201.

56 ~~[(5) "Host agreement" means an agreement with a site selection committee that is made in~~
57 ~~connection with the selection of the state for the location of the games.]~~

58 ~~[(6) "Host assurance" means a written assurance to a site selection committee that is made~~
59 ~~in connection with the selection of the state for the location of the games.]~~

60 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) "Host committee" means a nonprofit corporation, including a successor in interest,
61 that[may]:

62 ~~[(a) provide an application and bid to a site selection committee for selection of the state~~
63 ~~as the location of the games; and]~~

64 ~~[(b)] (a) [execute an agreement with the United States Olympic and Paralympic~~
65 ~~Committee regarding a bid and the bid process to host the games.] has been awarded~~
66 ~~the authority to organize the games within the state; and~~

67 ~~(b) has the primary purpose of organizing and managing the games.~~

68 (7) "Host representatives" means the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker
69 of the House of Representatives.

70 [(8) "Site selection committee" means the International Olympic Committee or the
71 International Paralympic Committee.]

72 [(9) "State security" means a financial obligation undertaken by the state under a host
73 agreement.]

74 Section 2. Section **63G-28-201** is amended to read:

75 **63G-28-201 . Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Coordination Committee**
76 **-- Creation -- Membership -- Chairs -- Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.**

77 (1) There is created the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Coordination Committee to
78 review and advise the Legislature on issues related to the state's hosting of the games.

79 (2) The games committee consists of the following members:

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

82 (b) three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
83 House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political
84 party.

85 (3)(a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
86 under Subsection (2) as co-chair of the games committee.

87 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
88 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2) as co-chair of the games
89 committee.

90 (4)(a) A majority of the members of the games committee constitutes a quorum.

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

92 (5) A member of the games committee shall be paid salary and expenses in accordance with
93 Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

94 (6) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:

95 (a) provide staff support to the games committee;~~[-and]~~

(b) assist the games committee in the games committee's communications with the host committee regarding the host committee's activities in relation to the games and the requirements of this chapter; and

~~[(b)]~~ (c) consult with the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on fiscal issues reviewed by the games committee.

Section 3. Section **63G-28-202** is amended to read:

63G-28-202 . Games committee duties.

(1) The games committee shall:

(a) review issues related to:

(i) the state's ~~[bid to host or]~~ and the host committee's activities and finances involved in preparing for and coordinating the hosting of the games;

(ii) the impact of hosting the games on the state; and

(iii) any ~~[state security]~~ financial or public resource obligation undertaken by the state in relation to hosting the games;

(b) review a report provided to the games committee under Section 63G-28-203;

(c) review ~~[a host agreement or host assurance provided to the games committee under Section 63G-28-401]~~ any contract that legally binds the state or lists the state as a party; and

(d) make recommendations to the Legislature regarding ~~[a host agreement, a host assurance;]~~ the host committee and the state's role in hosting the games.

(2) The games committee may, during a regular meeting of the games committee, or a meeting scheduled by the games committee at the request of the division, provide recommendations regarding the fund and grants from the fund.

Section 4. Section **63G-28-203** is amended to read:

63G-28-203 . Host committee reports to games committee.

At least ~~[twice]~~ once each year and at the request of the games committee, the host committee shall, at the discretion of the chairs of the games committee, provide [a] either a verbal or written report to the games committee regarding:

(1) the ~~[state's bid]~~ the host committee's ongoing activities and preparations to host [or hosting of] the games;

(2) the projected budget for the games;~~[-and]~~

(3) the financial impact of the games on the state~~[-]~~ ; and

(4) any other activity or impact that is requested by the games committee.

Section 5. Section **63G-28-301** is amended to read:

63G-28-301 . Definitions.

As used in this part:

~~[(1) "Division" means the Division of Facilities Construction and Management created in Section 63A-5b-301.]~~

~~[(2)]~~ (1) "Fund" means the Olympic and Paralympic Venues Grant Fund.

~~[(3)]~~ (2) "Improve" or "improvements" means the replacement or addition to infrastructure, buildings, building components, or facility equipment.

~~[(4)]~~ (3) "Venue" means a facility:

(a) designed and currently approved under standards developed by a generally recognized sports federation to host world-class level, international winter sports competitions; and

(b) used for recreational, developmental, and competitive athletic training.

~~[(5)]~~ (4) "Venue operator" means a person who:

(a) operates a venue that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code; or

(b) owns a venue or operates a venue under contract with the public owner of the venue.

Section 6. Section **63G-28-402** is amended to read:

63G-28-402 . Host committee insurance agreements -- State liability under host committee agreements.

(1) The host committee shall:

(a) list the state as an additional insured on any insurance policy purchased by the host committee to be in effect in connection with the preparation for hosting and ~~[conduct of]~~ conducting the games; and

(b) include in any agreement signed by the host committee that the state is not liable for the host committee's failure to perform the duties under the agreement.

(2) An insurance policy or other agreement that violates Subsection (1) is void.

Section 7. Section **63G-28-403** is enacted to read:

63G-28-403 . Approval of certain positions of host committee -- Condition on use of state services or state resources.

(1) The host representatives shall approve the following individuals for the host committee:

(a) a chair;

(b) a vice chair; and

(c) a replacement corporation director.

(2) The approval required under Subsection (1) shall be a condition of receiving state

164 services or necessitating the use of state resources.

165 (3) The approval required under Subsection (1) is subject to any other legal or contractual
166 requirements governing the approval of directors of the host committee.

167 Section 8. **Repealer.**

168 This bill repeals:

169 Section **63G-28-401, Governor authority to execute host agreement -- Legislative notice.**

170 Section 9. **Effective Date.**

171 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.