

Utah-Ireland Trade Commission

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- creates the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission (trade commission) within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (office);
 - describes the membership, purpose, and duties of the trade commission;
 - provides that the office staff the trade commission;
 - requires an annual report;
 - authorizes the office to solicit funds for certain purposes and to account for those funds;
- and
- provides a sunset date of July 1, 2030.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates \$10,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, all of which is from the General Fund.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-2-263, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

ENACTS:

63N-22-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63N-22-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953

28 **63N-22-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31 Section 1. Section **63I-2-263** is amended to read:

32 **63I-2-263 . Repeal dates: Titles 63A through 63O.**

- 33 (1) Title 63A, Chapter 2, Part 5, Educational Interpretation and Translation Services
34 Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 35 (2) Section 63A-17-806, Definitions -- Infant at Work Pilot Program -- Administration --
36 Report, is repealed June 30, 2026.
- 37 (3) Section 63C-1-103, Appointment and terms of boards, committees, councils, and
38 commissions transitioning on October 1, 2024, or December 31, 2024, is repealed July
39 1, 2025.
- 40 (4) Section 63C-1-104, Appointment and terms of boards transitioning on October 1, 2024,
41 is repealed January 1, 2025.
- 42 (5) Title 63C, Chapter 29, Domestic Violence Data Task Force, is repealed October 1, 2024.
- 43 (6) Subsection 63G-6a-802(1)(e), regarding a procurement for a presidential debate, is
44 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 45 (7) Subsection 63G-6a-802(3)(b)(iii), regarding a procurement for a presidential debate, is
46 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 47 (8) Subsection 63H-7a-403(2)(b), regarding the charge to maintain the public safety
48 communications network, is repealed July 1, 2033.
- 49 (9) Subsection 63J-1-602.2(47), regarding appropriations to the State Tax Commission for
50 deferral reimbursements, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 51 (10) Section 63M-7-221, Expungement working group, is repealed April 30, 2025.
- 52 (11) Section 63M-7-504, Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board -- Members, is
53 repealed December 31, 2024.
- 54 (12) Section 63M-7-505, Board and office within Commission on Criminal and Juvenile
55 Justice, is repealed December 31, 2024.
- 56 (13) Title 63M, Chapter 7, Part 6, Utah Council on Victims of Crime, is repealed December
57 31, 2024.
- 58 (14) Subsection 63N-2-213(12)(a), regarding claiming a tax credit in the same taxable year
59 as the targeted business income tax credit, is repealed December 31, 2024.
- 60 (15) Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 3, Targeted Business Income Tax Credit in an Enterprise
61 Zone, is repealed December 31, 2024.

(16) Title 63N, Chapter 22, Part 1, Utah-Ireland Trade Commission, is repealed July 1, 2030.

Section 2. Section **63N-22-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 22. UTAH-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION

Part 1. Utah-Ireland Trade Commission

63N-22-101 . Utah-Ireland Trade Commission - - Creation -- Membership -- Chairs -- Terms -- Per diem and expenses.

(1) As used in this part, "trade commission" means the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission created in this part.

(2) There is created in the office the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission.

(3) The trade commission membership consists of 11 members:

(a) six members to be selected as follows:

(i) three members from the House of Representatives, including:

(A) two selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(B) one selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives in consultation with the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(ii) three members from the Senate, including:

(A) two selected by the president of the Senate; and

(B) one selected by the president of the Senate in consultation with the minority leader of the Senate; and

(b) five members to be appointed by the executive director of the office, including:

(i) two members from the office who shall oversee the following trade commission activities in accordance with Section 63N-22-102:

(A) diplomatic relations; and

(B) coordination of office program resources to support the purpose described in Section 63N-22-102;

(ii) two members of the World Trade Center, who shall oversee the following trade commission activities:

(A) international programming; and

(B) trade promotion; and

(iii) one member from an institution of higher education, as that term is defined in Section 53B-1-102.

(4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), each member shall serve a two-year term.

- (b) When a vacancy occurs for a member selected under Subsection (3)(a), the replacement shall be selected for the unexpired term.
- (c) The executive director shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of these members are staggered so that approximately half of the members are appointed or reappointed under Subsection (3) every two years.
- (d) When a vacancy occurs among members appointed by the executive director, the replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term.
- (5) For a member appointed under Subsections (3)(b)(i) and (ii):
- (a) one member from the office and one member from the World Trade Center shall serve a one-year term; and
- (b) one member from the office and one member from the World Trade Center shall serve a two-year term.
- (6) A majority of the trade commission members constitutes a quorum.
- (7) The trade commission shall designate, by majority vote, a member as chair of the trade commission.
- (8)(a) State government officer and employee members who do not receive salary, per diem, or expenses from the government officer's or employee's agency for service on the trade commission may receive per diem and expenses at the rates incurred in the performance of official trade commission duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- (b) Legislators on the trade commission receive compensation and expenses as provided by law and legislative rule.
- (9) The office shall provide office space and administrative staff support for the trade commission.

Section 3. Section **63N-22-102** is enacted to read:

63N-22-102 . Purpose and duties of the trade commission - - Written report.

- (1) The purpose of the trade commission shall be to:
- (a) advance bilateral trade and investment between Utah and Ireland;
- (b) initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to Utah and Ireland;
- (c) promote business and academic exchanges between Utah and Ireland;
- (d) encourage mutual economic support between Utah and Ireland; and
- (e) encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of Utah and Ireland.
- (2) The trade commission shall:

- (a) maintain active communication with:
 (i) the office of the United States trade representative;
 (ii) Utah's state trade representative or state point of contact, if created; and
 (iii) any other organization whose mission involves international trade in the United States as the trade commission considers appropriate; and

(b) have no more than four paid meetings per year.

- (3) Beginning in 2026, and no later than July 1 of each year, the trade commission shall issue a written report to the governor and the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee regarding the trade commission's activities in the preceding year and any recommendations to further trade and good relations between Utah and Ireland.

Section 4. Section **63N-22-103** is enacted to read:

63N-22-103 . Solicitation of funds.

- (1) The office shall be authorized to raise funds as described in this section to:
 (a) defray administrative expenses; and
 (b) carry out the trade commission's purposes.
 (2) The office may:
 (a) raise funds through direct solicitation or other fund-raising events, alone or with other groups; and
 (b) accept gifts, grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, governmental agencies, and public and private organizations and institutions.
 (3) The office shall maintain and separately account for the funds received and expended under this section.

Section 5. FY 2026 Appropriations.

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2026.

Subsection 5(a). Operating and Capital Budgets

Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

ITEM 1 To Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity - Economic Prosperity

From General Fund, One-time

10,000

Schedule of Programs:

163	Incentives and Grants	10,000
164	Section 6. Effective Date.	
165	<u>This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.</u>	