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Utah-Ireland Trade Commission
2025 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper
House Sponsor:

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 {~~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;and
- ▶ authorizes the {~~commission~~} office to solicit funds for certain purposes{;} and to account for those funds.
- ▶ {~~creates the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission Restricted Account; and~~}
- ▶ {~~provides that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel staff the commission.~~}

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15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

- 16 ▸ **This bill appropriates \$10,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, all**
17 **of**
which is from the General Fund.
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18 None

21 ENACTS:

21 ~~{36-36-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953}~~

22 ~~{36-36-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953}~~

23 ~~{36-36-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953}~~

24 ~~{36-36-104, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953}~~

25 ~~{36-36-105, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953}~~

22 **63N-22-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953**

23 **63N-22-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953**

24 **63N-22-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953**

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

28 Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:

29 **CHAPTER 35. UTAH-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION**

30 **36-36-101. Utah-Ireland Trade Commission - - Creation -- Membership -- Chairs -- Terms --**
Per diem and expenses.

32 (1) The commission membership consists of 11 members:

33 (a) seven members to be selected as follows:

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

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

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

38 (ii) three members from the Senate, including:

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

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

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- 42 (b) four members to be appointed by the governor, including:
- 43 (i) two members from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, who shall be the executive
director and executive director's designee and who shall oversee the following commission activities
in accordance with Section 63N-19-102:
- 46 (A) diplomatic relations;
- 47 (B) business travel; and
- 48 (C) corporate recruitment;
- 49 (ii) one member of the public who represents the Irish-American community in Utah; and
- 51 (iii) one member from:
- 52 (A) the Department of Workforce Services; or
- 53 (B) an institution of higher education, as that term is defined in Section 53B-1-102.
- 54 (2)
- . (a) Each member shall serve a two-year term.
- 55 (b) When a vacancy occurs for a member selected under Subsection (2)(a), the replacement shall be
selected for the unexpired term.
- 57 (c) Notwithstanding the requirement of Subsection (3)(a), the governor 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)(d)
every two years.
- 61 (d) When a vacancy occurs among members appointed by the governor, the replacement shall be
appointed for the unexpired term.
- 63 (3) A majority of the commission members constitutes a quorum.
- 64 (4) The commission shall designate, by majority vote, a member as chair of the commission.
- 65 (5)
- . (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 commission may receive per
diem and expenses at the rates incurred in the performance of official commission duties at the rates
established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- 70 (b) Legislators on the commission receive compensation and expenses as provided by law and
legislative rule.

72 Section 2. Section 2 is enacted to read:

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73 **36-36-102. Purpose and duties of the commission - - Written report.**

74 (1) The purpose of the commission shall be to:

75 (a) advance bilateral trade and investment between Utah and Ireland;

76 (b) initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to Utah and Ireland;

77 (c) promote business and academic exchanges between Utah and Ireland;

78 (d) encourage mutual economic support between Utah and Ireland; and

79 (e) encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of Utah and Ireland.

80 (2) The commission shall:

81 (a) comply with the rules of legislative interim committees unless those rules conflict with this section;

83 (b) study and make recommendations to the Legislature concerning:

84 (i) the impact of international treaties adopted by the United States Senate on the Legislature's
constitutional powers to regulate state affairs, both public and private;

86 (ii) the creation, duties and powers, and oversight of a state trade representative or state point of contact;
and

88 (iii) the promotion of Utah-Ireland trade;

89 (c) maintain active communication with:

90 (i) the office of the United States trade representative;

91 (ii) Utah's congressional delegation;

92 (iii) Utah's state trade representative or state point of contact, if created; and

93 (iv) any other organization whose mission involves international trade in the United States as the
commission considers appropriate;

95 (d) solicit funding to allow the commission to visit Ireland without incurring expense to the taxpayer, as
described in Section 36-36-103; and

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

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

102 Section 3. Section 3 is enacted to read:

103 **36-36-103. Solicitation of funds.**

104 (1) The commission shall be authorized to raise funds as described in this section to:

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- 105 (a) defray administrative expenses; and
106 (b) carry out the commission's purposes.
107 (2) The commission may:
108 (a) raise funds through direct solicitation or other fund-raising events, alone or with other groups; and
110 (b) accept gifts, grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, governmental
agencies, and public and private organizations and institutions.
112 (3) All funds received by the commission shall be deposited in the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission
Restricted Account created in Section 36-36-104.

114 Section 4. Section 4 is enacted to read:

115 **36-36-104. Utah-Ireland Trade Commission Restricted Account.**

- 116 (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the Utah-Ireland Trade
Commission Restricted Account.
118 (2) The account consists of:
119 (a) money deposited into the account, as required by Section 36-36-103; and
120 (b) appropriations made by the Legislature.
121 (3) The Legislature may annually appropriate money from the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission
Restricted Account to fund the activities of the commission described in Section 36-35-102.

124 Section 5. Section 5 is enacted to read:

125 **36-36-105. Staff Support.**

The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall staff the commission.

27 Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:

28 **CHAPTER 22. UTAH-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION**

29 **63N-22-101. Utah-Ireland Trade Commission - - Creation -- Membership -- Chairs -- Terms** **-- Per diem and expenses.**

- 31 (1) As used in this part, "trade commission" means the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission created in this
part.
33 (2) There is created in the office the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission.
34 (3) The trade commission membership consists of 11 members:
35 (a) six members to be selected as follows:
36 (i) three members from the House of Representatives, including:
37 (A) two selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives; and

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- 38 (B) one selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives in consultation with the minority leader
of the House of Representatives;
- 40 (ii) three members from the Senate, including:
- 41 (A) two selected by the president of the Senate; and
- 42 (B) one selected by the president of the Senate in consultation with the minority leader of the Senate;
and
- 44 (b) five members to be appointed by the executive director of the office, including:
- 45 (i) two members from the office who shall oversee the following trade commission activities in
accordance with Section 63N-22-102:
- 47 (A) diplomatic relations; and
- 48 (B) coordination of office program resources to support the purpose described in Section 63N-22-102;
- 50 (ii) two members of the World Trade Center, who shall oversee the following trade commission
activities:
- 52 (A) international programming; and
- 53 (B) trade promotion; and
- 54 (iii) one member from an institution of higher education, as that term is defined in Section 53B-1-102.
- 56 (4)
- . (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), each member shall serve a two-year term.
- 57 (b) When a vacancy occurs for a member selected under Subsection (3)(a), the replacement shall be
selected for the unexpired term.
- 59 (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.
- 63 (d) When a vacancy occurs among members appointed by the executive director, the replacement shall
be appointed for the unexpired term.
- 65 (5) For a member appointed under Subsections (3)(b)(i) and (ii):
- 66 (a) one member from the office and one member from the World Trade Center shall serve a one-year
term; and
- 68 (b) one member from the office and one member from the World Trade Center shall serve a two-year
term.
- 70 (6) A majority of the trade commission members constitutes a quorum.

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71 (7) The trade commission shall designate, by majority vote, a member as chair of the trade commission.

73 (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.

78 (b) Legislators on the trade commission receive compensation and expenses as provided by law and legislative rule.

80 (9) The office shall provide office space and administrative staff support for the trade commission.

82 Section 2. Section 2 is enacted to read:

83 **63N-22-102. Purpose and duties of the trade commission - - Written report.**

84 (1) The purpose of the trade commission shall be to:

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86 (b) initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to Utah and Ireland;

87 (c) promote business and academic exchanges between Utah and Ireland;

88 (d) encourage mutual economic support between Utah and Ireland; and

89 (e) encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of Utah and Ireland.

90 (2) The trade commission shall:

91 (a) maintain active communication with:

92 (i) the office of the United States trade representative;

93 (ii) Utah's state trade representative or state point of contact, if created; and

94 (iii) any other organization whose mission involves international trade in the United States as the trade commission considers appropriate; and

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

97 (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.

102 Section 3. Section 3 is enacted to read:

103 **63N-22-103. Solicitation of funds.**

104 (1) The office shall be authorized to raise funds as described in this section to:

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

114 Section . **FY 2026 Appropriations.**

115 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
116 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
117 fiscal year 2026.

118 Subsection 4(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

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

122 To Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity - Economic Prosperity

123 10,000

124 Schedule of Programs:

125 10,000

126 Section 5. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

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