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Utah Olympics Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

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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;

- provides for modifications to the Utah Olympic bid and organizing committee (also referred to as the host committee) and its relation to the Legislature's Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Coordination Committee (also referred to as the games 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

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

ENACTS:

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31 **63G-28-403**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

32 REPEALS:

33 **63G-28-401**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 14

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

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

37 **63G-28-101 . Definitions.**

38 As used in this chapter:

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

41 (2) "Fund" means the Olympic and Paralympic Venues Grant Fund.

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

43 (4) "Games committee" means the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Coordination
44 Committee created in Section 63G-28-201.

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

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

49 ~~[(7)]~~ (5) "Host committee" means a nonprofit corporation, including a successor in interest,
50 that ~~[may]~~:

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

53 ~~[(b)]~~ (a) ~~[execute an agreement]~~ has executed a contract with the United States Olympic
54 and Paralympic Committee ~~[regarding a bid and the bid process]~~ to host the games ~~[.]~~
55 in the state; and

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

57 ~~[(8) "Site selection committee" means the International Olympic Committee or the
58 International Paralympic Committee.]~~

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

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

62 **63G-28-201 . Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Coordination Committee**
63 **-- Creation -- Membership -- Chairs -- Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.**

64 (1) There is created the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Coordination Committee to

- 65 review and advise the Legislature on issues related to the state's hosting of the games.
- 66 (2) The games committee consists of the following members:
- 67 (a) three members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
- 68 two of whom may be from the same political party; and
- 69 (b) three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
- 70 House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political
- 71 party.
- 72 (3)(a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
- 73 under Subsection (2) as co-chair of the games committee.
- 74 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
- 75 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2) as co-chair of the games
- 76 committee.
- 77 (4)(a) A majority of the members of the games committee constitutes a quorum.
- 78 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes action of the games committee.
- 79 (5) A member of the games committee shall be paid salary and expenses in accordance with
- 80 Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.
- 81 (6) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:
- 82 (a) provide staff support to the games committee;~~[-and]~~
- 83 (b) assist the games committee in the games committee's communications with the host
- 84 committee regarding the host committee's activities in relation to the games and the
- 85 requirements of this chapter; and
- 86 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) consult with the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on fiscal issues
- 87 reviewed by the games committee.
- 88 Section 3. Section **63G-28-202** is amended to read:
- 89 **63G-28-202 . Games committee duties.**
- 90 (1) The games committee shall:
- 91 (a) review issues related to:
- 92 (i) the state's ~~[bid to host or]~~ and the host committee's activities and finances involved
- 93 in preparing for and coordinating the hosting of the games;
- 94 (ii) the impact of hosting the games on the state; and
- 95 (iii) any ~~[state security]~~ financial or public resource obligation undertaken by the state
- 96 in relation to hosting the games;
- 97 (b) review a report provided to the games committee under Section 63G-28-203;
- 98 (c) review ~~[a host agreement or host assurance provided to the games committee under~~

99 ~~Section 63G-28-401]~~ any contract that legally binds the host committee and the state,
 100 or list the host committee and the state as parties; and

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

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

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

107 **63G-28-203 . Host committee reports to games committee.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

117 **63G-28-301 . Definitions.**

118 As used in this part:

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

121 [~~(2)]~~ (1) "Fund" means the Olympic and Paralympic Venues Grant Fund.

122 [~~(3)]~~ (2) "Improve" or "improvements" means the replacement or addition to infrastructure,
 123 buildings, building components, or facility equipment.

124 [~~(4)]~~ (3) "Venue" means a facility:

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

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

129 [~~(5)]~~ (4) "Venue operator" means a person who:

130 (a) operates a venue that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section
 131 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code; or

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

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

134 **63G-28-402 . Host committee insurance agreements -- State liability under host**
 135 **committee agreements -- Approval of directors.**

136 (1)(a) The host committee shall:

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

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

142 [(2)] (b) An insurance policy or other agreement that violates Subsection (1)(a) is void.

143 (2) Because the state may be required to expend public resources or finances in relation to
 144 the hosting and performance of the games, and because of the potential for multiple
 145 impacts on the state in relation to hosting of the games, the state has an interest in the
 146 activities and performance of the host committee. Accordingly, any individual who is
 147 proposed to serve as a director for the host committee shall be approved by the governor,
 148 the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives before that
 149 individual receives final approval for the position from the host committee.

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

151 **63G-28-403 . Approval of directors of host committee.**

152 (1) Because of the potential for multiple impacts on the state in relation to hosting the
 153 games, the state has an interest in the activities and performance of the host committee.
 154 Accordingly, as a condition of receiving state services or necessitating the use of state
 155 resources, an individual who is proposed to serve as a director for the host committee
 156 shall be approved by the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the
 157 House of Representatives before that individual receives final approval for the position
 158 from the host committee.

159 (2) The approval required in Subsection (1) is subject to any other legal or contractual
 160 requirements governing the approval of directors of the host committee.

161 Section 8. **Repealer.**

162 This bill repeals:

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

164 Section 9. **Effective Date.**

165 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.