

Jon Hawkins proposes the following substitute bill:

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Utah Olympics Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

Senate Sponsor:

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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

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

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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

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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~~]
- 96 (b) assist the games committee in the games committee's communications with the host

97 committee regarding the host committee's activities in relation to the games and the
 98 requirements of this chapter; and

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

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

102 **63G-28-202 . Games committee duties.**

103 (1) The games committee shall:

104 (a) review issues related to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

120 **63G-28-203 . Host committee reports to games committee.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

130 **63G-28-301 . Definitions.**

131 As used in this part:

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

134 [(2)] (1) "Fund" means the Olympic and Paralympic Venues Grant Fund.

135 [(3)] (2) "Improve" or "improvements" means the replacement or addition to infrastructure,
136 buildings, building components, or facility equipment.

137 [(4)] (3) "Venue" means a facility:

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

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

142 [(5)] (4) "Venue operator" means a person who:

143 (a) operates a venue that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section
144 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code; or

145 (b) owns a venue or operates a venue under contract with the public owner of the venue.
146 Section 6. Section **63G-28-402** is amended to read:

147 **63G-28-402 . Host committee insurance agreements -- State liability under host**
148 **committee agreements.**

149 (1) The host committee shall:

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

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

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

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

157 **63G-28-403 . Approval of certain positions of host committee -- Condition on use**
158 **of state services or state resources.**

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

160 (a) a chair;

161 (b) a vice chair; and

162 (c) a replacement corporation director.

163 (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.