

**Bridger Bolinder** proposes the following substitute bill:

**Transient Room Tax Amendments**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the transient room tax and creates the Outdoor Recreation Mitigation Grant Program.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms and modifies definitions;
- modifies the acceptable uses of transient room tax revenue;
- authorizes a county to enter into an interlocal agreement with a municipality within the county to share county transient room tax revenue;
- modifies reporting requirements on counties that impose transient room tax;
- provides that certain municipalities may appoint board members to a tourism tax advisory board;
- requires the state auditor to review a county's report on transient room tax and determine if the report is sufficient and compliant;
- modifies the maximum county tax rate on short-term rentals of tourist home, hotel, motel, or trailer court accommodations and services for counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth class;
- extends an earmark on certain transient room tax revenue for a county of the first class;
- modifies the state tax rate on short-term rentals of tourist home, hotel, motel, or trailer court accommodations and services;
- imposes an additional state tax on short-term rentals of tourist home, hotel, motel, or trailer court accommodations and services that take place within a county of the first class;
- directs the State Tax Commission to distribute certain revenue the state collects on short-term rentals of tourist home, hotel, motel, or trailer court accommodations and

- 29 services;
- 30       ▸ extends the sunset on the State Search and Rescue Advisory Board;
- 31       ▸ creates a sunset review;
- 32       ▸ modifies the uses of the Transient Room Tax Fund;
- 33       ▸ establishes an outdoor recreation mitigation grant program within the Division of Outdoor
- 34 Recreation;
- 35       ▸ creates the Outdoor Recreation Mitigation Grant Fund;
- 36       ▸ describes the criteria to apply for and receive an outdoor recreation mitigation grant;
- 37       ▸ describes the acceptable uses of an outdoor recreation mitigation grant;
- 38       ▸ requires the Division of Outdoor Recreation to provide a written report annually to the
- 39 Revenue and Taxation and Political Subdivisions Interim committees;
- 40       ▸ repeals the sunset date on the Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Health
- 41 Insurance Program; and
- 42       ▸ makes technical and conforming changes.

43 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

44 None

45 **Other Special Clauses:**

46 This bill provides a special effective date.

47 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

48 AMENDS:

- 49 **17-31-2**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 15
- 50 **17-31-5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 360
- 51 **17-31-5.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 479
- 52 **17-31-8**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 68
- 53 **17-36-37**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 288
- 54 **59-12-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283
- 55 **59-28-102**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 166
- 56 **59-28-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 68
- 57 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5
- 58 **63I-1-259**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5
- 59 **63N-3-403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 268
- 60 **67-3-12**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 16, 502
- 61 **79-7-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

62 ENACTS:

63        **79-9-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953  
 64        **79-9-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953  
 65        **79-9-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953  
 66        **79-9-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953  
 67        **79-9-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953  
 68        **79-9-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953  
 69        **79-9-203**, Utah Code Annotated 1953  
 70        **79-9-301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

73            Section 1. Section **17-31-2** is amended to read:

74            **17-31-2 . Purposes of transient room tax and expenditure of revenue -- Purchase**  
 75        **or lease of facilities -- Mitigating impacts of recreation, tourism, or conventions --**  
 76        **Issuance of bonds.**

77        (1) As used in this section:

78            [~~(a) "Aircraft" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-10-102.]~~

79            [~~(b)~~] (a) "Airport" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-10-102.

80            [~~(c)~~] (e) "Airport authority" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-10-102.]

81            [~~(d)~~] (b) "Airport operator" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-10-102.

82            (c) "Establishing and promoting" means an activity or related expense to encourage,  
 83            solicit, advertise, or market in order to attract or enhance transient guest spending in a  
 84            county for a purpose described in Subsection (3)(a).

85            (d) "Mitigation" means activity to address the direct impacts of tourism, recreation  
 86            related to tourism, or conventions in a county, specifically sanitation and solid waste  
 87            disposal, emergency medical services, search and rescue services, law enforcement,  
 88            road repair, and road upgrades.

89            (e) "Base year revenue" means the amount of revenue generated by a transient room tax  
 90            and collected by a county for fiscal year 2018-19.]

91            [~~(f) "Base year promotion expenditure" means the amount of revenue generated by a~~  
 92            ~~transient room tax that a county spent for the purpose described in Subsection (2)(a)~~  
 93            ~~during fiscal year 2018-19.]~~

94            [~~(g) "Eligible town" means a town that:]~~

95            [~~(i) is located within a county that has a national park within or partially within the~~  
 96            ~~county's boundaries; and]~~

- 97           ~~[(ii) imposes a resort communities tax authorized by Section 59-12-401.]~~
- 98           ~~[(h) "Emergency medical services provider" means an eligible town, a special district, or~~
- 99           ~~a special service district.]~~
- 100          ~~[(i) "Tourism" means an activity to develop, encourage, solicit, or market tourism that~~
- 101           ~~attracts transient guests to the county, including planning, development, and~~
- 102           ~~advertising for the purpose described in Subsection (2)(a)(i).]~~
- 103          ~~[(j) "Town" means a municipality that is classified as a town in accordance with Section~~
- 104           ~~10-2-301.]~~
- 105          ~~[(k) (e) "Transient room tax" means a tax at a rate not to exceed [4.25%] the relevant rate~~
- 106           ~~authorized by Section 59-12-301.~~
- 107          (2) Subject to the requirements of this section, a county legislative body may impose the
- 108           transient room tax for a purpose described in Subsection (3).
- 109          (3) ~~[for the purposes of]~~ A county legislative body may expend revenue generated by the
- 110           transient room tax imposed under this section and any revenue the county receives from
- 111           the State Tax Commission under Section 59-28-103 only:
- 112          (a) for the purpose of establishing and promoting:
- 113           (i) tourism;~~[-or]~~
- 114           (ii) recreation~~[-]~~ ;
- 115           ~~(iii)~~ film production[-and] ; or
- 116           ~~(iv)~~ conventions;
- 117          (b) to pay for tourism- or recreation-related facilities in the county, including acquiring,
- 118           leasing, constructing, furnishing, maintaining, or operating:
- 119           (i) convention meeting rooms;
- 120           (ii) exhibit halls;
- 121           (iii) visitor information centers;
- 122           (iv) museums;
- 123           (v) sports and recreation facilities including practice fields, stadiums, ~~[and]~~ arenas,
- 124           and trails;
- 125           ~~[(vi) related facilities;]~~
- 126           ~~[(vii) (vi) [if a national park is located within or partially within the county's~~
- 127           ~~boundaries,]~~ the following on any route to a recreation destination within the
- 128           county, as designated by the county legislative body:
- 129           (A) transit service, including shuttle service; and
- 130           (B) parking infrastructure; and

- 131           ~~[(viii)]~~ (vii) an airport, if[~~:~~]
- 132           ~~[(A) the county is a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class; and]~~
- 133           ~~[(B)]~~ the county is the airport operator of the airport;
- 134       (c) for the purpose of acquiring land, leasing land, or making payments for construction
- 135           or infrastructure improvements required for or related to the [purposes] facilities listed
- 136           in Subsection [(2)(b)] (3)(b);
- 137       (d) ~~[as required to mitigate the impacts of recreation, tourism, or conventions in counties~~
- 138           ~~of the fourth, fifth, and sixth class, paying for]~~ to pay mitigation costs, specifically:
- 139           (i) solid waste disposal operations;
- 140           (ii) emergency medical services;
- 141           (iii) search and rescue activities;
- 142           (iv) law enforcement activities; and
- 143           (v) road repair and upgrade of:
- 144               (A) class B roads, as defined in Section 72-3-103;
- 145               (B) class C roads, as defined in Section 72-3-104; or
- 146               (C) class D roads, as defined in Section 72-3-105; and
- 147       (e) ~~[making]~~ to make the annual payment of principal, interest, premiums, and necessary
- 148           reserves for any of the aggregate of bonds authorized under Subsection ~~[(5)]~~ (4).
- 149       ~~[(3)(a) The county legislative body of a county that imposes a transient room tax at a~~
- 150           ~~rate of 3% or less may expend the revenue generated as provided in Subsection (4),~~
- 151           ~~after making any reduction required by Subsection (6).]~~
- 152       ~~[(b) The county legislative body of a county that imposes a transient room tax at a rate~~
- 153           ~~that exceeds 3% or increases the rate of transient room tax above 3% may expend:]~~
- 154           ~~[(i) the revenue generated from the transient room tax at a rate of 3% as provided in~~
- 155               ~~Subsection (4), after making any reduction required by Subsection (6); and]~~
- 156           ~~[(ii) the revenue generated from the portion of the rate that exceeds 3%:]~~
- 157               ~~[(A) for any combination of the purposes described in Subsections (2) and (5); and]~~
- 158               ~~[(B) regardless of the limitation on expenditures for the purposes described in~~
- 159                   ~~Subsection (4).]~~
- 160       ~~[(4) Subject to Subsections (6) and (7), a county may not expend more than 1/3 of the~~
- 161           ~~revenue generated by a rate of transient room tax that does not exceed 3%, for any~~
- 162           ~~combination of the purposes described in Subsections (2)(b) through (2)(e).]~~
- 163       ~~[(5)]~~ (4)~~[(a)]~~ The county legislative body may issue bonds or cause bonds to be issued, as
- 164           permitted by law, to pay all or part of any costs incurred for the purposes set forth in

165 Subsections ~~[(2)(b)]~~ (3)(b) through ~~[(2)(d)]~~ (3)(d) that are permitted to be paid from  
166 bond proceeds.

167 ~~[(b) If a county legislative body does not need the revenue generated by the transient~~  
168 ~~room tax for payment of principal, interest, premiums, and reserves on bonds issued~~  
169 ~~as provided in Subsection (2)(e), the county legislative body shall expend that~~  
170 ~~revenue for the purposes described in Subsection (2), subject to the limitation of~~  
171 ~~Subsection (4).]~~

172 ~~[(6)(a) In addition to the purposes described in Subsection (2), a county legislative body:]~~

173 ~~[(i) may expend up to 4% of the total revenue generated by a transient room tax to~~  
174 ~~pay a provider for emergency medical services in one or more eligible towns; and]~~

175 ~~[(ii) may expend up to 10% of the total revenue generated by a transient room tax for~~  
176 ~~visitor management and destination development if:]~~

177 ~~[(A) a national park is located within or partially within the county's boundaries;~~  
178 ~~and]~~

179 ~~[(B) the county's tourism tax advisory board created under Subsection~~  
180 ~~17-31-8(1)(a) or the substantially similar body as described in Subsection~~  
181 ~~17-31-8(1)(b) has prioritized and recommended the use of the revenue in~~  
182 ~~accordance with Subsection 17-31-8(4).]~~

183 ~~[(b) A county legislative body shall reduce the amount that the county is authorized to~~  
184 ~~expend for the purposes described in Subsection (4) by subtracting the amount of~~  
185 ~~transient room tax revenue expended in accordance with Subsection (6)(a) from the~~  
186 ~~amount of revenue described in Subsection (4).]~~

187 ~~[(7)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), a county legislative body in a county of~~  
188 ~~the fourth, fifth, or sixth class shall expend the revenue generated by a transient room~~  
189 ~~tax as follows:]~~

190 ~~[(i) an amount equal to the county's base year promotion expenditure for the purpose~~  
191 ~~described in Subsection (2)(a)(i);]~~

192 ~~[(ii) an amount equal to the difference between the county's base year revenue and~~  
193 ~~the county's base year promotion expenditure in accordance with Subsections (3)~~  
194 ~~through (6); and]~~

195 ~~[(iii)(A) 37% of the revenue that exceeds the county's base year revenue for the~~  
196 ~~purpose described in Subsection (2)(a)(i); and]~~

197 ~~[(B) subject to Subsection (7)(c), 63% of the revenue that exceeds the county's~~  
198 ~~base year revenue for any combination of the purposes described in~~

199                   Subsections (2)(a)(ii) through (e) or to pay an emergency medical services  
200                   provider for emergency medical services in one or more eligible towns.]

201       [(b) A county legislative body in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class with one or  
202       more national recreation areas administered by the National Park Service or the  
203       Forest Service or national parks within or partially within the county's boundaries  
204       shall expend the revenue generated by a transient room tax as follows:]

205       [(i) for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(a) and subject to the limitation  
206       described in Subsection (7)(d), the greater of:]

207               [(A) an amount equal to the county's base year promotion expenditure; or]

208               [(B) 37% of the transient room tax revenue; and]

209       [(ii) the remainder of the transient room tax not expended in accordance with  
210       Subsection (7)(b)(i) for any combination of the purposes described in Subsection  
211       (2) and, subject to the limitation described in Subsection (7)(c), Subsection (6).]

212       [(e) A county legislative body in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class may not:]

213               [(i) expend more than 4% of the revenue generated by a transient room tax to pay an  
214               emergency medical services provider for emergency medical services in one or  
215               more eligible towns; or]

216               [(ii) expend revenue generated by a transient room tax for the purpose described in  
217               Subsection (2)(e) in an amount that exceeds the county's base year promotion  
218               expenditure.]

219       [(d) A county legislative body may not expend more than 1/5 of the revenue described in  
220       Subsection (7)(b)(i) for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii).]

221       [(e) The provisions of this Subsection (7) apply notwithstanding any other provision of  
222       this section.]

223       [(f) If the total amount of revenue generated by a transient room tax in a county of the  
224       fourth, fifth, or sixth class is less than the county's base year promotion expenditure:]

225               [(i) Subsections (7)(a) through (d) do not apply; and]

226               [(ii) the county legislative body shall expend the revenue generated by the transient  
227               room tax in accordance with Subsections (3) through (6).]

228       (5)(a) Activity described in Subsection (3)(a) is exclusive of activity described in  
229       Subsection (3)(b) or (c).

230       (b) A county may not distribute revenue generated by the transient room tax imposed  
231       under this section to a large public transit district, as that term is defined in Section  
232       17B-2a-802.

- 233 (6) A county that generates \$1 million or more in revenue from a transient room tax  
 234 imposed under this section in the preceding calendar year:  
 235 (a) shall expend, at a minimum, the revenue the county generates from the first 2% of  
 236 the tax rate of a transient room tax on a purpose described in Subsection (3)(a); and  
 237 (b) may expend the remainder of the revenue the county generates from a transient room  
 238 tax on any purpose described in Subsection (3).
- 239 (7) A county that generates \$500,000 or more but less than \$1 million in revenue from a  
 240 transient room tax imposed under this section in the preceding calendar year:  
 241 (a) shall expend, at a minimum, the revenue the county generates from the first 1% of  
 242 the tax rate of a transient room tax on a purpose described in Subsection (3)(a); and  
 243 (b) may expend the remainder of the revenue the county generates from a transient room  
 244 tax on any purpose described in Subsection (3).
- 245 (8) A county that is not described in Subsection (6) or (7) may expend the revenue the  
 246 county generates from a transient room tax on any purpose described in Subsection (3).
- 247 (9) The legislative body of a county may cause revenue generated by a transient room tax to  
 248 be expended by a municipality within the county if:  
 249 (a) the revenue the county shares with the municipality is not required to be spent by the  
 250 county for a purpose described in Subsection (3)(a);  
 251 (b) the county and municipality enter into an interlocal agreement:  
 252 (i) governing the use of the revenue; and  
 253 (ii) requiring the municipality to report the municipality's expenditures of the revenue  
 254 to the county; and  
 255 (c) the municipality receiving revenue generated by the county's transient room tax  
 256 agrees to and expends the revenue for a purpose described in Subsection (3).
- 257 Section 2. Section **17-31-5** is amended to read:
- 258 **17-31-5 . General powers and duties of a county legislative body related to the**  
 259 **transient room tax.**
- 260 (1) The legislative body of each county that imposes a transient room tax in accordance  
 261 with Section 17-31-2:  
 262 (a) shall, except as provided in Subsection (2), at least annually consider the priorities  
 263 and recommendations of the county's tourism tax advisory board created under  
 264 Subsection 17-31-8(1)(a) or the substantially similar body as described in Subsection  
 265 17-31-8(1)(b) in one or more public meetings before finalizing decisions on  
 266 expenditures of revenue from the transient room tax in each fiscal year;

267 (b) shall prepare and provide the annual written report for each fiscal year as described  
 268 in Section 17-31-5.5; and

269 (c) may do and perform any and all other acts and things necessary, [~~convenient,~~]  
 270 desirable, or appropriate to carry out the provisions of [~~Sections 17-31-2 through~~  
 271 ~~17-31-5.5] this chapter.~~

272 (2) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to the legislative body of a county if:

273 (a) the legislative body of the county has entered into a written contract with a  
 274 substantially similar body to a tourism tax advisory board as described in Subsection  
 275 17-31-8(1)(b); and

276 (b) the written contract described in Subsection (2)(a) clearly delineates how the  
 277 expenditures of revenue from the transient room tax are to be spent.

278 Section 3. Section **17-31-5.5** is amended to read:

279 **17-31-5.5 . Report by county legislative body -- Content.**

280 (1) The legislative body of each county that imposes a transient room tax under Section  
 281 59-12-301 or a tourism, recreation, cultural, convention, and airport facilities tax under  
 282 Section 59-12-603 shall:

283 (a) ensure that the annual financial report required by Section 17-36-37 includes a  
 284 breakdown of expenditures:

285 (i) for revenue generated by the transient room tax, according to the allowable  
 286 expenditure categories described in Subsection 17-31-2(3); and

287 (ii) for revenue generated by the tourism, recreation, cultural, convention, and airport  
 288 facilities tax, according to the allowable expenditure categories described in  
 289 Sections 59-12-602 and 59-12-603; and

290 (b) prepare annually a written report in accordance with Subsection (2).

291 [~~(2) The report described in Subsection (1) shall include a breakdown of expenditures into~~  
 292 ~~the following categories:]~~

293 [~~(a) for the transient room tax, identification of expenditures for:]~~

294 [~~(i) establishing and promoting:]~~

295 [~~(A) recreation;]~~

296 [~~(B) tourism;]~~

297 [~~(C) film production; and]~~

298 [~~(D) conventions;]~~

299 [~~(ii) acquiring, leasing, constructing, furnishing, or operating:]~~

300 [~~(A) convention meeting rooms;]~~

- 301           [(B) exhibit halls;]
- 302           [(C) visitor information centers;]
- 303           [(D) museums; and]
- 304           [(E) related facilities;]
- 305           [(iii) acquiring or leasing land required for or related to the purposes listed in
- 306                    Subsection (2)(a)(ii);]
- 307           [(iv) mitigation costs as identified in Subsection 17-31-2(2)(d); and]
- 308           [(v) making the annual payment of principal, interest, premiums, and necessary
- 309                    reserves for any or the aggregate of bonds issued to pay for costs referred to in
- 310                    Subsections 17-31-2(2)(e) and (5)(a); and]
- 311           [(b) for the tourism, recreation, cultural, convention, and airport facilities tax,
- 312                    identification of expenditures for:]
- 313           [(i) financing tourism promotion, which means an activity to develop, encourage,
- 314                    solicit, or market tourism that attracts transient guests to the county, including
- 315                    planning, product development, and advertising;]
- 316           [(ii) the development, operation, and maintenance of the following facilities as
- 317                    defined in Section 59-12-602:]
- 318                    [(A) an airport facility;]
- 319                    [(B) a convention facility;]
- 320                    [(C) a cultural facility;]
- 321                    [(D) a recreation facility; and]
- 322                    [(E) a tourist facility;]
- 323           [(iii) mitigation costs as identified in Subsection 59-12-603(2)(b); and]
- 324           [(iv) a pledge as security for evidences of indebtedness under Subsection
- 325                    59-12-603(3).]
- 326           [(3)] (2)(a) For the transient room tax, the written report described in Subsection [(1)]
- 327                    (1)(b) shall include [a breakdown of each expenditure described in Subsection
- 328                    (2)(a)(i), including]:
- 329                    [(a)] (i) [whether the expenditure was used for in-state and out-of-state promotion
- 330                            efforts] a breakdown of promotion expenditures;
- 331                    [(b) an explanation of how the expenditure targeted a cost created by tourism; and]
- 332                    [(e) an accounting of the expenditure showing that the expenditure was used only for
- 333                            costs directly related to a cost created by tourism.]
- 334                    (ii) if the county caused revenue generated by the transient room tax to be expended

- 335 by a municipality within the county, as described in Subsection 17-31-2(9), a  
336 description:
- 337 (A) of each interlocal agreement the county entered into with a municipality; and  
338 (B) the amount of revenue the county shared with a municipality pursuant to an  
339 interlocal agreement;
- 340 (iii) the number of search and rescue efforts conducted by the county in the previous  
341 fiscal year;
- 342 (iv) the total cost of search and rescue efforts and emergency medical services that  
343 were related to tourism or recreation within the eligible county in the previous  
344 fiscal year;
- 345 (v) a description of any factors that made a search and rescue effort or emergency  
346 medical service more expensive or difficult, including the condition of roads  
347 within the county;
- 348 (vi) what money, if any, the county was able to recover in the previous fiscal year  
349 from an individual on whose behalf the county incurred the cost of search and  
350 rescue or emergency medical services; and
- 351 (vii)(A) data on the percentages of individuals on whose behalf the county  
352 incurred the cost of search and rescue or emergency medical services who were  
353 in-state visitors to the county, out-of-state visitors to the county, or residents of  
354 the county; and
- 355 (B) if data described in Subsection (2)(a)(vii)(A) is unavailable regarding an  
356 individual on whose behalf the county incurred the cost of search and rescue or  
357 emergency medical services, the number of individuals whose data described  
358 in Subsection (2)(a)(vii)(A) is unavailable.
- 359 (b) The state auditor, in consultation with the Utah Office of Tourism created in Section  
360 63N-7-102, shall:
- 361 (i) create a form for a financial report and a form for a written report required under  
362 this section;
- 363 (ii) designate at least one employee within the state auditor's office to serve as the  
364 point of contact for counties preparing a financial report or written report under  
365 this section; and
- 366 (iii) if the state auditor's office determines it is advisable, create written guidance to  
367 assist counties in preparing a financial report or written report under this section.
- 368 [(4)] (3) On or before October 1, the county legislative body shall provide a copy of the

369 annual written report described in Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (1)(b) for the previous fiscal year to~~[:]~~  
 370 the state auditor.

371 ~~[(a) the Utah Office of Tourism within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity;]~~

372 ~~[(b) the county's tourism tax advisory board; and]~~

373 ~~[(c) the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.]~~

374 Section 4. Section **17-31-8** is amended to read:

375 **17-31-8 . Tourism tax advisory boards.**

376 (1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), any county that collects the following  
 377 taxes shall operate a tourism tax advisory board:

378 (i) the tax allowed under Section 59-12-301; or

379 (ii) the tax allowed under Section 59-12-603.

380 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), a county is exempt from Subsection (1)(a) if the  
 381 county has an existing board, council, committee, convention visitor's bureau, or  
 382 body that substantially conforms with Subsections (2), (3), and (4).

383 (2) A tourism tax advisory board created under Subsection (1) shall consist of at least five  
 384 members.

385 (3)(a) A tourism tax advisory board shall be composed of the following members that  
 386 are residents of the county:

387 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) a majority of the members shall be current employees of entities in the county  
 388 that are subject to the taxes referred to in Section 59-12-301 or 59-12-603; and

389 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) ~~[the balance]~~ at least two of the board's membership shall be employees of  
 390 recreational facilities, convention facilities, museums, cultural attractions, or other  
 391 tourism related industries located within the county.

392 (b) A tourism tax advisory board may add additional members to the board, including  
 393 board members who represent the interests of municipalities in the county.

394 (c) If a county generates 50% or more of the county's revenue generated by the  
 395 imposition of a tax described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) within one municipality in the  
 396 county, the tourism tax advisory board for that county shall include a board member  
 397 to represent the interests of the municipality.

398 (4)(a) Each tourism tax advisory board shall advise the county legislative body on the  
 399 best use of revenues collected from the tax allowed under Section 59-12-301 by  
 400 providing the legislative body with a priority listing for proposed expenditures based  
 401 on projected available tax revenues supplied to the board by the county legislative  
 402 body on an annual basis.

403 (b) Each tourism tax advisory board in a county operating under the county commission  
 404 form of government under Section 17-52a-201 or the expanded county commission  
 405 form under Section 17-52a-202 shall advise the county legislative body on the best  
 406 use of revenues collected from the tax allowed under Section 59-12-603 by providing  
 407 the legislative body with a priority listing for proposed expenditures based on  
 408 projected available tax revenues supplied to the board by the county legislative body  
 409 on an annual basis.

410 (5) A member of any county tourism tax advisory board:

411 (a) may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's services; and

412 (b) may receive per diem and travel expenses incurred in the performance of the  
 413 member's official duties, in accordance with Section 11-55-103.

414 Section 5. Section **17-36-37** is amended to read:

415 **17-36-37 . Finance officer -- Annual financial statement -- Contents -- Duties of**  
 416 **state auditor.**

417 (1) The finance officer of each county, within 180 days after the close of each fiscal period,  
 418 or, for a county that has adopted a fiscal period that is a biennial period, within 180 days  
 419 after both the midpoint and the close of the fiscal period, except as provided by Section  
 420 17-36-38, shall prepare and make available to the governing body an annual financial  
 421 report that shall contain:

422 (a) a statement of revenues and expenditures and a comparison with the budget of the  
 423 county general fund, similar statements of all other funds for which budgets are  
 424 required, and statements of revenues and expenditures or of income and expense for  
 425 all other operating funds of the county;

426 (b) a balance sheet of each fund and a combined balance sheet of all funds as of:

427 (i) for a county that has adopted a fiscal period that is a biennial period, the midpoint  
 428 and the close of the fiscal period; and

429 (ii) for each other county, the close of the fiscal period; or

430 (c) any other reports the governing body may require, including work performance data,  
 431 tax levies, taxable values, details of bonded indebtedness, and historical facts of  
 432 interest to the governing body and the public.

433 (2) Copies of the annual report shall be furnished to the state auditor and made a matter of  
 434 public record in the office of the finance officer.

435 (3) The statement of revenues and expenditures described in Subsection (1)(a) shall  
 436 specifically identify when revenue is restricted for only statutorily authorized

- 437 expenditures, including:
- 438 (a) transient room tax, according to the expenditure authorizations described in Section  
439 17-31-2; and
- 440 (b) tourism, recreation, cultural, convention, and airport facilities tax, according to the  
441 expenditure authorizations described in Sections 59-12-602 and 59-12-603.
- 442 (4) The state auditor:
- 443 (a) may provide guidance to the finance officer of each county to ensure uniform  
444 reporting across counties;
- 445 (b) may include the information described in Subsection (3) on the public finance  
446 website described in Section 67-3-12;
- 447 (c) shall, on a regular basis determined by the state auditor, evaluate a county's annual  
448 financial report in regard to revenues and expenditures described in Subsection (3)  
449 and determine whether a county's reporting is sufficient to ensure transparency and  
450 accountability; and
- 451 (d) shall, upon receipt of a county's written report under Section 17-31-5.5 and in  
452 conjunction with evaluating the information described in Subsection (3), determine if  
453 a county is compliant with the expenditure authorizations described in Sections  
454 17-31-2, 59-12-602, and 59-12-603.
- 455 (5) If the state auditor determines under Subsection (4)(c) that a county is not sufficiently  
456 reporting or determines under Subsection (4)(d) that a county is not compliant, the state  
457 auditor:
- 458 (a) shall provide the county finance officer with written notice of the determination,  
459 including the rationale for the determination; and
- 460 (b) shall provide the county finance officer with an opportunity to respond to the  
461 determination in writing, including an opportunity to correct any deficiencies  
462 identified by the state auditor.
- 463 (6) If the auditor determines, after providing a county with an opportunity to respond and  
464 correct any deficiencies as described in Subsection (5)(b), that a county is still not in  
465 compliance with this section, the auditor:
- 466 (a) shall provide notice of the determination to the Division of Outdoor Recreation  
467 created in Section 79-7-201;
- 468 (b) may provide notice to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee and the Political  
469 Subdivisions Interim Committee, or if the Legislature is in session, the Legislative  
470 Management Committee; and

471 (c) may take any action authorized in Section 51-2a-401 or other provision of law.

472 Section 6. Section **59-12-301** is amended to read:

473 **59-12-301 . Transient room tax -- Rate -- Expenditure of revenues -- Enactment**  
 474 **or repeal of tax -- Tax rate change -- Effective date -- Notice requirements.**

475 (1)(a) A county legislative body may impose a tax on charges for the accommodations  
 476 and services described in Subsection 59-12-103(1)(i) at a rate of not to exceed:

477 (i) 4.25% beginning on or after October 1, 2006[-] ; and

478 (ii) for counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class, 4.5% beginning on or  
 479 after July 1, 2025.

480 (b) Subject to Subsection (2), the revenues raised from the tax imposed under Subsection  
 481 (1)(a) shall be used for the purposes listed in Section 17-31-2.

482 (c) The tax imposed under Subsection (1)(a) shall be in addition to the tax imposed  
 483 under Part 6, Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, Convention, and Airport Facilities Tax  
 484 Act.

485 (2)(a) If a county legislative body of a county of the first class imposes a tax under this  
 486 section, beginning on July 1, 2007, and ending on June 30, 2027, each year the first  
 487 15% of the revenues collected from the tax authorized by Subsection (1)(a) within  
 488 that county shall be:

489 [~~(a)~~] (i) deposited into the Transient Room Tax Fund created by Section 63N-3-403;  
 490 and

491 [~~(b)~~] (ii) expended as provided in Section 63N-3-403.

492 (b) If a county legislative body of a county of the first class imposes a tax under this  
 493 section, beginning on July 1, 2027, and ending on June 30, 2047, each year the first  
 494 7.5% of the revenues collected from the tax authorized by Subsection (1)(a) within  
 495 that county shall be:

496 (i) deposited into the Transient Room Tax Fund created by Section 63N-3-403; and

497 (ii) expended as provided in Section 63N-3-403.

498 (3) Subject to Subsection (4), a county legislative body:

499 (a) may increase or decrease the tax authorized under this part; and

500 (b) shall regulate the tax authorized under this part by ordinance.

501 (4)(a) For purposes of this Subsection (4):

502 (i) "Annexation" means an annexation to a county under Title 17, Chapter 2, County  
 503 Consolidations and Annexations.

504 (ii) "Annexing area" means an area that is annexed into a county.

- 505 (b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), if, on or after July 1, 2004, a county  
506 enacts or repeals a tax or changes the rate of a tax under this part, the enactment,  
507 repeal, or change shall take effect:
- 508 (A) on the first day of a calendar quarter; and
  - 509 (B) after a 90-day period beginning on the date the commission receives notice  
510 meeting the requirements of Subsection (4)(b)(ii) from the county.
- 511 (ii) The notice described in Subsection (4)(b)(i)(B) shall state:
- 512 (A) that the county will enact or repeal a tax or change the rate of a tax under this  
513 part;
  - 514 (B) the statutory authority for the tax described in Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(A);
  - 515 (C) the effective date of the tax described in Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(A); and
  - 516 (D) if the county enacts the tax or changes the rate of the tax described in  
517 Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(A), the rate of the tax.
- 518 (c)(i) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(b)(i), for a transaction described in Subsection  
519 (4)(c)(iii), the enactment of a tax or a tax rate increase shall take effect on the first  
520 day of the first billing period:
- 521 (A) that begins after the effective date of the enactment of the tax or the tax rate  
522 increase; and
  - 523 (B) if the billing period for the transaction begins before the effective date of the  
524 enactment of the tax or the tax rate increase imposed under this section.
- 525 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(b)(i), for a transaction described in Subsection  
526 (4)(c)(iii), the repeal of a tax or a tax rate decrease shall take effect on the first day  
527 of the last billing period:
- 528 (A) that began before the effective date of the repeal of the tax or the tax rate  
529 decrease; and
  - 530 (B) if the billing period for the transaction begins before the effective date of the  
531 repeal of the tax or the tax rate decrease imposed under this section.
- 532 (iii) Subsections (4)(c)(i) and (ii) apply to transactions subject to a tax under  
533 Subsection 59-12-103(1)(i).
- 534 (d)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(e), if, for an annexation that occurs on or  
535 after July 1, 2004, the annexation will result in the enactment, repeal, or a change  
536 in the rate of a tax under this part for an annexing area, the enactment, repeal, or  
537 change shall take effect:
- 538 (A) on the first day of a calendar quarter; and

539 (B) after a 90-day period beginning on the date the commission receives notice  
 540 meeting the requirements of Subsection (4)(d)(ii) from the county that annexes  
 541 the annexing area.

542 (ii) The notice described in Subsection (4)(d)(i)(B) shall state:

543 (A) that the annexation described in Subsection (4)(d)(i) will result in an  
 544 enactment, repeal, or change in the rate of a tax under this part for the annexing  
 545 area;

546 (B) the statutory authority for the tax described in Subsection (4)(d)(ii)(A);

547 (C) the effective date of the tax described in Subsection (4)(d)(ii)(A); and

548 (D) if the county enacts the tax or changes the rate of the tax described in  
 549 Subsection (4)(d)(ii)(A), the rate of the tax.

550 (e)(i) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(d)(i), for a transaction described in Subsection  
 551 (4)(e)(iii), the enactment of a tax or a tax rate increase shall take effect on the first  
 552 day of the first billing period:

553 (A) that begins after the effective date of the enactment of the tax or the tax rate  
 554 increase; and

555 (B) if the billing period for the transaction begins before the effective date of the  
 556 enactment of the tax or the tax rate increase imposed under this section.

557 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(d)(i), for a transaction described in Subsection  
 558 (4)(e)(iii), the repeal of a tax or a tax rate decrease shall take effect on the first day  
 559 of the last billing period:

560 (A) that began before the effective date of the repeal of the tax or the tax rate  
 561 decrease; and

562 (B) if the billing period for the transaction begins before the effective date of the  
 563 repeal of the tax or the tax rate decrease imposed under this section.

564 (iii) Subsections (4)(e)(i) and (ii) apply to transactions subject to a tax under  
 565 Subsection 59-12-103(1)(i).

566 Section 7. Section **59-28-102** is amended to read:

567 **59-28-102 . Definitions.**

568 As used in this chapter:

569 (1) "Agreement" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-12-102.

570 (2) "Certified service provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-12-102.

571 (3) "Initial rate" means a rate of 0.32%.

572 [~~3~~] (4) "Model 2 seller" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-12-102.

573 [(4)] (5) "Purchaser" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-12-102.

574 [(5)] (6) "Sales price" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-12-102.

575 (7) "Secondary rate" means a rate of 0.75%.

576 [(6)] (8) "Seller" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-12-102.

577 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

578 Section 8. Section **59-28-103** is amended to read:

579 **59-28-103 . Imposition -- Rate -- Revenue distribution.**

580 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this chapter, the state shall impose a tax on the  
581 transactions described in Subsection 59-12-103(1)(i) at ~~[- a rate of .32%]~~ :

582 (a) the initial rate; and

583 (b) the secondary rate.

584 (2) The tax imposed under this chapter is in addition to any other taxes imposed on the  
585 transactions described in Subsection 59-12-103(1)(i).

586 (3)(a)(i) Subject to Subsection (3)(a)(ii), the commission shall deposit 6% of the  
587 revenue the state collects from the tax under this chapter at the initial rate into the  
588 Hospitality and Tourism Management Education Account created in Section  
589 53F-9-501 to fund the Hospitality and Tourism Management Career and Technical  
590 Education Pilot Program created in Section 53E-3-515.

591 (ii) The commission may not deposit more than \$300,000 into the Hospitality and  
592 Tourism Management Education Account under Subsection (3)(a)(i) in a fiscal  
593 year.

594 (b) Except for the amount deposited into the Hospitality and Tourism Management  
595 Education Account under Subsection (3)(a) and the administrative charge retained  
596 under Subsection 59-28-104(4), the commission shall deposit ~~[any]~~ the remainder of  
597 the revenue the state collects from the tax under this chapter at the initial rate into the  
598 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Account created in Section 79-8-106 to fund:

599 (i) the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program created in Section 79-8-401;  
600 and

601 (ii) the Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant Program created in Section  
602 79-8-202.

603 (4)(a) The commission shall deposit 33% of the revenue the state collects from the tax at  
604 the secondary rate into the Outdoor Recreation Mitigation Grant Fund created in  
605 Section 79-9-103.

606 (b) The commission shall distribute the remaining revenue the state collects from the tax

607 under this chapter at the secondary rate to the Division of Finance, which shall  
 608 transfer the revenue into the General Fund.

609 (5)(a) In addition to the imposition of tax described in Subsection (1), the state shall  
 610 impose a tax at the rate of 0.25% on the transactions described in Subsection  
 611 59-12-103(1)(i) that take place within a county of the first class.

612 (b) The commission shall distribute the revenue the state collects from the tax described  
 613 in Subsection (5)(a) to the Division of Finance, which shall transfer the revenue into  
 614 the Transient Room Tax Fund created in Section 63N-3-403.

615 Section 9. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

616 **63I-1-253 . Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**

617 (1) Section 53-1-122, Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account, is  
 618 repealed July 1, 2028.

619 (2) Section 53-2a-105, Emergency Management Administration Council created --  
 620 Function -- Composition -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.

621 (3) Section 53-2a-1103, Search and Rescue Advisory Board -- Members -- Compensation,  
 622 is repealed July 1, [2027] 2030.

623 (4) Section 53-2a-1104, General duties of the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, is  
 624 repealed July 1, 2027.

625 (5) Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15, Grid Resilience Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.

626 (6) Section 53-2d-104, State Emergency Medical Services Committee -- Membership --  
 627 Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.

628 [~~(7) Section 53-2d-703, Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Health Insurance~~  
 629 ~~Program -- Creation -- Administration -- Eligibility -- Benefits -- Rulemaking --~~  
 630 ~~Advisory board, is repealed July 1, 2027.]~~

631 [~~(8)~~ (7) Section 53-5-703, Board -- Membership -- Compensation -- Terms -- Duties, is  
 632 repealed July 1, 2029.

633 [~~(9)~~ (8) Section 53-11-104, Board, is repealed July 1, 2029.

634 [~~(10)~~ (9) Section 53-22-104.1, School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per  
 635 diem -- Report -- Expiration, is repealed December 31, 2025.

636 [~~(11)~~ (10) Section 53-22-104.2, The School Security Task Force -- Education Advisory  
 637 Board, is repealed December 31, 2025.

638 [~~(12)~~ (11) Subsection 53B-1-301(1)(j), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections  
 639 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.

640 [~~(13)~~ (12) Section 53B-7-709, Five-year performance goals, is repealed July 1, 2027.

- 641     ~~[(14)]~~ (13) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed  
642             July 1, 2028.
- 643     ~~[(15)]~~ (14) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 644     ~~[(16)]~~ (15) Section 53B-17-1203, SafeUT and School Safety Commission established --  
645             Members, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 646     ~~[(17)]~~ (16) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 647     ~~[(18)]~~ (17) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 17, Food Security Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 648     ~~[(19)]~~ (18) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 18, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure  
649             Research Center, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 650     ~~[(20)]~~ (19) Title 53B, Chapter 35, Higher Education and Corrections Council, is repealed  
651             July 1, 2027.
- 652     ~~[(21)]~~ (20) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), regarding the distribution of money from the  
653             Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other  
654             hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 655     ~~[(22)]~~ (21) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(q), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections  
656             Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 657     ~~[(23)]~~ (22) Subsection 53E-2-304(6), regarding foreclosing a private right of action or  
658             waiver of governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 659     ~~[(24)]~~ (23) Subsection 53E-3-503(5), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is  
660             repealed July 1, 2027.
- 661     ~~[(25)]~~ (24) Subsection 53E-3-503(6), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is  
662             repealed July 1, 2027.
- 663     ~~[(26)]~~ (25) Subsection 53E-4-202(8)(b), regarding a standards review committee, is repealed  
664             January 1, 2028.
- 665     ~~[(27)]~~ (26) Section 53E-4-203, Standards review committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.
- 666     ~~[(28)]~~ (27) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission,  
667             is repealed July 1, 2033.
- 668     ~~[(29)]~~ (28) Subsection 53E-7-207(7), regarding a private right of action or waiver of  
669             governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 670     ~~[(30)]~~ (29) Section 53F-2-420, Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program, is  
671             repealed July 1, 2024.
- 672     ~~[(31)]~~ (30) Section 53F-5-214, Grant for professional learning, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 673     ~~[(32)]~~ (31) Section 53F-5-215, Elementary teacher preparation grant, is repealed July 1,  
674             2025.

- 675     ~~[(33)]~~ (32) Section 53F-5-219, Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is  
676             repealed July 1, 2025.
- 677     ~~[(34)]~~ (33) Title 53F, Chapter 10, Part 2, Capital Projects Evaluation Panel, is repealed July  
678             1, 2027.
- 679     ~~[(35)]~~ (34) Subsection 53G-4-608(2)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is  
680             repealed January 1, 2025.
- 681     ~~[(36)]~~ (35) Subsection 53G-4-608(4)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is  
682             repealed January 1, 2025.
- 683     ~~[(37)]~~ (36) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
684             Section 10. Section **63I-1-259** is amended to read:  
685             **63I-1-259 . Repeal dates: Title 59.**
- 686     (1) Subsection 59-1-403(4)(aa), regarding a requirement for the State Tax Commission to  
687             inform the Department of Workforce Services whether an individual claimed a federal  
688             earned income tax credit, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 689     (2) Section 59-7-618.1, Tax credit related to alternative fuel heavy duty vehicles, is  
690             repealed July 1, 2029.
- 691     (3) Section 59-9-102.5, Offset for occupational health and safety related donations, is  
692             repealed December 31, 2030.
- 693     (4) Section 59-10-1033.1, Tax credit related to alternative fuel heavy duty vehicles, is  
694             repealed July 1, 2029.
- 695     (5) Subsection 59-28-103(5) is repealed July 1, 2047.
- 696             Section 11. Section **63N-3-403** is amended to read:  
697             **63N-3-403 . Transient Room Tax Fund -- Source of revenues -- Interest --**  
698     **Expenditure or pledge of revenues.**
- 699     (1) There is created a fiduciary fund held by the state in a purely custodial capacity known  
700             as the Transient Room Tax Fund.
- 701     (2)(a) The fund shall be funded by the portion of the sales and use tax imposed by a  
702             county of the first class described in Subsection 59-12-301(2) and the revenue  
703             generated by the tax described in Subsection 59-28-103(5).
- 704     (b)(i) The fund shall earn interest.
- 705             (ii) Any interest earned on fund money shall be deposited into the fund.
- 706     (3)(a) ~~[Subject-]~~ Before July 1, 2027, and subject to Subsection (3)(b), the executive  
707             director shall expend or pledge the money deposited into the fund:  
708             (i) to mitigate the impacts of traffic and parking relating to a convention facility

- 709 within a county of the first class;
- 710 (ii) for a purpose listed in Section 17-31-2, except that any requirements in Section
- 711 17-31-2 for the expenditure of money do not apply; or
- 712 (iii) for a combination of Subsections (3)(a)(i) and (ii).
- 713 (b) The executive director may not expend more than \$20,000,000 in total to mitigate
- 714 the impacts of traffic and parking relating to a convention facility within a county of
- 715 the first class.

716 (4) Beginning on July 1, 2027, the executive director shall expend or pledge the money

717 deposited into the fund for:

- 718 (a) the benefit of a city of the first class:
- 719 (i) in a county of the first class;
- 720 (ii) with a convention center; and
- 721 (iii) that is not a capital city; and
- 722 (b) a purpose listed in Section 17-31-2, except that any requirements in Section 17-31-2
- 723 for the expenditure of money do not apply.

724 Section 12. Section **67-3-12** is amended to read:

725 **67-3-12 . Utah Public Finance Website -- Establishment and administration --**

726 **Records disclosure -- Exceptions.**

- 727 (1) As used in this section:
- 728 (a)(i) Subject to Subsections (1)(a)(ii) and (iii), "independent entity" means the same
- 729 as that term is defined in Section 63E-1-102.
- 730 (ii) "Independent entity" includes an entity that is part of an independent entity
- 731 described in Subsection (1)(a)(i), if the entity is considered a component unit of
- 732 the independent entity under the governmental accounting standards issued by the
- 733 Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- 734 (iii) "Independent entity" does not include the Utah State Retirement Office created
- 735 in Section 49-11-201.
- 736 (b) "Local education agency" means a school district or charter school.
- 737 (c) "Participating local entity" means:
- 738 (i) a county;
- 739 (ii) a municipality;
- 740 (iii) the State Fair Park Authority, created in Section 11-68-201;
- 741 (iv) a special district under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities -
- 742 Special Districts;

- 743 (v) a special service district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act;
- 744 (vi) a housing authority under Title 35A, Chapter 8, Part 4, Housing Authorities;
- 745 (vii) a public transit district under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 8, Public Transit
- 746 District Act;
- 747 (viii) except for a taxed interlocal entity as defined in Section 11-13-602:
- 748 (A) an interlocal entity as defined in Section 11-13-103;
- 749 (B) a joint or cooperative undertaking as defined in Section 11-13-103; or
- 750 (C) any project, program, or undertaking entered into by interlocal agreement in
- 751 accordance with Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act;
- 752 (ix) except for a taxed interlocal entity as defined in Section 11-13-602, an entity that
- 753 is part of an entity described in Subsections (1)(c)(i) through (viii), if the entity is
- 754 considered a component unit of the entity described in Subsections (1)(c)(i)
- 755 through (viii) under the governmental accounting standards issued by the
- 756 Governmental Accounting Standards Board; or
- 757 (x) a conservation district under Title 17D, Chapter 3, Conservation District Act.
- 758 (d)(i) "Participating state entity" means the state of Utah, including its executive,
- 759 legislative, and judicial branches, its departments, divisions, agencies, boards,
- 760 commissions, councils, committees, and institutions.
- 761 (ii) "Participating state entity" includes an entity that is part of an entity described in
- 762 Subsection (1)(d)(i), if the entity is considered a component unit of the entity
- 763 described in Subsection (1)(d)(i) under the governmental accounting standards
- 764 issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- 765 (e) "Public finance website" or "website" means the website established by the state
- 766 auditor in accordance with this section.
- 767 (f) "Public financial information" means each record that is required under this section
- 768 or by rule made by the Office of the State Auditor under Subsection (9) to be made
- 769 available on the public finance website, a participating local entity's website, or an
- 770 independent entity's website.
- 771 (g) "Qualifying entity" means:
- 772 (i) an independent entity;
- 773 (ii) a participating local entity;
- 774 (iii) a participating state entity;
- 775 (iv) a local education agency;
- 776 (v) a state institution of higher education as defined in Section 53B-3-102;

- 777 (vi) the Utah Educational Savings Plan created in Section 53B-8a-103;  
778 (vii) the Utah Housing Corporation created in Section 63H-8-201;  
779 (viii) the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration created in Section  
780 53C-1-201;  
781 (ix) the Utah Capital Investment Corporation created in Section 63N-6-301; or  
782 (x) a URS-participating employer.
- 783 (h)(i) "URS-participating employer" means an entity that:  
784 (A) is a participating employer, as that term is defined in Section 49-11-102; and  
785 (B) is not required to report public financial information under this section as a  
786 qualifying entity described in Subsections (1)(g)(i) through (ix).
- 787 (ii) "URS-participating employer" does not include:  
788 (A) the Utah State Retirement Office created in Section 49-11-201;  
789 (B) an insurer that is subject to the disclosure requirements of Section 31A-4-113;  
790 or  
791 (C) a withdrawing entity.
- 792 (i)(i) "Withdrawing entity" means:  
793 (A) an entity that elects to withdraw from participation in a system or plan under  
794 Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 6, Procedures and Records;  
795 (B) until the date determined under Subsection 49-11-626(2)(a), a public  
796 employees' association that provides the notice of intent described in  
797 Subsection 49-11-626(2)(b); and  
798 (C) beginning on the date determined under Subsection 49-11-626(2)(a), a public  
799 employees' association that makes an election described in Subsection  
800 49-11-626(3).
- 801 (ii) "Withdrawing entity" includes a withdrawing entity, as that term is defined in  
802 Sections 49-11-623 and 49-11-624.
- 803 (2) The state auditor shall establish and maintain a public finance website in accordance  
804 with this section.
- 805 (3) The website shall:  
806 (a) permit Utah taxpayers to:  
807 (i) view, understand, and track the use of taxpayer dollars by making public financial  
808 information available on the Internet for participating state entities, independent  
809 entities, participating local entities, and URS-participating employers, using the  
810 website; and

- 811 (ii) link to websites administered by participating local entities, independent entities,  
812 or URS-participating employers that do not use the website for the purpose of  
813 providing public financial information as required by this section and by rule  
814 made under Subsection (9);
- 815 (b) allow a person that has Internet access to use the website without paying a fee;
- 816 (c) allow the public to search public financial information on the website;
- 817 (d) provide access to financial reports, financial audits, budgets, or other financial  
818 documents that are used to allocate, appropriate, spend, and account for government  
819 funds, as may be established by rule made in accordance with Subsection (9);
- 820 (e) have a unique and simplified website address;
- 821 (f) be guided by the principles described in Subsection 63A-16-202(2);
- 822 (g) include other links, features, or functionality that will assist the public in obtaining  
823 and reviewing public financial information, as may be established by rule made under  
824 Subsection (9); and
- 825 (h) include a link to school report cards published on the State Board of Education's  
826 website under Section 53E-5-211.
- 827 (4) The state auditor shall:
- 828 (a) establish and maintain the website, including the provision of equipment, resources,  
829 and personnel as necessary;
- 830 (b) maintain an archive of all information posted to the website;
- 831 (c) coordinate and process the receipt and posting of public financial information from  
832 participating state entities; and
- 833 (d) coordinate and regulate the posting of public financial information by participating  
834 local entities and independent entities.
- 835 (5) A qualifying entity shall permit the public to view the qualifying entity's public  
836 financial information by posting the public financial information to the public finance  
837 website in accordance with rules made under Subsection (9).
- 838 (6) The content of the public financial information posted to the public finance website is  
839 the responsibility of the qualifying entity posting the public financial information.
- 840 (7) A URS-participating employer shall provide employee compensation information for  
841 each fiscal year ending on or after June 30, 2022:
- 842 (a) to the state auditor for posting on the Utah Public Finance Website; or
- 843 (b)(i) through the URS-participating employer's own website; and
- 844 (ii) via a link to the website described in Subsection (7)(b)(i), submitted to the state

- 845 auditor for posting on the Utah Public Finance Website.
- 846 (8)(a) A qualifying entity may not post financial information that is classified as private,  
847 controlled, or protected under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and  
848 Management Act, to the public finance website.
- 849 (b) An individual who negligently discloses financial information that is classified as  
850 private, protected, or controlled by Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records  
851 Access and Management Act, is not criminally or civilly liable for an improper  
852 disclosure of the financial information if the financial information is disclosed solely  
853 as a result of the preparation or publication of the website.
- 854 (9) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
855 Office of the State Auditor:
- 856 (a) shall make rules to:
- 857 (i) establish which records a qualifying entity is required to post to the public finance  
858 website; and
- 859 (ii) establish procedures for obtaining, submitting, reporting, storing, and posting  
860 public financial information on the public finance website; and
- 861 (b) may make rules:
- 862 (i) governing when a qualifying entity is required to disclose an expenditure made by  
863 a person under contract with the qualifying entity, including the form and content  
864 of the disclosure[-] ; and
- 865 (ii) allowing for the inclusion of financial data provided by a participating local entity  
866 to be included on the Utah Public Finance Website in a uniform manner.
- 867 (10) The rules made under Subsection (9) shall only require a URS-participating employer  
868 to provide employee compensation information for each fiscal year ending on or after  
869 June 30, 2022:
- 870 (a) to the state auditor for posting on the public finance website; or
- 871 (b)(i) through the URS-participating employer's own website; and
- 872 (ii) via a link to the website described in Subsection (10)(b)(i), submitted to the state  
873 auditor for posting on the public finance website.
- 874 Section 13. Section **79-7-203** is amended to read:
- 875 **79-7-203 . Powers and duties of division.**
- 876 (1) As used in this section, "real property" includes land under water, upland, and all other  
877 property commonly or legally defined as real property.
- 878 (2) The Division of Wildlife Resources shall retain the power and jurisdiction conferred

- 879 upon the Division of Wildlife Resources by law on property controlled by the division  
880 with reference to fish and game.
- 881 (3) For purposes of property controlled by the division, the division shall permit multiple  
882 uses of the property for purposes such as grazing, fishing, hunting, camping, mining, and  
883 the development and use of water and other natural resources.
- 884 (4)(a) The division may acquire real and personal property in the name of the state by  
885 legal and proper means, including purchase, gift, devise, eminent domain, lease,  
886 exchange, or otherwise, subject to the approval of the executive director and the  
887 governor.
- 888 (b) In acquiring real or personal property, the credit of the state may not be pledged  
889 without the consent of the Legislature.
- 890 (5)(a) Before acquiring any real property, the division shall notify the county legislative  
891 body of the county where the property is situated of the division's intention to acquire  
892 the property.
- 893 (b) If the county legislative body requests a hearing within 10 days of receipt of the  
894 notice, the division shall hold a public hearing in the county concerning the matter.
- 895 (6) Acceptance of gifts or devises of land or other property is at the discretion of the  
896 division, subject to the approval of the executive director and the governor.
- 897 (7) The division shall acquire property by eminent domain in the manner authorized by  
898 Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 5, Eminent Domain.
- 899 (8)(a) The division may make charges for special services and use of facilities, the  
900 income from which is available for recreation purposes.
- 901 (b) The division may conduct and operate those services necessary for the comfort and  
902 convenience of the public.
- 903 (9)(a) The division may lease or rent concessions of lawful kinds and nature on property  
904 to persons, partnerships, and corporations for a valuable consideration after notifying  
905 the commission.
- 906 (b) The division shall comply with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, in  
907 selecting concessionaires.
- 908 (10) The division shall proceed without delay to negotiate with the federal government  
909 concerning the Weber Basin and other recreation and reclamation projects.
- 910 (11)(a) The division shall coordinate with and annually report to the following regarding  
911 land acquisition and development and grants administered under this chapter or  
912 Chapter 8, Outdoor Recreation Grants:

- 913 (i) the Division of State Parks; and  
 914 (ii) the Office of Rural Development.
- 915 (b) The report required under Subsection (11)(a) shall be in writing, made public, and  
 916 include a description and the amount of any grant awarded under this chapter or  
 917 Chapter 8, Outdoor Recreation Grants.
- 918 (12) The division shall:
- 919 (a) coordinate outdoor recreation policy, management, and promotion:
- 920 (i) among state and federal agencies and local government entities in the state;  
 921 (ii) with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office created in Section 63L-11-201,  
 922 if public land is involved; and  
 923 (iii) on at least a quarterly basis, with the executive director and the executive  
 924 director of the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity;
- 925 (b) in cooperation with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, promote  
 926 economic development in the state by:
- 927 (i) coordinating with outdoor recreation stakeholders;  
 928 (ii) improving recreational opportunities; and  
 929 (iii) recruiting outdoor recreation business;
- 930 (c) administer Chapter 9, Mitigating the Direct Impacts of Tourism and Outdoor  
 931 Recreation;
- 932 (d) promote all forms of outdoor recreation, including motorized and nonmotorized  
 933 outdoor recreation;
- 934 [~~(d)~~] (e) recommend to the governor and Legislature policies and initiatives to enhance  
 935 recreational amenities and experiences in the state and help implement those policies  
 936 and initiatives;
- 937 [~~(e)~~] (f) in performing the division's duties, seek to ensure safe and adequate access to  
 938 outdoor recreation for all user groups and for all forms of recreation;
- 939 [~~(f)~~] (g) develop data regarding the impacts of outdoor recreation in the state; and  
 940 [~~(g)~~] (h) promote the health and social benefits of outdoor recreation, especially to young  
 941 people.
- 942 (13) By following Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal Funds Procedures Act, the division may:
- 943 (a) seek federal grants or loans;  
 944 (b) seek to participate in federal programs; and  
 945 (c) in accordance with applicable federal program guidelines, administer federally  
 946 funded outdoor recreation programs.

947 Section 14. Section **79-9-101** is enacted to read:

948 **CHAPTER 9. MITIGATING THE DIRECT IMPACTS OF TOURISM AND**

949 **OUTDOOR RECREATION**

950 **Part 1. General Provisions**

951 **79-9-101 . Definitions.**

952 As used in this part:

953 (1) "Board" means the Outdoor Recreation Mitigation Board created in Section 79-9-104.

954 (2) "Division" means the Division of Outdoor Recreation created in Section 79-9-201.

955 (3) "Eligible county" means a county:

956 (a) of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class;

957 (b) that imposes the maximum allowable rate of a county transient room tax; and

958 (c) that generated less than \$10,000,000 in revenue from the imposition of a transient  
959 room tax in the previous calendar year.

960 (4) "Grant" means an outdoor recreation mitigation grant issued by the division to an  
961 eligible county as described in Section 79-9-201.

962 (5) "Grantee" means an eligible county that receives an outdoor recreation mitigation grant  
963 from the division.

964 (6)(a) "Visitor-related emergency costs" means the documented expenditures of an  
965 eligible county in conducting search and rescue efforts or providing emergency  
966 medical services in direct relation to an individual who is in the eligible county for  
967 the purpose of outdoor recreation, tourism, or a convention.

968 (b) "Visitor-related emergency costs" may include road repair and upgrade costs, as  
969 described in Subsection 17-31-2(3)(d), so long as the eligible county applying for a  
970 grant presents sufficient evidence to suggest that the condition of roads in the eligible  
971 county has a direct impact on search and rescue efforts or providing emergency  
972 medical services in relation to an individual who is in the eligible county for the  
973 purpose of outdoor recreation, tourism, or a convention.

974 (7) "Visitor-related safety costs" means a mitigation cost described in Subsection  
975 17-31-2(3)(d) that is not a visitor-related emergency cost, so long as the eligible county  
976 applying for a grant presents sufficient evidence to suggest that:

977 (a) the eligible county's current solid waste disposal operations are overwhelmed by  
978 outdoor recreation, tourism, or conventions in the eligible county, resulting in

- 979 unsanitary or unsafe conditions in the eligible county;  
 980 (b) law enforcement activities within the eligible county are strained as a direct result of  
 981 outdoor recreation, tourism, or conventions in the eligible county, resulting in unsafe  
 982 conditions for recreators, visitors, tourists, county residents, and members of law  
 983 enforcement within the eligible county; or  
 984 (c) road repair and upgrade costs, if the current condition of roads in the eligible county  
 985 are overwhelmed by outdoor recreation, tourism, or conventions in the eligible  
 986 county, resulting in unsafe conditions in the eligible county.

987 Section 15. Section **79-9-102** is enacted to read:

988 **79-9-102 . Outdoor recreation mitigation grants authorized -- Rulemaking.**

- 989 (1) To the extent that money is available, the division shall administer an outdoor recreation  
 990 mitigation grants program to address visitor-related emergency costs and visitor-related  
 991 safety costs in eligible counties.  
 992 (2) The purpose of the outdoor recreation mitigation grants program is to:  
 993 (a) assist an eligible county that is impacted by outdoor recreation, tourism, or  
 994 conventions to such a degree that the eligible county is unable to address  
 995 visitor-related emergency costs or visitor-related safety costs within revenue  
 996 generated by an eligible county's imposition of a transient room tax; and  
 997 (b) over time, ensure that an eligible county impacted by outdoor recreation, tourism, or  
 998 conventions is able to manage the impacts of outdoor recreation, tourism, or  
 999 conventions within eligible county revenue generated by the eligible county's  
 1000 imposition of a transient room tax.  
 1001 (3) The division shall, in consultation with the board, make rules in accordance with Title  
 1002 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, as necessary to perform the  
 1003 division's duties described in this chapter.

1004 Section 16. Section **79-9-103** is enacted to read:

1005 **79-9-103 . Outdoor Recreation Mitigation Grant Fund created.**

- 1006 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Outdoor Recreation  
 1007 Mitigation Grant Fund," which the division may use to make competitive outdoor  
 1008 recreation mitigation grants to one or more eligible counties as described in Section  
 1009 79-9-201.  
 1010 (2) The fund consists of:  
 1011 (a) deposits into the fund under Subsection 59-28-103(4)(a);  
 1012 (b) appropriations made by the Legislature;

- 1013 (c) private donations, grants, gifts, bequests, or money made available from any other  
1014 source to implement this chapter;
- 1015 (d) any grant funding that is returned to the division from an eligible county, as  
1016 described in Section 79-9-203; and
- 1017 (e) interest earned on the fund.
- 1018 (3) The division shall, with the advice of the board, administer the fund.
- 1019 (4) The cost of administering the fund:
- 1020 (a) shall be paid from money in the fund; and
- 1021 (b) may not exceed 2% of the revenue deposited annually into the fund under Subsection  
1022 59-28-103(4)(a).
- 1023 (5) Interest accrued from investment of money in the fund shall remain in the fund.
- 1024 Section 17. Section **79-9-104** is enacted to read:
- 1025 **79-9-104 . Outdoor recreation mitigation board.**
- 1026 (1) There is created the Outdoor Recreation Mitigation Board consisting of the following  
1027 five members:
- 1028 (2)(a) two representatives of the Utah Association of Counties, appointed by the Utah  
1029 Association of Counties;
- 1030 (b) one representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association, appointed by the Utah Sheriffs'  
1031 Association;
- 1032 (c) one representative of rural emergency medical services directors, appointed by the  
1033 director of the division after consultation with an organization representing rural  
1034 emergency medical services directors; and
- 1035 (d) an individual representing the tourism industry, appointed by the director of the  
1036 division after consultation with an organization representing the tourism industry.
- 1037 (3) The board shall annually select one of the board's members to be the chair of the board.
- 1038 (4)(a) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board, the member shall be replaced  
1039 in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.
- 1040 (b) A member of the board shall serve a term of four years and until the member's  
1041 successor is appointed and qualified.
- 1042 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(b), the initial appointment of one member described  
1043 in Subsection (1)(b) and one member described in Subsection (1)(c) shall be two  
1044 years so the terms of board members are staggered and approximately half of the  
1045 board members are appointed every two years.
- 1046 (d) An individual may be appointed to more than one term.

- 1047 (e) Three board members constitutes a quorum.
- 1048 (f) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes action of the board.
- 1049 (5) A board member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service on  
 1050 the board, but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a  
 1051 board member at the rates established by the Division of Finance under:
- 1052 (a) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and
- 1053 (b) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and  
 1054 63A-3-107.

1055 (6) The division shall provide staff support to the board.

1056 Section 18. Section **79-9-201** is enacted to read:

1057 **Part 2. Outdoor Recreation Mitigation Grants**

1058 **79-9-201 . Outdoor recreation mitigation grant criteria -- Priorities --**

1059 **Application -- Prohibition on awards.**

- 1060 (1) The division may, within available funding, award an outdoor recreation mitigation  
 1061 grant as described in this section.
- 1062 (2) In the event the division receives grant applications in excess of funding available to  
 1063 make grants, the division shall:
- 1064 (a) prioritize applications for grant funding for visitor-related emergency costs over  
 1065 applications for grant funding for visitor-related safety costs;
- 1066 (b) within applications for grant funding to relieve visitor-related emergency costs,  
 1067 prioritize applications for grant funding to support search and rescue efforts or  
 1068 emergency medical services over applications for grant funding to support road  
 1069 repair; and
- 1070 (c) prioritize an application for grant funding from an eligible county with a smaller  
 1071 population over an application for grant funding from an eligible county with a larger  
 1072 population.
- 1073 (3) After making the priority determinations described in Subsection (2), the division may  
 1074 prioritize available grant funding based on need, in terms of:
- 1075 (a) the amount of outdoor recreation or tourism taking place within the eligible county;
- 1076 (b) the existing capacity of an eligible county to manage search and rescue efforts or  
 1077 emergency medical services without additional financial assistance;
- 1078 (c) the existing capacity of an eligible county to engage in road repair and maintenance  
 1079 without additional financial assistance; and
- 1080 (d) the existing capacity of an eligible county to manage tourism-related safety costs

- 1081 without additional financial assistance.
- 1082 (4) The division may, in the division's discretion and in accordance with this part and any  
 1083 rules made pursuant to Subsection 79-9-102(3), fulfill an eligible county's application  
 1084 for grant funding in whole or in part.
- 1085 (5) In implementing a competitive grant-making program described in this section, the  
 1086 division shall:
- 1087 (a) create an application for eligible counties to apply for grant funding; and  
 1088 (b) require an eligible county applying for grant funding to:
- 1089 (i) use the application created by the division;  
 1090 (ii) include information the division requires in an application; and  
 1091 (iii) apply by a deadline established by the division.
- 1092 (6) If an eligible county intends to share some or all grant funding awarded to the eligible  
 1093 county under this section with a special district in the eligible county, the eligible county  
 1094 shall provide that information in the eligible county's application for grant funding.
- 1095 (7) Beginning January 1, 2028, an eligible county may not receive grant funding described  
 1096 in this chapter if the state auditor notifies the division that the eligible county is not in  
 1097 compliance with Section 17-36-37.
- 1098 Section 19. Section **79-9-202** is enacted to read:  
 1099 **79-9-202 . Determining need of eligible counties.**
- 1100 (1) The division shall annually determine the relative needs of eligible counties for financial  
 1101 assistance to support visitor-related emergency costs in eligible counties, specifically  
 1102 taking into account the rolling five-year average of past visitor-related emergency costs  
 1103 within each eligible county, based on available data.
- 1104 (2) The division may request assistance from the state auditor and the Utah Office of  
 1105 Tourism in making the determination described in Subsection (1).
- 1106 Section 20. Section **79-9-203** is enacted to read:  
 1107 **79-9-203 . Use of outdoor recreation mitigation grant funding.**
- 1108 (1) An eligible county that receives grant funding under Section 79-9-201:
- 1109 (a) shall use grant funding:
- 1110 (i) to pay for any present or ongoing visitor-related emergency costs or visitor-related  
 1111 safety costs;
- 1112 (ii) to reimburse a provider of search and rescue efforts or emergency medical  
 1113 services for any past, unpaid services within the eligible county;
- 1114 (iii) to support the activities of a special district providing search and rescue efforts,

- 1115 emergency medical services, solid waste disposal, or road repair;
- 1116 (iv) as proposed in the eligible county's or eligible special district's application for
- 1117 grant funding;
- 1118 (b) shall report to the division on the expenditures made with the grant funding by
- 1119 December 31 of each year in which grant funding is received or is unexpended;
- 1120 (c) may not use grant funding to:
- 1121 (i) supplant existing funds; or
- 1122 (ii) purchase real property or make payments toward the ownership or leasing of real
- 1123 property.
- 1124 (2) If a grantee does not expend or encumber the funding within 18 months of the day on
- 1125 which the funding was received by the grantee due to a lack of need within the eligible
- 1126 county, the grantee:
- 1127 (a) shall inform the division regarding the remaining grant funding;
- 1128 (b) may retain the remaining grant funding until fully expended unless required by the
- 1129 division to return the remaining grant funding to the division; and
- 1130 (c) may not apply for a new outdoor recreation mitigation grant until the grant funding is
- 1131 fully expended or returned.
- 1132 (3) Upon receipt of unexpended outdoor recreation mitigation grant funding from a grantee,
- 1133 the division shall deposit the unexpended grant funding into the Outdoor Recreation
- 1134 Mitigation Grant Fund created in Section 79-9-103.

1135 Section 21. Section **79-9-301** is enacted to read:

1136 **Part 3. Reporting**

1137 **79-9-301 . Reporting.**

- 1138 (1) The division shall report quarterly to the board on:
- 1139 (a) grant applications received from eligible counties;
- 1140 (b) grant awards made to eligible counties; and
- 1141 (c) the division's progress in determining the relative needs of eligible counties, as
- 1142 described in Section 79-9-202.
- 1143 (2) Beginning January 1, 2027, the division and board shall provide an annual written
- 1144 report to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee and the Political Subdivisions
- 1145 Interim Committee no later than September 30, describing the division's efforts to
- 1146 implement the requirements of this chapter and any recommendations for legislative
- 1147 changes to the grant program described in this part.

1148 Section 22. **Effective Date.**

1149      This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.