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Rio Grande Plan Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jennifer Dailey-Provost

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill establishes the Rio Grande Financial Advisory Authority working group.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ creates the Rio Grande Financial Advisory Authority working group to identify potential funding sources for the Rio Grande Plan.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

ENACTS:

63N-3-1701, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

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

(1) Title 63A, Chapter 2, Part 5, Educational Interpretation and Translation Services

Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2025.

(2) Section 63A-17-806, Definitions -- Infant at Work Pilot Program -- Administration --

Report, is repealed June 30, 2026.

(3) Section 63C-1-103, Appointment and terms of boards, committees, councils, and

commissions transitioning on October 1, 2024, or December 31, 2024, is repealed July

1, 2025.

(4) Section 63C-1-104, Appointment and terms of boards transitioning on October 1, 2024,

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- 31 is repealed January 1, 2025.
- 32 (5) Title 63C, Chapter 29, Domestic Violence Data Task Force, is repealed October 1, 2024.
- 33 (6) Subsection 63G-6a-802(1)(e), regarding a procurement for a presidential debate, is
34 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 35 (7) Subsection 63G-6a-802(3)(b)(iii), regarding a procurement for a presidential debate, is
36 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 37 (8) Subsection 63H-7a-403(2)(b), regarding the charge to maintain the public safety
38 communications network, is repealed July 1, 2033.
- 39 (9) Subsection 63J-1-602.2(47), regarding appropriations to the State Tax Commission for
40 deferral reimbursements, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 41 (10) Section 63M-7-221, Expungement working group, is repealed April 30, 2025.
- 42 (11) Section 63M-7-504, Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board -- Members, is
43 repealed December 31, 2024.
- 44 (12) Section 63M-7-505, Board and office within Commission on Criminal and Juvenile
45 Justice, is repealed December 31, 2024.
- 46 (13) Title 63M, Chapter 7, Part 6, Utah Council on Victims of Crime, is repealed December
47 31, 2024.
- 48 (14) Subsection 63N-2-213(12)(a), regarding claiming a tax credit in the same taxable year
49 as the targeted business income tax credit, is repealed December 31, 2024.
- 50 (15) Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 3, Targeted Business Income Tax Credit in an Enterprise
51 Zone, is repealed December 31, 2024.
- 52 (16) Section 63N-3-1701, Rio Grande Financial Advisory Authority, is repealed August 1,
53 2026.

54 Section 2. Section **63N-3-1701** is enacted to read:

55 **Part 17. Rio Grande Plan**

56 **63N-3-1701 . Rio Grande Financial Advisory Authority.**

- 57 (1) As used in this section:
- 58 (a) "Rio Grande Plan" refers to the citizen created proposal to:
- 59 (i) return rail service to the Rio Grande Depot as the central train station in Salt Lake
60 City; and
- 61 (ii) connect communities by eliminating at-grade rail crossings.
- 62 (b) "Working group" means the Rio Grande Financial Advisory Authority created in this
63 section.
- 64 (2) There is created a working group called the "Rio Grande Advisory Authority."

- 65 (3)(a) The working group described in Subsection (2) shall include:
- 66 (i) one member of the House of Representatives, whom the speaker of the House of
- 67 Representatives appoints;
- 68 (ii) one member of the Senate, whom the president of the Senate appoints;
- 69 (iii) a representative of Salt Lake City, whom the mayor of Salt Lake City appoints;
- 70 (iv) the chair of the Utah Olympic Committee, or the chair's designee;
- 71 (v) the executive director of the Utah Transit Authority, or the executive director's
- 72 designee;
- 73 (vi) the executive director of the Department of Transportation, or the executive
- 74 director's designee;
- 75 (vii) the executive director of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, or the executive
- 76 director's designee;
- 77 (viii) the executive director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns, or the executive
- 78 director's designee;
- 79 (ix) the executive director of the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, or the
- 80 executive director's designee; and
- 81 (x) one representative of the Salt Lake City community councils, as designated by the
- 82 Salt Lake City mayor, representing:
- 83 (A) Downtown Community Council;
- 84 (B) Fairpark Community Council;
- 85 (C) Ballpark Community Council;
- 86 (D) Glendale Community Council;
- 87 (E) Poplar Grove Community Council; and
- 88 (F) Rose Park Community Council.
- 89 (b) The executive director of Wasatch Front Regional Council, or the executive
- 90 director's designee, shall chair the working group.
- 91 (4) Beginning in May 2025 and ending in May 2026, the working group shall convene at
- 92 least once every two months to:
- 93 (a) identify potential sources for funding the Rio Grande Plan including:
- 94 (i) federal funds;
- 95 (ii) state funds; and
- 96 (iii) other funding sources;
- 97 (b) study:
- 98 (i) implementation of the Rio Grande Plan;

- 99 (ii) issues of eminent domain; and
100 (iii) potential impacts of the project; and
101 (c) make recommendations that identified jurisdictions or entities seek applicable grants
102 or funding opportunities.
- 103 (5) The working group shall:
104 (a) consult with relevant railroad companies operating in the state;
105 (b) report to the Transportation Interim Committee no later than July 2026; and
106 (c) provide recommendations to:
107 (i) the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity; and
108 (ii) Salt Lake City.
- 109 (6) The report described in Subsection (5)(b) may include recommendations to:
110 (a) the governor;
111 (b) state agencies;
112 (c) the Legislature;
113 (d) relevant political subdivisions; or
114 (e) other entities.
- 115 (7)(a) A majority of members of the working group constitutes a quorum.
116 (b) The action of a quorum constitutes the action of the working group.
- 117 (8) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staffing and
118 administrative support to the working group.
- 119 (9) A member of the working group may not receive compensation or benefits for the
120 member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses as allowed in:
121 (a) Section 63A-3-106;
122 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
123 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance according to Sections 63A-3-106 and
124 63A-3-107.

125 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

126 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.