

Wayne A. Harper proposes the following substitute bill:

**Utah-Ireland Trade Commission**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**

House Sponsor: Tyler Clancy

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill creates the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission within the Governor's Office of  
6 Economic Opportunity.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

- 9 ▶ creates the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission (trade commission) within the Governor's  
10 Office of Economic Opportunity (office);  
11 ▶ describes the membership, purpose, and duties of the trade commission;  
12 ▶ provides that the office staff the trade commission;  
13 ▶ requires an annual report; and  
14 ▶ authorizes the office to solicit funds for certain purposes and to account for those funds.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 This bill appropriates \$10,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, all of  
17 which is from the General Fund.

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 ENACTS:

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

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

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

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

27 Section 1. Section **63N-22-101** is enacted to read:

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

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

31 (1) As used in this part, "trade commission" means the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission  
32 created in this part.

33 (2) There is created in the office the Utah-Ireland Trade Commission.

34 (3) The trade commission membership consists of 11 members:

35 (a) six members to be selected as follows:

36 (i) three members from the House of Representatives, including:

37 (A) two selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives; and

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

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

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

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

44 (b) five members to be appointed by the executive director of the office, including:

45 (i) two members from the office who shall oversee the following trade commission  
46 activities in accordance with Section 63N-22-102:

47 (A) diplomatic relations; and

48 (B) coordination of office program resources to support the purpose described in  
49 Section 63N-22-102;

50 (ii) two members of the World Trade Center, who shall oversee the following trade  
51 commission activities:

52 (A) international programming; and

53 (B) trade promotion; and

54 (iii) one member from an institution of higher education, as that term is defined in  
55 Section 53B-1-102.

56 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), each member shall serve a two-year term.

57 (b) When a vacancy occurs for a member selected under Subsection (3)(a), the  
58 replacement shall be selected for the unexpired term.

59 (c) The executive director shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the  
60 length of terms to ensure that the terms of these members are staggered so that  
61 approximately half of the members are appointed or reappointed under Subsection (3)  
62 every two years.

- 63        (d) When a vacancy occurs among members appointed by the executive director, the  
64        replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term.
- 65    (5) For a member appointed under Subsections (3)(b)(i) and (ii):
- 66        (a) one member from the office and one member from the World Trade Center shall  
67        serve a one-year term; and
- 68        (b) one member from the office and one member from the World Trade Center shall  
69        serve a two-year term.
- 70    (6) A majority of the trade commission members constitutes a quorum.
- 71    (7) The trade commission shall designate, by majority vote, a member as chair of the trade  
72        commission.
- 73    (8)(a) State government officer and employee members who do not receive salary, per  
74        diem, or expenses from the government officer's or employee's agency for service on  
75        the trade commission may receive per diem and expenses at the rates incurred in the  
76        performance of official trade commission duties at the rates established by the  
77        Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- 78        (b) Legislators on the trade commission receive compensation and expenses as provided  
79        by law and legislative rule.
- 80    (9) The office shall provide office space and administrative staff support for the trade  
81        commission.
- 82        Section 2. Section **63N-22-102** is enacted to read:
- 83        **63N-22-102 . Purpose and duties of the trade commission - - Written report.**
- 84    (1) The purpose of the trade commission shall be to:
- 85        (a) advance bilateral trade and investment between Utah and Ireland;
- 86        (b) initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to Utah and Ireland;
- 87        (c) promote business and academic exchanges between Utah and Ireland;
- 88        (d) encourage mutual economic support between Utah and Ireland; and
- 89        (e) encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of Utah and Ireland.
- 90    (2) The trade commission shall:
- 91        (a) maintain active communication with:
- 92            (i) the office of the United States trade representative;
- 93            (ii) Utah's state trade representative or state point of contact, if created; and
- 94            (iii) any other organization whose mission involves international trade in the United  
95            States as the trade commission considers appropriate; and
- 96        (b) have no more than four paid meetings per year.

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

102 Section 3. Section **63N-22-103** is enacted to read:

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

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

105 (a) defray administrative expenses; and

106 (b) carry out the trade commission's purposes.

107 (2) The office may:

108 (a) raise funds through direct solicitation or other fund-raising events, alone or with  
109 other groups; and

110 (b) accept gifts, grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations,  
111 governmental agencies, and public and private organizations and institutions.

112 (3) The office shall maintain and separately account for the funds received and expended  
113 under this section.

114 Section 4. **FY 2026 Appropriations.**

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

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

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

122	ITEM 1	To Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity - Economic Prosperity	
123		From General Fund, One-time	10,000
124		Schedule of Programs:	
125		Incentives and Grants	10,000

126 Section 5. **Effective Date.**

127 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.