

**Utah Rural Jobs Act Modifications**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill amends the Utah Rural Jobs Act tax credit requirements.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- authorizes additional nonrefundable income and premiums tax credits related to investments in eligible small businesses located in rural counties;
- repeals a title provision; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:****AMENDS:**

**31A-3-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 308

**63N-4-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 195

**63N-4-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 195

**63N-4-304**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 274

**63N-4-305**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 195

**63N-4-307**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 195

**63N-4-309**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 195

**ENACTS:**

**59-9-109**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**REPEALS:**

**63N-4-301**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 274

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

Section 1. Section **31A-3-401** is amended to read:

**31A-3-401 . Retaliation against insurers of foreign state or country.**

~~[(1) Except as provided in Section 31A-3-402, when, under the laws of another state or foreign country any taxes, licenses, other fees, deposit requirements, or other material obligations, prohibitions, or restrictions are or would be imposed on Utah insurers, or on the agents or representatives of Utah insurers, that are in excess of the taxes, licenses, other fees, deposit requirements, or other obligations, prohibitions, or restrictions directly imposed upon similar insurers, or upon the agents or representatives of those insurers, of that other state or country under the statutes of this state, as long as the laws of that other state or country continue in force or are so applied, the same taxes, licenses, other fees, deposit requirements, or other material obligations, prohibitions, or restrictions of any kind shall be imposed, collected, and enforced by the State Tax Commission, with the assistance of the commissioner, upon the insurers, or upon the agents or representatives of those insurers, of that other state or country doing business or seeking to do business in this state.]~~

(1) Except as provided in Section 31A-3-402, the State Tax Commission, with the assistance of the commissioner, shall impose, collect, and enforce the same taxes, licenses, other fees, deposit requirements, or other material obligations, prohibitions, or restrictions against insurers, or the agents or representatives of the insurer, of another state or country doing business or seeking to do business in this state if:

- (a) under the laws of the other state or foreign country, the taxes, licenses, other fees, deposit requirements, or other material obligations, prohibitions, or restrictions imposed upon Utah insurers, or on the agent or representatives of Utah insurers, exceed the taxes, licenses, other fees, deposit requirements, or other material obligations, prohibitions, or restrictions Utah imposes directly upon similar insurers, or the agents or representatives of the similar insurers, of the other state or country; and
- (b) the other state or foreign country enforces the collection of the higher taxes, licenses, other fees, deposit requirements, or other material obligations, prohibitions, or restrictions.

(2) Any tax, license, or other obligation imposed by any city, county, or other political subdivision or agency of another state or country on Utah insurers, [their] the Utah insurers' agents, or representatives is considered [as being] imposed by that state or country within the meaning of this section.

(3) The commissioner may, by rule the commissioner makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, waive the retaliatory requirements for a person that is:

- (a) doing business in this state; or
- (b) seeking to do business in this state.

(4) An insurer, or an affiliate as that term is defined in Section 63N-4-302, may claim a tax credit against a tax or assessment imposed under this section in accordance with Section 59-9-109.

Section 2. Section **59-9-109** is enacted to read:

**59-9-109 . Nonrefundable rural jobs premiums tax credit.**

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Affiliate" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63N-4-302.
- (b) "Credit-eligible contribution" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63N-4-302.
- (c) "Department" means the Insurance Department, described in Title 31A, Chapter 2, Part 1, The Insurance Department.
- (d) "Office" means the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity created in Section 63N-1a-301.
- (e) "Phase three investment authority" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63N-4-302.
- (f) "Qualified claimant" means an insurer or an affiliate that makes a credit-eligible contribution under phase three investment authority and receives a tax credit certificate from the office in accordance with Title 63N, Chapter 4, Part 3, Utah Rural Jobs Act, for the taxable year.

(2) A qualified claimant may claim a nonrefundable tax credit in an amount equal to the amount listed as the tax credit amount on the tax credit certificate against:

- (a) the tax imposed under this chapter; or
- (b) a retaliatory tax or retaliatory assessment imposed under Title 31A, Chapter 3, Part 4, Retaliation.

(3) A qualified claimant that claims the tax credit against tax under this chapter may carry forward a tax credit under this section for a period that does not exceed the next four taxable years if the amount of the tax credit exceeds the qualified claimant's tax liability under this chapter for that taxable year.

(4) The department may not charge an additional tax, fee, assessment, or penalty as a

condition for or result of claiming a tax credit in accordance with this section.

Section 3. Section **63N-4-302** is amended to read:

**63N-4-302 . Definitions.**

As used in this part:

- (1)[(a)] "Affiliate" means a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person.
- ~~[(b) For the purposes of this part, a person controls another person if the person holds, directly or indirectly, the majority voting or ownership interest in the controlled person or has control over the day-to-day operations of the controlled person by contract or by law.]~~
- (2) "Claimant" means a resident or nonresident person that has state taxable income.
- (3) "Closing date" means the date on which a rural investment company collects[:] the investments described in Subsection 63N-4-303(7) related to phase one investment authority, phase two investment authority, or phase three investment authority.
- ~~[(a) all of the investments described in Subsection 63N-4-303(7) related to phase one investment authority; or]~~
- ~~[(b) all of the investments described in Subsection 63N-4-303(7) related to phase two investment authority.]~~
- (4) "Control" means another person holds, directly or indirectly, the majority voting or ownership interest in the controlled person or has control over the day-to-day operations of the controlled person by contract or by law.
- ~~[(4)] (5)[(a)] "Credit-eligible contribution" means an investment of cash[ ~~by a claimant in a rural investment company that is or will be eligible for a tax credit as evidenced by notification issued by the office under Subsection 63N-4-303(5)(c):~~ ] :~~
- ~~[(b) The investment shall purchase an equity interest in the rural investment company or purchase, at par value or premium, a debt instrument issued by the rural investment company that has a maturity date at least five years after the closing date.]~~
- (a) by a claimant in a rural investment company;
- (b) that is, or will be, eligible for a tax credit as evidenced by a notification the office issues in accordance with Subsection 63N-4-303(5)(c); and
- (c) to purchase an equity interest in the rural investment company or to purchase, at par value or premium, a debt instrument the rural investment company issues that has a maturity date of at least five years after the closing date.

133 [(5)] (6) "Eligible small business" means a business that at the time of an initial growth  
 134 investment in the business by a rural investment company:

- 135 (a) has fewer than 150 employees;
- 136 (b) has less than \$10,000,000 in net income for the preceding taxable year;
- 137 (c) maintains the business's principal business operations in the state; and
- 138 (d) is engaged in an industry related to:
  - 139 (i) aerospace;
  - 140 (ii) defense;
  - 141 (iii) energy and natural resources;
  - 142 (iv) financial services;
  - 143 (v) life sciences;
  - 144 (vi) outdoor products;
  - 145 (vii) software development;
  - 146 (viii) information technology;
  - 147 (ix) manufacturing; or
  - 148 (x) agribusiness.

149 [(6)] (7)(a) "Excess return" means the difference between:

- 150 (i) the present value of all growth investments made by a rural investment company  
 151 on the day the rural investment company applies to exit the program under Section  
 152 63N-4-309, including the present value of all distributions and gains from the  
 153 growth investments; and
- 154 (ii) the sum of the amount of the original growth investment and an amount equal to  
 155 any projected increase in the equity holder's federal or state tax liability, including  
 156 penalties and interest, related to the equity holder's ownership, management, or  
 157 operation of the rural investment company.

158 (b) [(f)] "Excess return" means zero if the amount calculated in Subsection [(6)(a)] (7)(a)  
 159 is less than zero[, the excess return is equal to zero].

160 [(7)] (8) "Federally licensed rural business investment company" means a person licensed as  
 161 a rural business investment company under 7 U.S.C. Sec. 2009cc.

162 [(8)] (9) "Federally licensed small business investment company" means a person licensed  
 163 as a small business investment company under 15 U.S.C. Sec. 681.

164 [(9)] (10)(a) "Full-time employee" means an employee that throughout the year works at  
 165 least 30 hours per week or meets the customary practices accepted by that industry as  
 166 full time.

(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the office may make rules that establish additional hour or other criteria to determine what constitutes a full-time employee.

~~[(10)]~~ (11)(a) "Growth investment" means any capital or equity investment in an eligible small business or any loan made from the investment authority to an eligible small business with a stated maturity at least one year after the date of issuance.

(b) "Growth investment" does not include, with respect to phase two investment authority or phase three investment authority:

(i) a secured loan or a revolving line of credit to an eligible small business, unless the eligible small business sought and was denied similar financing from a commercial bank, as established by an affidavit from the president or chief executive officer of the eligible small business; or

(ii) any portion of an investment, including any amount reinvested, in an eligible small business that, when added to existing investments in the eligible small business from all rural investment companies under ~~[phase two]~~ the same phase of investment authority, exceeds \$15,000,000.

~~[(11)]~~ (12)(a) "High wage" means a wage that:

(a) is at least 100% of the county average wage[-] ; and

(b) ~~[In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the office may make rules that establish]~~ meets additional criteria to determine what constitutes a high wage the office establishes by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

~~[(12)]~~ (13) "Investment authority" means the minimum amount of investment a rural investment company ~~[must]~~ shall make in eligible small businesses ~~[in order]~~ for credit-eligible contributions to the rural investment company to qualify for a rural job creation tax credit under Section 59-7-621 or 59-10-1038.

~~[(13)]~~ (14)(a) "New annual jobs" means the difference between:

(i)(A) the monthly average of full-time employees that are paid a high wage at an eligible small business for the preceding calendar year; or

(B) if the preceding calendar year contains the initial growth investment, the monthly average of full-time employees that are paid a high wage at an eligible small business for the months including and after the initial growth investment and before the end of the preceding calendar year; and

(ii) the number of full-time employees that are paid a high wage at the eligible small

business on the date of the initial growth investment.

(b) ~~[H]~~ "New annual jobs" means zero if the amount calculated in Subsection ~~[(13)(a)]~~ ~~(14)(a)~~ is less than zero~~[, the new annual jobs amount is equal to zero]~~.

~~[(14)]~~ (15) "Phase one investment authority" means investment authority the office grants a rural investment company based on an application submitted under Subsection 63N-4-303(1)(b)(i).

~~[(15)]~~ (16) "Phase two investment authority" means investment authority the office grants a rural investment company based on an application submitted under Subsection 63N-4-303(1)(b)(ii).

(17) "Phase three investment authority" means investment authority the office grants a rural investment company based on an application submitted under Subsection 63N-4-303(1)(b)(iii).

~~[(16)]~~ (18)(a) "Principal business operations" means the location where at least 60% of a business's employees work or where employees that are paid at least 60% of a business's payroll work.

(b) For the purposes of this part, an out-of-state business that agrees to relocate employees to this state to establish the business's principal business operations in this state using the proceeds of a growth investment is considered to have the business's principal business operations in this state if the business satisfies the requirements of Subsection ~~[(16)(a)]~~ (18)(a) within 180 days after receiving the growth investment, unless the office agrees to a later date.

~~[(17)]~~ (19) "Program" means the provisions of this part applicable to a rural investment company.

~~[(18)]~~ (20) "Rural county" means:

(a) with respect to phase one investment authority, any county in this state except Salt Lake, Utah, Davis, Weber, Washington, Cache, Tooele, and Summit counties; or

(b) with respect to phase two investment authority or phase three investment authority, any county in this state except Salt Lake, Utah, Davis, and Weber counties.

~~[(19)]~~ (21) "Rural investment company" means a person ~~[approved by the office under]~~ the office approves in accordance with Section 63N-4-303.

~~[(20)]~~ (22)(a) "State reimbursement amount" means the difference between:

(i) 50% of the rural investment company's credit-eligible capital contributions; and

(ii) the product of:

(A) the total sum of new annual jobs reported to the office; and

- (B) \$20,000 with respect to phase one investment authority, or \$15,000 with respect to phase two investment authority or phase three investment authority.
- (b) [If] "State reimbursement amount" means zero if the amount calculated in Subsection [ (20)(a)] (22)(a) is less than zero[, the state reimbursement amount is equal to zero].
- [(21)] (23) "Tax credit" means a rural job creation tax credit created by Section 59-7-621, [or] 59-9-109, or 59-10-1038.
- [(22)] (24) "Tax credit certificate" means a certificate issued by the office that:
- (a) lists the name of the person to which the office authorizes a tax credit;
  - (b) lists the person's taxpayer identification number;
  - (c) lists the amount of tax credit that the office authorizes the person to claim for the taxable year; and
  - (d) may include other information as determined by the office.
- Section 4. Section **63N-4-303** is amended to read:
- 63N-4-303 . Application, approval, and allocations.**
- (1)(a) A person seeking approval as a rural investment company shall submit an application to the office.
- (b)(i) For the investment authority described in Subsection (6)(a)(i), the office shall begin accepting applications on November 1, 2017.
- (ii) For the investment authority described in Subsection (6)(a)(ii), the office shall begin accepting applications on November 1, 2022.
- (iii) For the investment authority described in Subsection (6)(a)(iii), the office shall begin accepting applications on November 2, 2026.
- (2) An application submitted under Subsection (1) shall be in a form and in accordance with procedures [~~prescribed by~~]the office requires, and shall include the following:
- (a) the total investment authority sought by the applicant, which may not exceed \$42,000,000;
  - (b) a copy of the applicant's or [~~an affiliate of the applicant's~~] the applicant's affiliate's license as a federally licensed rural business investment company or as a federally licensed small business investment company;
  - (c) evidence that before the date the application is submitted, the applicant or affiliates of the applicant have invested at least \$50,000,000 in nonpublic companies located in counties in the United States with fewer than 50,000 inhabitants;
  - (d) a signed affidavit from each claimant that commits to make a credit-eligible capital contribution to the applicant, stating the amount of that commitment; and



(e) the sum of all credit-eligible capital contribution commitments described in Subsection (2)(d), which must equal 58% of the total investment authority sought by the applicant.

(3) The office shall:

(a) review and evaluate the applications submitted under this section within 30 days of receipt in the order in which the applications are received; and

(b) consider applications received on the same day to have been received simultaneously.

(4)(a) If, after review and evaluation of an application, the office determines that the application does not meet the requirements of Subsection (2), the office shall:

(i) deny the application; or

(ii)(A) notify the applicant that the application was inadequate and allow the applicant to provide additional information to the office to complete, clarify, or cure defects ~~[identified by]~~ the office identifies in the application; and

(B) inform the applicant that the office shall receive the additional information described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A) ~~[must be received by the office]~~ within five days of the notice in order to be considered.

(b) If an applicant submits additional information to the office in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(ii), the office shall:

(i) consider the application to have been received on the date ~~[it was originally received by]~~ the office originally received the application; and

(ii) review and evaluate the additional information within 10 days of receiving the additional information.

(5) If, after review and evaluation of an application submitted under this section and any additional information ~~[submitted]~~ the applicant submits in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(ii), the office determines that the application meets the requirements of Subsection (2), the office shall:

(a) determine the amount of investment authority to award the applicant in accordance with Subsection (6);

(b) provide to the applicant a written notice of approval as a rural investment company specifying the amount of the applicant's investment authority; and

(c) notify each claimant whose affidavit was included in the application under Subsection (2) that the claimant qualifies for a tax credit that will be issued in accordance with Section 63N-4-304.

(6)(a)(i) For the first application period described in Subsection (1)(b)(i), the office

may not approve more than \$42,000,000 in total investment authority and not more than \$24,360,000 in total credit-eligible contributions under this part.

(ii) For the second application period described in Subsection (1)(b)(ii), the office may not approve more than \$42,000,000 in total investment authority and not more than \$24,360,000 in total credit-eligible contributions under this part.

(iii) For the third application period described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii), the office may not approve more than \$42,000,000 in total investment authority and not more than \$24,360,000 in total credit-eligible contributions under this part.

(b) Subject to Subsection (6)(d), if the office approves an application ~~[is approved]~~ under Subsection (5), the office shall approve the amount of investment authority requested on the application.

~~(c)[(i)] During [the first] each~~ each application period described in Subsection ~~[(1)(b)(i)]~~ (1), the office may continue to accept applications under this section until the amount of approved investment authority reaches \$42,000,000.

~~[(ii) During the second application period described in Subsection (1)(b)(ii), the office may continue to accept applications under this section until the amount of approved investment authority reaches \$42,000,000.]~~

(d) If the office approves multiple applications received simultaneously under Subsection (3) and the total amount of investment authority requested on ~~[those]~~ the applications exceeds the amount of investment authority remaining, the office shall proportionally reduce the investment authority and credit-eligible capital contributions for each of ~~[these]~~ the applications as necessary to avoid exceeding the amount of investment authority and credit-eligible capital contributions remaining.

(7) Within 65 days after the day on which a rural investment company receives approval under Subsection (5)(b), the rural investment company shall:

(a) collect the total amount of committed credit-eligible capital contributions from each claimant whose affidavit was included in the application under Subsection (2);

(b) collect one or more cash equity investments contributed by affiliates of the rural investment company, including employees, officers, and directors of such affiliates, that equal at least 10% of the rural investment company's investment authority;

(c) collect one or more cash investments that, when added to the amounts collected under Subsections (7)(a) and (b), equal the rural investment company's investment authority; and

(d) send sufficient documentation to the office to prove that the amounts described in

337 this Subsection (7) have been collected.

338 (8) If the rural investment company fails to fully comply with Subsection (7):

- 339 (a) the rural investment company's approval shall lapse and the corresponding  
340 investment authority and credit-eligible capital contributions shall not count toward  
341 the limits on the program size described in Subsection (6);
- 342 (b) if the office awards lapsed investment authority to a rural investment company, the  
343 office shall first award lapsed investment authority pro rata to each rural investment  
344 company that was awarded less than the requested investment authority under  
345 Subsection (6)(d), which a rural investment company may allocate to the rural  
346 investment company's investors at the company's discretion; and
- 347 (c) the office may award any remaining investment authority to new applicants.

348 Section 5. Section **63N-4-304** is amended to read:

349 **63N-4-304 . Tax credit.**

350 (1) On the closing date, a claimant whose affidavit was included in an approved application  
351 submitted under Section 63N-4-303 shall earn a vested tax credit equal to the amount of  
352 the claimant's credit-eligible capital contribution to the rural investment company.

353 (2) If the claimant is an insurer, the claimant may choose to assign the tax credit for any  
354 taxable year to an affiliate by providing the office, in a form the office approves:

- 355 (a) a written notice of intent to assign the tax credit to an affiliate; and  
356 (b) the years for which the claimant chooses to assign the tax credit.

357 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) In each of the taxable years that includes the fourth through seventh anniversaries  
358 of the closing date, the office shall:

- 359 (a) issue a tax credit certificate to each approved claimant or affiliate, specifying a tax  
360 credit amount for the taxable year equal to 25% of the claimant's total credit-eligible  
361 capital contribution; and
- 362 (b) provide a report to the State Tax Commission and the Insurance Department listing  
363 each claimant or affiliate that received a tax credit certificate under Subsection ~~[(2)(a)]~~  
364 (3)(a) and the tax credit amount listed on the certificate.

365 ~~[(3)]~~ (4)(a) A claimant or affiliate may not claim a tax credit under this section unless the  
366 claimant or affiliate has a tax credit certificate issued by the office.

- 367 (b) A claimant or affiliate claiming a credit under this section shall retain a tax credit  
368 certificate the claimant or affiliate receives from the office for the same time period a  
369 person is required to keep books and records under Section 59-1-1406.

370 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the

office shall make rules describing:

(a) the documentation requirements for a business entity to receive a tax credit certificate under this section; and

(b) administration of the program, including relevant timelines and deadlines.

Section 6. Section **63N-4-305** is amended to read:

**63N-4-305 . Revocation of tax credit certificates and exit.**

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), the office shall revoke a tax credit certificate issued under Section 63N-4-304 if the rural investment company in which the credit-eligible capital contribution was made does any of the following before the rural investment company exits the program in accordance with Section 63N-4-309:

(a) fails to invest 100% of the rural investment company's investment authority in growth investments in this state within three years ~~[of]~~ after the closing date;

(b) fails to maintain growth investments in this state equal to 100% of the rural investment company's investment authority until the seventh anniversary ~~[of]~~ after the closing date in accordance with this section;

(c) makes a distribution or payment that results in the rural investment company having less than 100% of the rural investment company's investment authority invested in growth investments in this state or available for investment in growth investments and held in cash and other marketable securities;

(d)(i) with respect to phase one investment authority, fails to maintain growth investments equal to 70% of the rural investment company's investment authority in eligible small businesses that maintain ~~[their]~~ the eligible small businesses' principal business operations in a rural county; or

(ii) with respect to phase two investment authority or phase three investment authority, fails to maintain growth investments equal to 100% of the rural investment company's investment authority in eligible small businesses that maintain ~~[their]~~ the eligible small businesses' principal business operations in a rural county;

(e) invests more than \$5,000,000 from the investment authority in the same eligible small business, including amounts invested in affiliates of the eligible small business, exclusive of growth investments made with repaid or redeemed growth investments or interest or profits realized on the repaid or redeemed growth investments;

(f) makes a growth investment in an eligible small business that directly, or indirectly through an affiliate:

(i) owns or has the right to acquire an ownership interest in the rural investment

- company, an affiliate of the rural investment company, or an investor in the rural investment company; or
- (ii) makes a loan to or an investment in the rural investment company, an affiliate of the rural investment company, or an investor in the rural investment company; or
- (g) fails to timely provide a document described in Subsection [63N-4-307(1)(d)] 63N-4-307(1)(b)(iv).
- (2)(a)(i) For the purposes of Subsection (1), an investment is maintained even if the investment is sold or repaid if the rural investment company reinvests an amount equal to the capital returned or recovered by the fund from the original investment, exclusive of any profits realized, in other growth investments in this state within 12 months of the receipt of such capital.
- (ii) Amounts received periodically by a rural investment company are treated as continually invested in growth investments if the amounts are reinvested in one or more growth investments by the end of the following calendar year.
- (iii) A rural investment company is not required to reinvest capital returned from growth investments after the sixth anniversary [of] after the closing date and such growth investments are considered as being held continuously by the rural investment company through the seventh anniversary [of] after the closing date.
- (b)(i) Subsection (1)(g) does not apply to investments in publicly traded securities by an eligible small business or an owner or affiliate of an eligible small business.
- (ii) Under Subsection (1)(g), a rural investment company is not considered an affiliate of a business concern solely as a result of the rural investment company's growth investment.
- (c) A growth investment in an eligible small business that is not located in a rural county may count toward the requirements of Subsection (1)(d) if the office determines that the eligible small business is located in an economically disadvantaged rural area as defined by rules made by the office in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (3)(a) Before revoking one or more tax credit certificates under this section, the office shall notify the rural investment company of the reasons for the pending revocation.
- (b) If the rural investment company corrects any violation outlined in the notice to the satisfaction of the office within 90 days after the day on which the office sent the notice[~~was sent~~], the office may not revoke the tax credit certificate.
- (c) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the

- 439 office may make rules that establish criteria to determine what constitutes a  
 440 correction under Subsection (3)(b).
- 441 (4) If the office revoked a tax credit [~~certificates are revoked~~] certificate under this section:
- 442 (a)(i) the rural investment company shall make a cash distribution to the office in an  
 443 amount equal to the sum of all tax credits awarded to persons that have made  
 444 credit-eligible contributions to the rural investment company; and
- 445 (ii) if the rural investment company is able to provide documentation to the office  
 446 that proves that a tax credit described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) has not been claimed,  
 447 the amount owed under Subsection (4)(a)(i) shall be reduced by the amount of the  
 448 unclaimed tax credit;
- 449 (b) the rural investment company's investment authority and credit-eligible capital  
 450 contributions will not count toward the limits on the program size described in  
 451 Subsection 63N-4-303(6);
- 452 (c) if the office awards lapsed investment authority to a rural investment company, the  
 453 office shall first award lapsed investment authority pro rata to each rural investment  
 454 company that was awarded less than the requested investment authority under  
 455 Subsection 63N-4-303(6)(d), which a rural investment company may allocate to the  
 456 rural investment company's investors at the rural investment company's discretion;  
 457 and
- 458 (d) the office may award any remaining investment authority to new applicants.
- 459 (5) The office may not revoke a tax credit certificate after a rural investment company has  
 460 exited the program in accordance with Section 63N-4-309.

461 Section 7. Section **63N-4-307** is amended to read:

462 **63N-4-307 . Reporting obligations -- Authorization to disclose tax information --**  
 463 **Credit for new annual jobs.**

- 464 (1)(a) A rural investment company shall submit an annual report to the office on or  
 465 before the last day of February for each preceding calendar year until the rural  
 466 investment company exits the program in accordance with Section 63N-4-309.
- 467 (b) The annual report shall provide documentation [~~as to~~] of the rural investment  
 468 company's growth investments and include:
- 469 [(a)] (i) a bank statement evidencing each growth investment;
- 470 [(b)] (ii) the name, location, and industry of each business concern receiving a growth  
 471 investment, including either the determination letter set forth in Section 63N-4-306  
 472 or evidence that the business qualified as an eligible small business at the time the

investment was made;

[(e)] (iii) the number of new annual jobs at each eligible small business for the preceding calendar year, accompanied by a report from a third-party accounting firm attesting that the number of new annual jobs was calculated in accordance with procedures approved by the office;

[(d)] (iv) unless provided in a previously submitted annual report, for each eligible small business to which the rural investment company provided a growth investment during the preceding calendar year, a document that expressly directs and authorizes the State Tax Commission to disclose to the office the eligible small business's returns and other information that would otherwise be subject to confidentiality under Section 59-1-403; and

[(e)] (v) any other information required by the office.

[(2) For the annual report due in 2022, each rural investment company shall submit the documents described in Subsection (1)(d) on or before July 1, 2022.]

[(3)] (2)(a) Within 60 days of receipt of an annual report, the office shall provide written confirmation to the rural investment company of the number of new annual jobs the office credited the rural investment company[ ~~has been credited~~] with for the preceding calendar year.

(b) When granting credit for one or more new annual jobs at an eligible small business that received or held a growth investment from more than one rural investment company during the preceding calendar year, the office shall allocate credit for each new annual job between the rural investment companies:

(i) in proportion to each rural investment company's share of the total growth investments the eligible small business received during the calendar year; or

(ii) in accordance with any written agreement between the rural investment companies.

[(4)] (3) By the fifth business day after the third anniversary of the closing date, a rural investment company shall submit a report to the office providing evidence that the rural investment company is in compliance with the investment requirements of Section 63N-4-305.

[(5)] (4) [In accordance with rules made by the office, a rural investment company that receives phase one investment authority and phase two investment authority shall submit an annual report under this section that provides separate information related to the phase one investment authority and the phase two investment authority].

(a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Authority Act, the office shall make rules to establish how a rural investment company that receives investment authority from more than one phase shall submit an annual report that provides separate information about each phase of investment authority.

(b) A rural investment company that receives investment authority from more than one phase shall submit an annual report in accordance with the office's rules described in Subsection (4)(a).

~~[(6)]~~ (5)(a) The office shall submit the document described in Subsection ~~[(1)(d)]~~ (1)(b)(iv) to the State Tax Commission.

(b) Upon receipt of a document described in Subsection ~~[(1)(d)]~~ (1)(b)(iv), the State Tax Commission shall provide the office with the returns and other information the office requests and that the State Tax Commission is directed and authorized to provide.

Section 8. Section **63N-4-309** is amended to read:

**63N-4-309 . Exit.**

(1)(a) On or after the seventh anniversary of the closing date, and on or before the twelfth anniversary of the closing date, each rural investment company shall apply to the office to exit the program and no longer be subject to this part.

(b) A rural investment company that receives ~~[phase one investment authority and phase two investment authority]~~ investment authority from more than one phase shall separately apply to exit the program~~[ in relation to the phase one investment authority and the phase two investment authority]~~.

(2) ~~[An application submitted]~~ A rural investment company shall submit an application under Subsection (1)~~[-shall be-]~~ :

(a) in a form and in accordance with procedures ~~[prescribed by]~~ the office requires; and~~[ shall include]~~

(b) that includes a calculation of the state reimbursement amount.

(3) In evaluating the exit application, if no tax credit certificates have been revoked and the rural investment company has not received a notice of revocation that has remained uncorrected under Subsection 63N-4-305(3)(b), the rural investment company is eligible for exit.

(4)(a) The office shall respond to the application within 30 days ~~[of receipt]~~ after the day on which the office receives the application and include confirmation of the state reimbursement amount.

(b) The office ~~[shall]~~ may not unreasonably deny an application submitted under this



541 section.

542 (c) If the office denies the application, the office shall provide the reasons for the

543 determination to the rural investment company.

544 (5) If a rural investment company fails to submit an exit application in accordance with

545 Subsection (1), the office shall:

546 (a) calculate the state reimbursement amount using the best available information; and

547 (b) provide the confirmation described in Subsection (4)(a) within 30 days ~~[of]~~ after the

548 twelfth anniversary of the closing date.

549 (6) Within 60 days after the day on which the rural investment company receives the

550 confirmation of the state reimbursement amount~~[-is received by the rural investment~~

551 ~~company]~~, the rural investment company shall make a cash distribution to the state in an

552 amount equal to the lesser of:

553 (a) the state reimbursement amount; and

554 (b) the excess return.

555 (7) The office shall notify the rural investment company once the office receives payments

556 equal to the amount described in Subsection (4)~~[-have been received]~~.

557 (8) ~~[Any]~~ The office shall deposit amounts collected under this section ~~[shall be deposited]~~

558 into the General Fund.

559 Section 9. **Repealer.**

560 This bill repeals:

561 Section **63N-4-301, Title.**

562 Section 10. **Effective Date.**

563 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.