

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO BUDGETS AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS OF TAXPAYER FUNDED ENTITIES**

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STATE OF UTAH

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This act modifies the Government Records Access and Management Act by defining public associations and making their budget documents and financial statements accessible to the public.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

63-2-1001, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63-2-1001** is enacted to read:

Part 10. Public Associations

63-2-1001. Definitions -- Public associations subject to act.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Public association" means any association, organization, or society whose members include elected or appointed public officials and for which public funds are used or paid to the public association for membership dues or for other support for the official's participation in the public association.

(b) (i) "Public funds" means any monies received by a public entity from appropriations, taxes, fees, interest, or other returns on investment.

(ii) "Public funds" does not include monies donated to a public entity by a person or entity.

(2) The budget documents and financial statements of a public association shall be released pursuant to a written request if 50% or more of the public association's:

(a) members are elected or appointed public officials from this state; and

(b) membership dues or other financial support come from public funds from this state.