

**GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON WOMEN AND  
FAMILIES**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Carlene M. Walker**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Governor's Commission on Women and Families.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the name of the commission;
- ▶ provides for administrative support;
- ▶ reduces the size of the commission and provides for terms of appointment;
- ▶ simplifies the duties of the commission;
- ▶ repeals the responsibility of the commission to recommend staff to the governor;

and

- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63-47-1**, as last amended by Chapter 158, Laws of Utah 1990

**63-47-2**, as last amended by Chapter 243, Laws of Utah 1996

**63-47-3**, as last amended by Chapter 158, Laws of Utah 1990



28           **63-47-5**, as last amended by Chapter 158, Laws of Utah 1990

29           **63-47-7**, as enacted by Chapter 173, Laws of Utah 1973

30 REPEALS:

31           **63-47-6**, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 69, Laws of Utah 1992



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

34           Section 1. Section **63-47-1** is amended to read:

35           **63-47-1. Creation -- Purpose.**

36           (1) There is [hereby] established the [governor's] Utah Commission for Women and  
37 Families. [~~The purpose of the commission shall be to advise and confer with the governor and~~  
38 ~~state agencies concerning issues of importance to women and families in Utah and to serve as a~~  
39 ~~contact and coordinating group to analyze state and local programs to determine whether they~~  
40 ~~adequately serve women and protect the rights of men, women, and families.]~~

41           (2) The governor's office shall provide administrative support for the commission.

42           Section 2. Section **63-47-2** is amended to read:

43           **63-47-2. Members -- Appointment -- Terms -- Vacancies -- Expenses.**

44           (1) (a) Except as required by Subsection (1)(b), the commission shall consist of [19] up  
45 to 15 members to be appointed by the governor for [terms of four years] a four-year term.

46           (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (1)(a), the governor shall, at the  
47 time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of  
48 commission members are staggered so that approximately half of the commission is appointed  
49 every two years.

50           (c) Members may [serve two consecutive appointments] be reappointed at the  
51 governor's discretion.

52           (2) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be  
53 appointed by the governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

54           (3) (a) Members shall receive no compensation or benefits for their services, but may  
55 receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties at  
56 the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

57           (b) Members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.

58           Section 3. Section **63-47-3** is amended to read:

59           **63-47-3. Qualifications of members.**

60           (1) Not more than ~~[ten]~~ eight members of the commission may be from one political  
61 party. ~~[Members shall be appointed from persons with]~~

62           (2) Members appointed to the commission shall have the following qualifications:

63           (a) a demonstrated record of leadership and involvement~~[-];~~ and

64           (b) a willingness to make a commitment to the furtherance of the purposes of the  
65 commission.

66           (3) The commission ~~[shall]~~ may make recommendations to the governor concerning  
67 appointment of members.

68           Section 4. Section **63-47-5** is amended to read:

69           **63-47-5. Duties.**

70           The commission shall ~~[take action to carry out the following duties]:~~

71           (1) confer with state agencies and advise the governor ~~[and heads of various state~~  
72 ~~departments regarding discriminatory legislation and practices, and the planning of programs of~~  
73 ~~particular concern], through the governor's program director, concerning programs of~~  
74 importance to women and families;

75           ~~[(2) serve as a clearinghouse for coordination and evaluation of programs, services, and~~  
76 ~~legislation affecting women and families;]~~

77           ~~[(3) receive and refer complaints concerning alleged violation of women's rights and~~  
78 ~~responsibilities and if necessary report such action to the governor;]~~

79           ~~[(4)]~~ (2) conduct studies, workshops, or fact-finding hearings to develop  
80 recommendations for constructive action in all areas of interest to women and families;

81           ~~[(5)]~~ (3) conduct or participate in educational programs concerning issues of  
82 importance to women and families; and

83           ~~[(6) encourage community organizations and state and local units of government to~~  
84 ~~institute activities designed to meet the needs of women and families;]~~

85           ~~[(7) participate in gaining support of changes deemed necessary by developing~~  
86 ~~legislation and community education; and]~~

87           ~~[(8)]~~ (4) act as a liaison between the governor and national advisory organizations on  
88 the status of women or families~~[-, and represent the governor and the state at meetings of such~~  
89 ~~national organizations].~~

90 Section 5. Section **63-47-7** is amended to read:

91 **63-47-7. Authority to accept funds, gifts, and donations.**

92 The commission may receive and accept federal funds, private gifts, donations, or funds  
93 from any source. [~~All moneys shall be deposited with the state and shall be continuously~~  
94 ~~available to the commission to carry out the purposes of this act.~~]

95 Section 6. **Repealer.**

96 This bill repeals:

97 Section **63-47-6, Authority to hire staff.**

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**Legislative Review Note**

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**  
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**State Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**