#### Representative Michael T. Morley proposes the following substitute bill:

CONSTRUCTION FILING AMENDMENTS	
2005 GENERAL SESSION	
STATE OF UTAH	
Sponsor: Michael T. Morley	
LONG TITLE	
General Description:	
This bill makes changes to mechanics' liens.	
Highlighted Provisions:	
This bill:	
<ul> <li>addresses exemptions from preliminary notice requirements;</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>addresses final completion of an original contract;</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>addresses certificates of compliance;</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>defines terms;</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>clarifies how the State Construction Registry is to be indexed;</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>requires the division to comply with Title 63, Chapter 38, Budgetary Procedures</li> </ul>	
Act, when setting fees for the database;	
<ul><li>provides that actions in connection with a filing to the database are not</li></ul>	
adjudications within the meaning of Title 63, Chapter 46b, Administrative	
Procedures Act;	
<ul><li>clarifies that the division is not responsible for monitoring the timeliness of filings;</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>establishes provisions for addressing delinquency of payment of a filing fee for a</li> </ul>	
filing to the database;	
► allows the division to make rules establishing the form of submission of an alternate	
filing;	



26	<ul><li>provides that the archiving of a notice filed with the database may occur no earlier</li></ul>
27	than the later of:
28	<ul> <li>one year after the filing of a notice of completion;</li> </ul>
29	<ul> <li>two years after the last filing activity if no notice of completion is filed; or</li> </ul>
30	<ul> <li>one year after a filing is cancelled;</li> </ul>
31	<ul> <li>provides that data submitted to the database by a governmental entity is classified</li> </ul>
32	under Title 63, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act, by
33	the division;
34	<ul> <li>clarifies the required content of a notice of commencement filed for a project where</li> </ul>
35	no building permit is required;
36	<ul> <li>provides that a person requesting a notice of filings for a project is responsible for</li> </ul>
37	the accuracy of an e-mail address, mailing address, or the telefax number to which
38	notice is requested to be sent;
39	<ul> <li>provides that a designated agent need only send the notice to the provided e-mail</li> </ul>
40	address, mailing address, or telefax number, whether or not the notice is actually
41	received;
42	<ul> <li>modifies the time within which a subcontractor or supplier must file a preliminary</li> </ul>
43	notice;
44	<ul> <li>clarifies that a preliminary notice filed for one construction project applies to all</li> </ul>
45	labor, service, equipment, and material for that construction project;
46	► Ĥ→ [provides that a qualified beneficiary may recover from the Residence Lien Recovery
47	Fund only if the qualified beneficiary files an action within 180 days after a notice
48	of claim is filed under Section 38-1-7] addresses requirements for a qualified beneficiary's
l8a	recovery from the Residence Lien Recovery Fund $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ ; and
49	<ul><li>makes technical changes.</li></ul>
50	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
51	None
52	Other Special Clauses:
53	This bill provides retrospective operation.
54	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
55	AMENDS:
56	14-1-20 (Superseded 05/01/05), as last amended by Chapter 30, Laws of Utah 2004

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57	14-2-5 (Superseded 05/01/05), as last amended by Chapter 30, Laws of Utah 2004
58	38-1-7 (Effective 05/01/05), as last amended by Chapters 85 and 250, Laws of Utah
59	2004
60	<b>38-1-11</b> , as last amended by Chapters 42, 85 and 188, Laws of Utah 2004
61	38-1-27 (Effective 05/01/05), as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 250, Laws of Utah
62	2004
63	38-1-30, as enacted by Chapter 250, Laws of Utah 2004
64	38-1-31 (Effective 05/01/05), as enacted by Chapter 250, Laws of Utah 2004
65	38-1-32 (Effective 05/01/05), as enacted by Chapter 250, Laws of Utah 2004
66	38-1-33 (Effective 05/01/05), as enacted by Chapter 250, Laws of Utah 2004
67	38-1-37 (Effective 05/01/05), as enacted by Chapter 250, Laws of Utah 2004
68	<b>38-11-204</b> , as last amended by Chapter 42, Laws of Utah 2004
69	63-56-38.1 (Superseded 05/01/05), as last amended by Chapter 30, Laws of Utah 2004
69a	Ĥ→ <u>REPEALS:</u>
69b	38-1-38 as enacted by Chapter 188, Laws of Utah 2004 ←Ĥ
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71	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
72	Section 1. Section 14-1-20 (Superseded 05/01/05) is amended to read:
73	14-1-20 (Superseded 05/01/05). Preliminary notice requirement.
74	(1) Any person furnishing labor, service, equipment, or material for which a payment
75	bond claim may be made under this chapter shall provide preliminary notice to the payment
76	bond principal as prescribed by Section 38-1-27, except that this section does not apply:
77	(a) to a person who is in privity of contract with the payment bond principal;
78	(b) to a person who contracts directly with the payment bond principal;
79	[(b)] (c) to a person performing labor for wages; or
80	[(c)] (d) if a notice of commencement is not filed as prescribed in Section 38-1-27 for
81	the project or improvement for which labor, service, equipment, or material is furnished.
82	(2) Any person who fails to provide the preliminary notice required by Subsection (1)
83	may not make a payment bond claim under this chapter.
84	(3) The preliminary notice required by Subsection (1) must be provided prior to
85	commencement of any action on the payment bond.
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86	Section 2. Section 14-2-5 (Superseded 05/01/05) is amended to read:

88	(1) Any person furnishing labor, service, equipment, or material for which a payment
89	bond claim may be made under this chapter shall provide preliminary notice to the payment
90	bond principal as prescribed by Section 38-1-27, except that this section does not apply:
91	(a) to a person who is in privity of contract with the payment bond principal;
92	(b) to a person who contracts directly with the payment bond principal;
93	[(b)] (c) to a person performing labor for wages; or
94	[(c)] (d) if a notice of commencement is not filed as prescribed in Section 38-1-27 for
95	the project or improvement for which labor, service, equipment, or material is furnished.
96	(2) Any person who fails to provide the preliminary notice required by Subsection (1)
97	may not make a payment bond claim under this chapter.
98	(3) The preliminary notice required by Subsection (1) must be provided prior to
99	commencement of any action on the payment bond.
100	Section 3. Section 38-1-7 (Effective 05/01/05) is amended to read:
101	38-1-7 (Effective 05/01/05). Notice of claim Contents Recording Service on
102	owner of property.
103	(1) (a) Except as modified in Section 38-1-27, a person claiming benefits under this
104	chapter shall file for record with the county recorder of the county in which the property, or
105	some part of the property, is situated, a written notice to hold and claim a lien within 90 days
106	from the date of final completion of the original contract under which the claimant claims a
107	lien under this chapter. For purposes of this Subsection (1), final completion of the original
108	contract means:
109	(i) if as a result of work performed under the original contract a permanent certificate
110	of occupancy is required for such work, the date of issuance of a permanent certificate of
111	occupancy by the local government entity having jurisdiction over the construction project;
112	(ii) if no certificate of occupancy is required by the local government entity having
113	jurisdiction over the construction project, but as a result of the work performed under the
114	original contract an inspection is required for such work, the date of the final inspection for
115	such work by the local government entity having jurisdiction over the construction project; or
116	(iii) if with regard to work performed under the original contract no certificate of
117	occupancy and no final inspection are required by the local government entity having

jurisdiction over the construction project, the date on which there remains no substantial work

119	to be completed to finish such work on the original contract.
120	(b) Notwithstanding Section 38-1-2, where a subcontractor performs substantial work
121	after the applicable dates established by Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii), that subcontractor's
122	subcontract shall be considered an original contract for the sole purpose of determining:
123	(i) the subcontractor's time frame to file a notice of intent to hold and claim a lien
124	under Subsection (1); and
125	(ii) the original contractor's time frame to file a notice of intent to hold and claim a lier
126	under Subsection (1) for that subcontractor's work.
127	(c) For purposes of this section, the term "substantial work" does not include:
128	(i) repair work; <u>or</u>
129	(ii) warranty work[ <del>; or</del> ].
130	[(iii) work for which the project owner is not holding payment to ensure completion of
131	that work.]
132	(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a)(iii), final completion of the original contract
133	does not occur if work remains to be completed for which the owner is holding payment to
134	ensure completion of that work.
135	(2) (a) The notice required by Subsection (1) shall contain a statement setting forth:
136	(i) the name of the reputed owner if known or, if not known, the name of the record
137	owner;
138	(ii) the name of the person:
139	(A) by whom the lien claimant was employed; or
140	(B) to whom the lien claimant furnished the equipment or material;
141	(iii) the time when:
142	(A) the first and last labor or service was performed; or
143	(B) the first and last equipment or material was furnished;
144	(iv) a description of the property, sufficient for identification;
145	(v) the name, current address, and current phone number of the lien claimant;
146	(vi) the amount of the lien claim;
147	(vii) the signature of the lien claimant or the lien claimant's authorized agent;
148	(viii) an acknowledgment or certificate as required under Title 57, Chapter 3,
149	Recording of Documents; and

- (ix) if the lien is on an owner-occupied residence, as defined in Section 38-11-102, a statement describing what steps an owner, as defined in Section 38-11-102, may take to require a lien claimant to remove the lien in accordance with Section 38-11-107.
- (b) Substantial compliance with the requirements of this Subsection (2) is sufficient to hold and claim a lien.
- (3) (a) Within 30 days after filing the notice of lien, the lien claimant shall deliver or mail by certified mail a copy of the notice of lien to:
  - (i) the reputed owner of the real property; or
  - (ii) the record owner of the real property.
- (b) If the record owner's current address is not readily available to the lien claimant, the copy of the claim may be mailed to the last-known address of the record owner, using the names and addresses appearing on the last completed real property assessment rolls of the county where the affected property is located.
- (c) Failure to deliver or mail the notice of lien to the reputed owner or record owner precludes the lien claimant from an award of costs and attorneys' fees against the reputed owner or record owner in an action to enforce the lien.
- (4) The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing shall make rules governing the form of the statement required under Subsection (2)(a)(ix).
  - Section 4. Section **38-1-11** is amended to read:

# 38-1-11. Enforcement -- Time for -- Lis pendens -- Action for debt not affected -- Instructions and form affidavit and motion.

- (1) A lien claimant shall file an action to enforce the lien filed under this chapter within 180 days from the day on which the lien claimant filed a notice of claim under Section 38-1-7.
- (2) (a) Within the time period provided for filing in Subsection (1) the lien claimant shall file for record with the county recorder of each county in which the lien is recorded a notice of the pendency of the action, in the manner provided in actions affecting the title or right to possession of real property, or the lien shall be void, except as to persons who have been made parties to the action and persons having actual knowledge of the commencement of the action.
- (b) The burden of proof shall be upon the lien claimant and those claiming under the lien claimant to show actual knowledge.

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181	(3) This section may not be interpreted to impair or affect the right of any person to
182	whom a debt may be due for any work done or materials furnished to maintain a personal
183	action to recover the same.
184	(4) (a) If a lien claimant files an action to enforce a lien filed under this chapter
185	involving a residence, as defined in Section 38-11-102, the lien claimant shall include with the
186	service of the complaint on the owner of the residence:
187	(i) instructions to the owner of the residence relating to the owner's rights under Title
188	38, Chapter 11, Residence Lien Restriction and Lien Recovery Fund Act; and
189	(ii) a form affidavit to enable the owner of the residence to specify the grounds upon
190	which the owner may exercise available rights under Title 38, Chapter 11, Residence Lien
191	Restriction and Lien Recovery Fund Act.
192	(b) The instructions and form affidavit required by Subsection (4)(a) shall meet the
193	requirements established by rule by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing in
194	accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
195	(c) If a lien claimant fails to provide to the owner of the residence the instructions and
196	form affidavit required by Subsection (4)(a), the lien claimant shall be barred from maintaining
197	or enforcing the lien upon the residence.
198	(d) Judicial determination of the rights and liabilities of the owner of the residence
199	under Title 38, Chapters 1 and 11, and Title 14, Chapter 2, shall be stayed until after the owner
200	has been given a reasonable period of time to establish compliance with Subsections
201	38-11-204(4)(a) and (4)(b) through an informal proceeding, as set forth in Title 63, Chapter
202	46b, Administrative Procedures Act, commenced within 30 days of the owner being served
203	summons in the foreclosure action, at the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
204	and obtain a certificate of compliance or denial of certificate of compliance, as defined in
205	Section 38-11-102.
206	(e) An owner applying for a certificate of compliance under Subsection (4)(d) shall
207	send by certified mail to all lien claimants;
208	(i) a copy of the application for a certificate of compliance; and
209	(ii) all materials filed in connection with the application.

(f) The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing shall notify all lien

claimants listed in an owner's application for a certificate of compliance under Subsection

212	(4) $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [\underline{(\mathbf{e})}]$ (d) $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ of the issuance or denial of a certificate of compliance.
213	(5) The written notice requirement applies to liens filed on or after July 1, 2004.
214	Section 5. Section 38-1-27 (Effective 05/01/05) is amended to read:
215	38-1-27 (Effective 05/01/05). State Construction Registry Form and contents of
216	notice of commencement, preliminary notice, and notice of completion.
217	(1) As used in this section and Sections 38-1-30 through 38-1-37:
218	(a) "Alternate filing" means a filing made in a manner established by the division under
219	Subsection (2)(e) other than an electronic filing.
220	(b) "Cancel" means to indicate that a filing is no longer given effect.
221	(c) "Construction project," "project," or "improvement" means:
222	(i) a specific project or improvement for which one building permit is issued; or
223	(ii) if no building permit is required, the improvement or work required by a contract
224	between the owner and an original contractor under Section 38-1-2.
225	[(a)] (d) "Database" means the <u>State</u> Construction [Notice] Registry [Database] created
226	in this section.
227	[(b)] (e) (i) "Designated agent" means the third party the Division of Occupational and
228	Professional Licensing contracts with to create and maintain the <u>State</u> Construction [Notice]
229	Registry [ <del>Database</del> ].
230	(ii) The designated agent is not an agency, instrumentality, or a political subdivision of
231	the state.
232	[(c)] (f) "Division" means the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.
233	(g) "Interested person" means a person who may be affected by a construction project.
234	[(d)] (h) "Program" means the <u>State</u> Construction [Notice] Registry [Database]
235	Program created in this section.
236	(2) Subject to receiving adequate funding through a legislative appropriation and
237	contracting with an approved third party vendor who meets the requirements of Sections
238	38-1-30 through 38-1-37, there is created the <u>State</u> Construction [Notice] Registry [Database]
239	Program [which] that shall:
240	(a) (i) assist in protecting public health, safety, and welfare; and
241	(ii) promote a fair working environment;
242	(b) be overseen by the division with the assistance of the designated agent;

243	(c) provide a central repository for notices of commencement, preliminary notices, and
244	notices of completion filed in connection with all privately owned construction projects as well
245	as all state and local government owned construction projects throughout Utah;
246	(d) be accessible for filing and review [of] by way of the program Internet website of:
247	(i) notices of commencement[-];
248	(ii) preliminary notices[-,]; and
249	(iii) notices of completion [via the program Internet website];
250	(e) accommodate:
251	(i) electronic filing of [such notices as well as provide for] the notices described in
252	Subsection (2)(d); and
253	(ii) alternate filing of the notices described in Subsection (2)(d) by U.S. mail, telefax,
254	[telephone,] or any other alternate method as provided by rule made by the division in
255	accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
256	(f) (i) provide electronic notification for up to three e-mail addresses for each interested
257	person or company who requests notice from the construction notice registry [as well as]; and
258	(ii) provide alternate means of notification for [those persons] a person who [make]
259	makes an alternate [filings] filing, including U.S. mail, telefax, or any other method as
260	prescribed by rule made by the division in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah
261	Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
262	(g) provide hard-copy printing of electronic receipts for <u>an</u> individual [filings] filing
263	evidencing the date and time of the individual [filings as well as] filing and the content of the
264	individual [ <del>filings</del> ] <u>filing</u> .
265	(3) (a) [Persons interested in a construction project] An interested person may request
266	notice of filings related to [the] a project.
267	(b) The database shall be indexed by:
268	(i) owner name[ <del>,</del> ];
269	(ii) original contractor name[ <del>,</del> ];
270	(iii) subdivision, development, or other project name, if any;
271	(iv) project address[ <del>-</del> ,];
272	(v) lot or parcel number[ <del>-</del> ;];
273	(vi) unique project number[5] assigned by the designated agent; and

274	(vii) any other identifier that the division considers reasonably appropriate [and
275	established by rule, made in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative
276	Rulemaking Act] in collaboration with the designated agent.
277	(4) (a) In accordance with [Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking
278	Act,] the process required by Section 63-38-3.2, the division shall establish [by rule] the
279	[filing] fees for [notices]:
280	(i) a notice of commencement[7];
281	(ii) a preliminary [notices, notices] notice;
282	(iii) a notice of completion[, and requests];
283	(iv) a request for notice[, which fees may not exceed the amount reasonably necessary
284	to create and maintain the database.]:
285	(v) providing a required notice by an alternate method of delivery;
286	(vi) a duplicate receipt of a filing; and
287	(vii) account setup for a person who wishes to be billed periodically for filings with the
288	<u>database.</u>
289	(b) The fees allowed under Subsection (4)(a) may not exceed the amount reasonably
290	necessary to create and maintain the database.
291	[(b)] (c) The fees established by the division may vary by method of filing if one form
292	of filing is more costly than [other forms] another form of filing.
293	(d) Notwithstanding Subsection 63-38-3.2(2)(c), the division need not submit the fee
294	schedule for fees allowed by this Subsection (4) to the Legislature until the 2006 General
295	Session.
296	(e) The division may provide by contract that the designated agent may retain all fees
297	collected by the designated agent except that the designated agent shall remit to the division the
298	cost of the division's oversight under Subsection (2)(b).
298a	$\hat{H} \rightarrow (5)(a)$ The database is classified as a public record under Title 63, Chapter 2,
298b	Government Records Access and Management Act, unless otherwise classified by the division
298c	(b) A request for information submitted to the designated agent is not subject to Title
298d	63, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.
298e	(c) Information contained in a public record contained in the database shall be
298f	requested from the designated agent.
298g	(d) The designated agent may charge a commercially reasonable fee allowed by the
298h	designated agent's contract with the division for providing information under Subsection
298i	(5)(c)r.

298j	(e) Notwithstanding Title 63, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management
298k	Act, if information is available in a public record contained in the database, a person may not
2981	request the information from the division.
298m	(f)(i) A person may request information that is not a public record contained in the
298n	database from the division in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 2, Government Records
298o	Access and Management Act.
298p	(ii) The division shall inform the designated agent of how to direct inquiries made to
298q	the designated agent for information that is not a public record contained in the database.
299	[ $(5)$ ] (6) $\leftarrow$ $\hat{H}$ The following are not an adjudicative proceeding under Title 63,
299a	Chapter 46b.
300	Administrative Procedures Act:
301	(a) the filing of a notice permitted by this chapter;
302	(b) the rejection of a filing permitted by this chapter; or
303	(c) other action by the designated agent in connection with a filing of any notice
304	permitted by this chapter.

305	$\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [\underline{(6)}]$ (7) $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ The division and the designated agent need not determine the
305a	timeliness of any
306	notice before filing the notice in the database.
307	$\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [\underline{(7)}]$ (8) $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ (a) A person who is delinquent on the payment of a fee established under
308	Subsection (4) may not file a notice with the database.
309	(b) A determination that a person is delinquent on the payment of a fee for filing
310	established under Subsection (4) shall be made in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46b,
311	Administrative Procedures Act.
312	(c) Any order issued in a proceeding described in Subsection (7)(b) may prescribe the
313	method of that person's payment of fees for filing notices with the database after issuance of the
314	order.
315	Section 6. Section <b>38-1-30</b> is amended to read:
316	38-1-30. Third party contract Designated agent.
317	(1) The division shall contract in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 56, Utah
318	Procurement Code, with a third party to establish and maintain the database for the purposes
319	established under this section, Section 38-1-27, and Sections 38-1-31 through 38-1-37.
320	(2) (a) The third party under contract under this section is the division's designated
321	agent, and shall develop and maintain a database from the information provided by:
322	(i) local government entities issuing building permits;
323	(ii) original contractors;
324	(iii) subcontractors; and
325	(iv) other interested persons.
326	(b) The division and the designated agent shall design, develop, and test the database
327	for full implementation on May 1, 2005.
328	(3) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
329	division shall make rules and develop procedures for:
330	(a) the division to oversee and enforce this section, Section 38-1-27, and Sections
331	38-1-31 through 38-1-37; [and]
332	(b) the designated agent to administer this section, Section 38-1-27, and Sections
333	38-1-31 through 38-1-37[ <del>-</del> ]; and
334	(c) the form of submission of an alternate filing.
335	(4) (a) The designated agent shall archive computer data files at least semiannually for

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information.

336	auditing purposes.
337	(b) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
338	division shall make rules to allow the designated agent[, unless requested otherwise by an
339	interested party for a particular project,] to periodically archive [and purge completed or
340	inactive] projects from the database[:].
341	(c) A project shall be archived no earlier than:
342	(i) [no earlier than] one year after the day on which a notice of [commencement]
343	completion is filed for a [particular] project; [or]
344	(ii) if no notice of [commencement] completion is filed, [no earlier than] two years
345	after the last filing activity for a [particular] project[-]; or
346	(iii) one year after the day on which a filing is cancelled under Subsection
347	38-1-32(3)(c) or 38-1-33(2)(c).
348	[(c)] (d) The division may audit the designated agent's administration of the database as
349	often as the division considers necessary.
350	(5) The designated agent shall carry errors and omissions insurance in the amounts
351	established by rule made by the division in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah
352	Administrative Rulemaking Act.
353	Section 7. Section 38-1-31 (Effective 05/01/05) is amended to read:
354	38-1-31 (Effective 05/01/05). Building permit Construction Notice registry
355	Notice of commencement of work.
356	(1) (a) (i) For a construction project where a building permit is issued, within 15 days
357	after the issuance of the building permit, the local government entity issuing that building
358	permit shall input the [data] building permit application and transmit the building permit
359	information to the database electronically [via] by way of the Internet or computer modem or
360	by any other means and such information shall form the basis of a notice of commencement.
361	(ii) For the purposes of classifying a record under Title 63, Chapter 2, Government
362	Records Access and Management Act, building permit information transmitted from a local
363	governmental entity to the database shall be classified in the database by the division
364	notwithstanding the local governmental entity's classification of the building permit

(b) For a construction project where a building permit is not issued, within 15 days

367	after commencement of physical construction work at the project site, the original contractor
368	shall file a notice of commencement with the database.
369	(c) An owner of construction, a lender, surety, or other interested [party] person may
370	file a notice of commencement with the designated agent within the [prescribed] time [set forth
371	in Subsection] prescribed by Subsections (1)(a) and (b).
372	(d) If duplicate notices of commencement are filed, they shall be combined into one
373	notice for each project. The designated agent shall assign each construction project a unique
374	project number [which] that:
375	(i) identifies each construction project; and
376	(ii) can be associated with all notices of commencement, preliminary notices, and
377	notices of completion.
378	(e) (i) A notice of commencement is effective as to all [work, materials, and
379	equipment] labor, service, equipment, and material furnished to the construction project after
380	the filing of the notice of commencement.
381	(ii) A notice of commencement is effective only as to the [work, materials, or
382	equipment] labor, service, equipment, and material furnished to the construction project that is
383	provided subsequent to the filing of the notice of commencement.
384	(2) (a) The content of a notice of commencement shall include the following [if
385	available on a building permit]:
386	[(a)] (i) the name and address of the owner of the project [or improvement];
387	[(b)] (ii) the name and address of the:
388	[(i)] (A) original contractor; and
389	[(ii)] (B) surety providing any payment bond for the project [or improvement], or if
390	none exists, a statement that a payment bond was not required for the work being performed;
391	[(e) (i)] (iii) (A) the project address if the project can be reasonably identified by an
392	address; or
393	[(ii)] (B) the name and general description of the location of the project if the project
394	cannot be reasonably identified by an address;
395	[(d)] (iv) a general description of the project; and
396	[(e)] (v) the lot or parcel number, and any subdivision, development, or other project
397	name, of the real property upon which the project is to be constructed if the project is subject to

398	mechanics' liens[; and].
399	[(f) a legal description of the property on which the project is located if the project is
400	subject to mechanics' liens.]
401	(b) The content of a notice of commencement need not include all of the items listed in
402	Subsection (2)(a) if:
403	(i) a building permit is issued for the project; and
404	(ii) all items listed in Subsection (2)(a) that are available on the building permit are
405	included in the notice of commencement.
406	(3) [Failure to file any] If a notice of commencement for a construction project
407	[suspends the operation of] is not filed within \$→ [15 days after the day on which a building permit
408	<u>is issued</u> ] the time set forth in Subsections 38-1-31(1)(a) and (b) $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ , the following do not apply:
409	(a) [the preliminary notice provisions of] Section 38-1-32; and
410	(b) [the notice of completion provisions of] Section 38-1-33.
411	(4) (a) [Electronic] Unless a person indicates to the division or designated agent that
412	the person does not wish to receive a notice under this section, electronic notice of the filing of
413	a notice of commencement or alternate notice as prescribed in Subsection (1), shall be provided
414	to:
415	[(a)] (i) all persons who have filed notices of commencement for the project; and
416	[(b)] (ii) all interested [parties] persons who have requested such notice for the project.
417	(b) (i) A person to whom notice is required under Subsection (4)(a) is responsible for:
418	(A) providing an e-mail address, mailing address, or telefax number to which a notice
419	required by Subsection (4)(a) is to be sent; and
420	(B) the accuracy of any e-mail address, mailing address, or telefax number to which
421	notice is to be sent.
122	(ii) The designated agent fulfills the notice requirement of Subsection (4)(a) when it
423	sends the notice to the e-mail address, mailing address, or telefax number provided to the
124	designated agent whether or not the notice is actually received.
425	(5) The burden is upon any person seeking to enforce the notice of commencement to
426	prove that the notice of commencement is filed timely and meets all of the requirements in this
127	section.
128	(6) At the time a building permit is obtained, each original contractor shall

429	conspicuously post at the project site a copy of [each] the building permit obtained for the
430	project [improvement].
431	Section 8. Section 38-1-32 (Effective 05/01/05) is amended to read:
432	38-1-32 (Effective 05/01/05). Preliminary notice Subcontractor or supplier.
433	(1) (a) (i) A subcontractor or supplier shall file a preliminary notice with the database
434	within the later of:
435	(A) [Within] 20 days after commencement of its own work or the commencement of
436	furnishing [materials or equipment] labor, service, equipment, and material to a construction
437	project[, a subcontractor or supplier shall file a preliminary notice with the construction notice
438	<del>registry.</del> ]; or
439	(B) 20 days after the filing of a notice of commencement.
440	(ii) A preliminary notice filed within the [20-day] period described in Subsection
441	(1)(a)(i) is effective as to all [work, materials, and equipment] labor, service, equipment, and
442	material furnished to the construction project, including labor, service, equipment, and material
443	provided to more than one contractor or subcontractor.
444	(b) If a subcontractor or supplier files a preliminary notice after the [20-day] period
445	prescribed by Subsection (1)(a), the preliminary notice becomes effective [as of] five days after
446	the [filing of the] day on which the preliminary notice is filed.
447	(c) Failure to file a preliminary notice within the [20-day] period required by
448	Subsection (1)(a) precludes a subcontractor or supplier from filing any claim for compensation
449	earned for performance of [work] labor or service or supply of materials or equipment
450	furnished to the construction project before the expiration of five days after the <u>late</u> filing of a
451	preliminary notice, except as against the person with whom the subcontractor or supplier
452	contracted.
453	(d) (i) The preliminary notice must be filed before a notice of lien may be filed with the
454	county recorder pursuant to Section 38-1-7.
455	(ii) The content of a preliminary notice shall include the following:
456	[(i)] (A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person furnishing the labor,
457	service, equipment, or material;
458	[(ii)] (B) the name and address of the person who contracted with the claimant for the
459	furnishing of the labor, service, equipment, or material;

460	[(iii)] (C) the name of the record or reputed owner of the project [or improvement];
461	[(iv)] (D) the name of the original contractor under which the claimant is performing or
462	will perform its work; and
463	[v] the address of the project [or improvement] or a description of the location of
464	the project [ <del>or improvement</del> ].
465	(2) (a) (i) [Electronic] Unless a person indicates to the division or designated agent that
466	the person does not wish to receive a notice under this section, electronic notification of the
467	filing of a preliminary notice or alternate notice as prescribed in Subsection (1), shall be
468	provided to:
469	[(i)] (A) the person filing the preliminary notice;
470	[(ii)] (B) each person that filed a notice of commencement for the project; and
471	[(iii)] (C) all interested [parties] persons who have requested such notice for the
472	project.
173	(ii) A person to whom notice is required under Subsection (2)(a)(i) is responsible for:
174	(A) providing an e-mail address, mailing address, or telefax number to which a notice
475	required by Subsection (2)(a) is to be sent; and
476	(B) the accuracy of any e-mail address, mailing address, or telefax number to which
177	notice is to be sent.
478	(iii) The designated agent fulfills the notice requirement of Subsection (2)(a)(i) when it
179	sends the notice to the e-mail address, mailing address, or telefax number provided to the
480	designated agent whether or not the notice is actually received.
481	(b) The burden is upon the person filing the preliminary notice to prove that the
182	preliminary notice is filed timely and substantially meets all of the requirements of this section.
483	(c) Subject to Subsection (1)(d), a person required by this section to give preliminary
184	notice is only required to give one notice for each project [or improvement, which may include
485	an entire structure or a scheme of improvements].
486	(d) If the labor, service, equipment, or material is furnished pursuant to contracts under
187	more than one original contract, the notice requirements must be met with respect to the labor,
488	service, equipment, or [materials] material furnished under each original contract.
189	(3) (a) If a construction project owner, original contractor, subcontractor, or other
190	interested person believes that a preliminary notice has been filed erroneously, that owner,

original contractor, subcontractor, or other interested person can request <u>from the person who</u>
filed the preliminary notice evidence establishing the validity of the preliminary notice.

- (b) Within ten days after the request described in Subsection (3)(a), the person or entity that filed the preliminary notice shall provide the requesting person or entity proof that the preliminary notice is valid.
- (c) If the person or entity that filed the preliminary notice [cannot] does not provide proof of the validity of the preliminary notice, that person or entity shall immediately [remove] cancel the preliminary notice from the database in any manner prescribed by the division pursuant to rule.
  - Section 9. Section 38-1-33 (Effective 05/01/05) is amended to read:

#### 38-1-33 (Effective 05/01/05). Notice of completion.

- (1) (a) (i) Upon final completion of a construction project, an owner of a construction project, an original contractor, a lender that has provided financing for the construction project, or surety that has provided bonding for the construction project, may file a notice of completion with the database.
  - (ii) Final completion, for purposes of this Subsection (1), shall mean:
- [(i)] (A) if as a result of work performed under the original contract a permanent certificate of occupancy is required for such work, the date of issuance of a permanent certificate of occupancy by the local government entity having jurisdiction over the construction project;
- [(ii)] (B) if no certificate of occupancy is required by the local government entity having jurisdiction over the construction project, but as a result of the work performed under the original contract an inspection is required for such work, the date of the final inspection for such work by the local government entity having jurisdiction over the construction project; or
- [(iii)] (C) if with regard to the work performed under the original contract no certificate of occupancy and no final inspection are required by the local government entity having jurisdiction over the construction project, the date on which there remains no substantial work to be completed to finish such work on the original contract.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 38-1-2, where a subcontractor performs substantial work after the applicable dates established by Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii), that subcontractor's subcontract shall be considered an original contract for the sole purpose of determining:

522	(i) the subcontractor's time frame to file a notice to hold and claim a lien under
523	Subsection 38-1-7(1); and
524	(ii) the original contractor's time frame to file a notice to hold and claim a lien under
525	Subsection 38-1-7(1) for that subcontractor's work.
526	(c) For purposes of this section, the term "substantial work" does not include:
527	(i) repair work; <u>or</u>
528	(ii) warranty work[ <del>; or</del> ].
529	[(iii) work for which the project owner is not holding payment to ensure completion of
530	that work.]
531	(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a)(ii)(C), final completion of the original contract
532	does not occur if work remains to be completed for which the owner is holding payment to
533	ensure completion of the work.
534	[(d)] (e) (i) [Electronic] Unless a person indicates to the division or designated agent
535	that the person does not wish to receive a notice under this section, electronic notification of
536	the filing of a notice of completion or alternate notice as prescribed in Subsection (1)(a), shall
537	be provided to:
538	(A) each person that filed a notice of commencement for the project;
539	(B) each person that filed preliminary notice for the project; and
540	(C) all interested [parties] persons who have requested notice for the project.
541	(ii) A person to whom notice is required under Subsection (1)(d) is responsible for:
542	(A) providing an e-mail address, mailing address, or telefax number to which a notice
543	required by Subsection (4)(a) is to be sent; and
544	(B) the accuracy of any e-mail address, mailing address, or telefax number to which
545	notice is to be sent.
546	(iii) The designated agent fulfills the notice requirement of Subsection (1)(d)(ii) when
547	it sends the notice to the e-mail address, mailing address, or telefax number provided to the
548	designated agent, whether or not the notice is actually received.
549	[(ii)] (iv) Upon the filing of a notice of completion, the time periods for filing
550	preliminary notices stated in Section 38-1-27 are modified such that all preliminary notices
551	shall be filed subsequent to the notice of completion and [shall be filed] within ten days from
552	the day on which the notice of completion is filed.

553	[(e)] (f) A subcontract that is considered an original contract for purposes of this
554	section shall not create a requirement for an additional preliminary notice if a preliminary
555	notice has already been given for [materials and] the labor, service, equipment, and material
556	furnished to the subcontractor who performs substantial work.
557	(2) (a) If a construction project owner, original contractor, subcontractor, or other
558	interested person believes that a notice of completion has been filed erroneously, that owner,
559	original contractor, subcontractor, or other interested person can request from the person who
560	<u>filed the</u> $\hat{S} \rightarrow [\underline{\text{preliminary notice}}]$ <u>notice of completion</u> $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ evidence establishing the validity of the
560a	notice of completion.
561	(b) Within ten days after the request described in Subsection (2)(a), the person that
562	filed the notice of completion shall provide the requesting person proof that the notice of
563	completion is valid.
564	(c) If the person that filed the notice of completion [cannot] does not provide proof of
565	the validity of the notice of completion, that person shall immediately [remove] cancel the
566	notice of completion from the database in any manner prescribed by the division pursuant to
567	<u>rule</u> .
568	Section 10. Section 38-1-37 (Effective 05/01/05) is amended to read:
569	38-1-37 (Effective 05/01/05). Application of Section 38-1-27 and Sections 38-1-30
570	through 38-1-36.
571	(1) Except as provided in Subsection (3), Section 38-1-27 and Sections 38-1-30
572	through 38-1-36 in effect as of May 1, 2005 shall apply to construction projects [commenced]
573	for which a notice of commencement is filed on or after May 1, 2005.
574	(2) A construction project [commenced] for which a notice of commencement is filed
575	before May 1, 2005 is subject to the provisions of this chapter in effect prior to May 1, 2005.
576	(3) (a) Section 38-1-27 and Sections 38-1-30 through 38-1-36 in effect as of May 1,
577	2005, shall apply to a construction project for which a notice of commencement is filed on or
578	after November 1, 2005 involving a residence, as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(22).
579	(b) For a construction project for which a notice of commencement is filed before
580	November 1, 2005 involving a residence, as defined in Subsection 38-11-102(22), the law in
581	effect on April 30, 2005 shall govern.
582	Section 11. Section 38-11-204 is amended to read:
583	38-11-204. Claims against the fund Requirement to make a claim

584	Qualifications to receive compensation Qualifications to receive a certificate of
585	compliance.
586	(1) To claim recovery from the fund a person shall:
587	(a) meet the requirements of either Subsection (4) or (7);
588	(b) pay an application fee determined by the division under Section 63-38-3.2; and
589	(c) file with the division a completed application on a form provided by the division
590	accompanied by supporting documents establishing:
591	(i) that the person meets the requirements of either Subsection (4) or (7);
592	(ii) that the person was a qualified beneficiary or laborer during the construction on the
593	owner-occupied residence; and
594	(iii) the basis for the claim.
595	(2) To recover from the fund, the application required by Subsection (1) shall be filed
596	no later than one year:
597	(a) from the date the judgment required by Subsection (4)(d) is entered;
598	(b) from the date the nonpaying party filed bankruptcy, if the claimant is precluded
599	from obtaining a judgment or from satisfying the requirements of Subsection (4)(d) because the
600	nonpaying party filed bankruptcy within one year after the entry of judgment; or
601	(c) from the date the laborer, trying to recover from the fund, completed the laborer's
602	qualified services.
603	(3) To obtain a certificate of compliance an owner or agent of the owner shall establish
604	with the division that the owner meets the requirements of Subsections (4)(a) and (4)(b).
605	(4) To recover from the fund, regardless of whether the residence is occupied by the
606	owner, a subsequent owner, or the owner or subsequent owner's tenant or lessee, a qualified
607	beneficiary shall establish that:
608	(a) (i) the owner of the owner-occupied residence or the owner's agent entered into a
609	written contract with an original contractor licensed or exempt from licensure under Title 58,
610	Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act:
611	(A) for the performance of qualified services;
612	(B) to obtain the performance of qualified services by others; or
613	(C) for the supervision of the performance by others of qualified services in
614	construction on that residence;

615	(ii) the owner of the owner-occupied residence or the owner's agent entered into a
616	written contract with a real estate developer for the purchase of an owner-occupied residence;
617	or
618	(iii) the owner of the owner-occupied residence or the owner's agent entered into a
619	written contract with a factory built housing retailer for the purchase of an owner-occupied
620	residence;
621	(b) the owner has paid in full the original contractor, licensed or exempt from licensure
622	under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, real estate developer, or
623	factory built housing retailer under Subsection (4)(a) with whom the owner has a written
624	contract in accordance with the written contract and any amendments to the contract;
625	(c) (i) the original contractor, licensed or exempt from licensure under Title 58,
626	Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, the real estate developer, or the factory
627	built housing retailer subsequently failed to pay a qualified beneficiary who is entitled to
628	payment under an agreement with that original contractor or real estate developer licensed or
629	exempt from licensure under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, for
630	services performed or materials supplied by the qualified beneficiary;
631	(ii) a subcontractor who contracts with the original contractor, licensed or exempt from
632	licensure under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, the real estate
633	developer, or the factory built housing retailer failed to pay a qualified beneficiary who is
634	entitled to payment under an agreement with that subcontractor or supplier; or
635	(iii) a subcontractor who contracts with a subcontractor or supplier failed to pay a
636	qualified beneficiary who is entitled to payment under an agreement with that subcontractor or
637	supplier;
638	(d) (i) $\hat{H} \rightarrow \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ unless precluded from doing so by the nonpaying party's bankruptcy
638a	filing within the applicable time, $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ the qualified beneficiary filed $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [:]$
639	(A) an action against the nonpaying party to recover monies owed to the qualified
640	beneficiary within 180 days from the date the qualified beneficiary [last provided qualified
641	services] filed a notice of claim under Section 38-1-7, unless precluded from doing so by the
642	nonpaying party's bankruptcy filing within the 180 days [after completion of services] from the
643	date the qualified beneficiary filed the notice of claim; and
644	(B) a notice of commencement of action with the division within 30 days from the date

the qualified beneficiary filed the civil action if a civil action was filed as required by

646	Subsection (4)(d)(i)(A);] an action against the nonpaying party to recover monies owed to the
646a	qualified beneficiary within the earlier of:
46b	(A) 180 days from the date the qualified beneficiary filed a notice of claim under
646c	<u>Section 38-1-7; or</u>
46d	(B) 270 days from the completion of the original contract pursuant to
46e	<u>Subsection 38-1-7(1);</u> ←Ĥ
647	(ii) the qualified beneficiary has obtained a judgment against the nonpaying party who
648	failed to pay the qualified beneficiary under an agreement to provide qualified services for
649	construction of that owner-occupied residence;
650	(iii) (A) the qualified beneficiary has:
651	(I) obtained from a court of competent jurisdiction the issuance of an order requiring
652	the judgment debtor, or if a corporation any officer of the corporation, to appear before the
653	court at a specified time and place to answer concerning the debtor's or corporation's property;
654	(II) received return of service of the order from a person qualified to serve documents
655	under the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4(b); and
656	(III) made reasonable efforts to obtain asset information from the supplemental
657	proceedings; and
658	(B) if assets subject to execution are discovered as a result of the order required under
659	Subsection (4)(d)(iii)(A) or for any other reason, to obtain the issuance of a writ of execution
660	from a court of competent jurisdiction; or
661	(iv) the qualified beneficiary timely filed a proof of claim where permitted in the
662	bankruptcy action, if the nonpaying party has filed bankruptcy;
663	(e) the qualified beneficiary is not entitled to reimbursement from any other person;
664	and
665	(f) the qualified beneficiary provided qualified services to a contractor, licensed or
666	exempt from licensure under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act.
667	(5) The requirements of Subsections (4)(d)(i), (ii), and (iii) need not be met if the
668	qualified beneficiary has been precluded from obtaining a judgment against the nonpaying
669	party or from satisfying the requirements of Subsections (4)(d)(i), (ii), and (iii) because the
670	nonpaying party filed bankruptcy.
671	$\hat{H} \Rightarrow [(6)]$ If a qualified beneficiary fails to file the notice with the division required under
672	Subsection (4)(d)(i)(B), the claim of the qualified beneficiary shall be paid:
673	(a) if otherwise qualified under this chapter;
674	(b) to the extent that the limit of Subsection 38-11-203(4)(a) has not been reached by
675	payments from the fund to qualified beneficiaries who have complied with the notice
676	requirements of Subsection (4)(d)(i)(R): and

677	(c) in the order that the claims are filed by persons who fail to comply with Subsection
678	(4)(d)(i)(B), not to exceed the limit of Subsection 38-11-203(4)(a).
679	$[(7)]$ (6) $\leftarrow$ $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$ To recover from the fund a laborer shall:
680	(a) establish that the laborer has not been paid wages due for the work performed at the
681	site of a construction on an owner-occupied residence; and
682	(b) provide any supporting documents or information required by rule by the division.
683	$\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [(8)]$ (7) $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ A fee determined by the division under Section 63-38-3.2 shall be
683a	deducted from
684	any recovery from the fund received by a laborer.
685	$\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [(9)]$ (8) $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ The requirements of Subsections (4)(a) and (4)(b) may be satisfied
685a	if an owner or
686	agent of the owner establishes to the satisfaction of the director that the owner of the
687	owner-occupied residence or the owner's agent entered into a written contract with an original
688	contractor who:
689	(a) was a business entity that was not licensed under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah
690	Construction Trades Licensing Act, but was solely or partly owned by an individual who was
691	licensed under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act; or
692	(b) was a natural person who was not licensed under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah
693	Construction Trades Licensing Act, but who was the sole or partial owner and qualifier of a
694	business entity that was licensed under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades
695	Licensing Act.
696	$\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [\underbrace{(10)}] (\underline{9}) \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ The director shall have equitable power to determine if the
696a	requirements of
697	Subsections (4)(a) and (4)(b) have been met, but any decision by the director under [Title 38,
698	Chapter 11,] this chapter shall not alter or have any effect on any other decision by the division
699	under Title 58, Occupations and Professions.
700	Section 12. Section 63-56-38.1 (Superseded 05/01/05) is amended to read:
701	63-56-38.1 (Superseded 05/01/05). Preliminary notice requirement.
702	(1) Any person furnishing labor, service, equipment, or material for which a payment
703	bond claim may be made under this chapter shall provide preliminary notice to the payment
704	bond principal as prescribed by Section 38-1-27, except that this section does not apply:
705	(a) to a person who is in privity of contract with the payment bond principal;
706	(b) to a person who contracts directly with the payment bond principal;
707	[(b)] (c) to a person performing labor for wages; or

708	[(c)] (d) if a notice of commencement is not filed as prescribed in Section 38-1-27 for
709	the project or improvement for which labor, service, equipment, or material is furnished.
710	(2) Any person who fails to provide the preliminary notice required by Subsection (1)
711	may not make a payment bond claim under this chapter.
712	(3) The preliminary notice required by Subsection (1) must be provided prior to
713	commencement of any action on the payment bond.
713a	Ĥ→ <u>Section 13. Repealer.</u>
713b	This bill repeals Section 38-1-38. Lien Notification. ←Ĥ
714	Section $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [13] \underline{14} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ . Retrospective operation.
715	(1) The amendments to Section 38-1-37 (Effective 05/01/05) have retrospective
716	operation to May 1, 2005.
717	(2) The amendments to Sections 14-1-20 (Superseded 05/01/05), 14-2-5 (Superseded
718	05/01/05), and 63-56-38.1 (Superseded 05/01/05) have retrospective operation to April 30,
719	2005.

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