

TAX REFORM TASK FORCE

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

House Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Tax Reform Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides for the appointment of members and cochairs of the task force;
- ▶ provides procedures and requirements for the operation of the task force;
- ▶ provides for the payment of salaries and expenses of members of the task force who are legislators;
- ▶ provides for the payment of per diem and expenses for members of the task force who are not legislators;
- ▶ provides that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the task force;
- ▶ prescribes the scope of the task force's study; and
- ▶ requires the task force to make reports to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates \$99,800 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 only, to fund the task force.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

This bill is repealed on November 30, 2005.

Uncodified Material Affected:

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

Section 1. Tax Reform Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.

(1) There is created the Tax Reform Task Force consisting of the following 13 members:

(a) four members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party;

(b) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than five of whom may be from the same political party; and

(c) two members appointed by the governor.

(2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

(3) A majority of the members of the task force constitute a quorum. The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

(4) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

(b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation for the member's work associated with the task force, but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the task force.

Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.

(1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on issues relating to tax reform in the state as determined by the task force.

(2) The task force shall report to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee monthly on or before each Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee meeting.

(3) A final report, including any proposed legislation, shall be presented to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee before November 30, 2005.

Section 3. Appropriation.

There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 only:

(1) \$7,200 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the task force;

(2) \$12,600 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses of representatives on the task force; and

(3) \$80,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for staffing the task force.

Section 4. Effective date.

If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

Section 5. Repeal date.

This bill is repealed on November 30, 2005.