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**REAL PROPERTY SALES INFORMATION**

**DISCLOSURE**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Gage Froerer**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**Committee Note:**

The Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee recommended this bill.

**General Description:**

This bill enacts and modifies provisions relating to real property sales information.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires a buyer in a real property sale to provide information relating to the sale to the Multicounty Appraisal Trust;
- ▶ authorizes the Trust to share that information with county assessors, the State Tax Commission, and the Utah Association of Realtors;
- ▶ prohibits the disclosure of that information, except in limited circumstances; and
- ▶ provides that information provided to or shared by the Trust is not a record for purposes of the Government Records Access and Management Act.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a contingent effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:



28           **63G-2-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 246

29 ENACTS:

30           **57-1-1.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

33           Section 1. Section **57-1-1.5** is enacted to read:

34           **57-1-1.5. Information relating to a real property sale -- Delivery of information to**  
35 **the Multicounty Appraisal Trust -- Sharing of real property sale information -- Penalty**  
36 **for unauthorized disclosure.**

37           (1) As used in this section:

38           (a) "Appraisal trust" means the Multicounty Appraisal Trust created by interlocal  
39 agreement by all 29 counties in the state.

40           (b) "Real property sale" means a sale of a fee simple interest in real property to a bona  
41 fide purchaser for value.

42           (c) "Settlement statement":

43           (i) means a document that:

44           (A) is customarily used in connection with the closing of a sale of real property; and

45           (B) contains details concerning the real property sale, including the identity of the  
46 buyer and seller, a description of the real property that is the subject of the real property sale,  
47 the sales price, fees and costs associated with the real property sale, and the distribution of the  
48 sale proceeds; and

49           (ii) includes the document provided by the United States Department of Housing and  
50 Urban Development known as the HUD-1 form.

51           (2) (a) Unless otherwise directed in writing by the buyer or seller under a real property  
52 sale, the title company or other person handling the closing of the real property sale shall,  
53 within three business days after the closing of the sale, deliver to the appraisal trust the  
54 following information relating to the real property sale:

55           (i) the seller's name;

56           (ii) the buyer's name;

57           (iii) the date of the real property sale;

58           (iv) a description of the real property that is the subject of the real property sale; and

59 (v) the sales price.

60 (b) A title company or other person satisfies the requirement of Subsection (2)(a) by  
61 timely transmitting to the appraisal trust a copy of the completed settlement statement  
62 applicable to the real property sale.

63 (3) (a) The appraisal trust may share information it receives under this section with:

64 (i) assessors of counties of the state;

65 (ii) the State Tax Commission; and

66 (iii) the Utah Association of Realtors.

67 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(a), the appraisal trust may not disclose any  
68 information it receives under this section.

69 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(b) and (c), a county assessor, the State  
70 Tax Commission, and the Utah Association of Realtors may not disclose any information  
71 received from the appraisal trust under this section.

72 (b) (i) A county assessor may disclose information received from the appraisal trust  
73 under this section if:

74 (A) the assessor discloses the information to a property owner challenging the  
75 assessor's assessment;

76 (B) the assessor used the information as a basis for the amount of the assessor's  
77 challenged assessment of the property; and

78 (C) the property owner to whom the information is disclosed agrees not to disclose the  
79 information.

80 (ii) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), a property owner who receives  
81 information from a county assessor under Subsection (4)(b)(i) that the county assessor received  
82 from the appraisal trust may not disclose that information.

83 (c) Subsections (4)(a) and (4)(b)(ii) do not prohibit the disclosure of information  
84 received from the appraisal trust under this section if the information was also lawfully  
85 received from an independent source.

86 (5) A person who discloses information received under this section in violation of  
87 Subsection (3) or (4) is subject to a fine of not more than \$750.

88 Section 2. Section **63G-2-103** is amended to read:

89 **63G-2-103. Definitions.**

90 As used in this chapter:

91 (1) "Audit" means:

92 (a) a systematic examination of financial, management, program, and related records  
93 for the purpose of determining the fair presentation of financial statements, adequacy of  
94 internal controls, or compliance with laws and regulations; or

95 (b) a systematic examination of program procedures and operations for the purpose of  
96 determining their effectiveness, economy, efficiency, and compliance with statutes and  
97 regulations.

98 (2) "Chronological logs" mean the regular and customary summary records of law  
99 enforcement agencies and other public safety agencies that show:

100 (a) the time and general nature of police, fire, and paramedic calls made to the agency;  
101 and

102 (b) any arrests or jail bookings made by the agency.

103 (3) "Classification," "classify," and their derivative forms mean determining whether a  
104 record series, record, or information within a record is public, private, controlled, protected, or  
105 exempt from disclosure under Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b).

106 (4) (a) "Computer program" means:

107 (i) a series of instructions or statements that permit the functioning of a computer  
108 system in a manner designed to provide storage, retrieval, and manipulation of data from the  
109 computer system; and

110 (ii) any associated documentation and source material that explain how to operate the  
111 computer program.

112 (b) "Computer program" does not mean:

113 (i) the original data, including numbers, text, voice, graphics, and images;

114 (ii) analysis, compilation, and other manipulated forms of the original data produced by  
115 use of the program; or

116 (iii) the mathematical or statistical formulas, excluding the underlying mathematical  
117 algorithms contained in the program, that would be used if the manipulated forms of the  
118 original data were to be produced manually.

119 (5) (a) "Contractor" means:

120 (i) any person who contracts with a governmental entity to provide goods or services

121 directly to a governmental entity; or

122 (ii) any private, nonprofit organization that receives funds from a governmental entity.

123 (b) "Contractor" does not mean a private provider.

124 (6) "Controlled record" means a record containing data on individuals that is controlled  
125 as provided by Section 63G-2-304.

126 (7) "Designation," "designate," and their derivative forms mean indicating, based on a  
127 governmental entity's familiarity with a record series or based on a governmental entity's  
128 review of a reasonable sample of a record series, the primary classification that a majority of  
129 records in a record series would be given if classified and the classification that other records  
130 typically present in the record series would be given if classified.

131 (8) "Elected official" means each person elected to a state office, county office,  
132 municipal office, school board or school district office, local district office, or special service  
133 district office, but does not include judges.

134 (9) "Explosive" means a chemical compound, device, or mixture:

135 (a) commonly used or intended for the purpose of producing an explosion; and

136 (b) that contains oxidizing or combustive units or other ingredients in proportions,  
137 quantities, or packing so that:

138 (i) an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion, or detonator of any part of the  
139 compound or mixture may cause a sudden generation of highly heated gases; and

140 (ii) the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of:

141 (A) producing destructive effects on contiguous objects; or

142 (B) causing death or serious bodily injury.

143 (10) "Government audit agency" means any governmental entity that conducts an audit.

144 (11) (a) "Governmental entity" means:

145 (i) executive department agencies of the state, the offices of the governor, lieutenant  
146 governor, state auditor, attorney general, and state treasurer, the Board of Pardons and Parole,  
147 the Board of Examiners, the National Guard, the Career Service Review Board, the State Board  
148 of Education, the State Board of Regents, and the State Archives;

149 (ii) the Office of the Legislative Auditor General, Office of the Legislative Fiscal  
150 Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, the Legislature, and legislative  
151 committees, except any political party, group, caucus, or rules or sifting committee of the

152 Legislature;

153 (iii) courts, the Judicial Council, the Office of the Court Administrator, and similar  
154 administrative units in the judicial branch;

155 (iv) any state-funded institution of higher education or public education; or

156 (v) any political subdivision of the state, but, if a political subdivision has adopted an  
157 ordinance or a policy relating to information practices pursuant to Section 63G-2-701, this  
158 chapter shall apply to the political subdivision to the extent specified in Section 63G-2-701 or  
159 as specified in any other section of this chapter that specifically refers to political subdivisions.

160 (b) "Governmental entity" also means every office, agency, board, bureau, committee,  
161 department, advisory board, or commission of an entity listed in Subsection (11)(a) that is  
162 funded or established by the government to carry out the public's business.

163 (12) "Gross compensation" means every form of remuneration payable for a given  
164 period to an individual for services provided including salaries, commissions, vacation pay,  
165 severance pay, bonuses, and any board, rent, housing, lodging, payments in kind, and any  
166 similar benefit received from the individual's employer.

167 (13) "Individual" means a human being.

168 (14) (a) "Initial contact report" means an initial written or recorded report, however  
169 titled, prepared by peace officers engaged in public patrol or response duties describing official  
170 actions initially taken in response to either a public complaint about or the discovery of an  
171 apparent violation of law, which report may describe:

172 (i) the date, time, location, and nature of the complaint, the incident, or offense;

173 (ii) names of victims;

174 (iii) the nature or general scope of the agency's initial actions taken in response to the  
175 incident;

176 (iv) the general nature of any injuries or estimate of damages sustained in the incident;

177 (v) the name, address, and other identifying information about any person arrested or  
178 charged in connection with the incident; or

179 (vi) the identity of the public safety personnel, except undercover personnel, or  
180 prosecuting attorney involved in responding to the initial incident.

181 (b) Initial contact reports do not include follow-up or investigative reports prepared  
182 after the initial contact report. However, if the information specified in Subsection (14)(a)

183 appears in follow-up or investigative reports, it may only be treated confidentially if it is  
184 private, controlled, protected, or exempt from disclosure under Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b).

185 (15) "Legislative body" means the Legislature.

186 (16) "Notice of compliance" means a statement confirming that a governmental entity  
187 has complied with a records committee order.

188 (17) "Person" means:

189 (a) an individual;

190 (b) a nonprofit or profit corporation;

191 (c) a partnership;

192 (d) a sole proprietorship;

193 (e) other type of business organization; or

194 (f) any combination acting in concert with one another.

195 (18) "Private provider" means any person who contracts with a governmental entity to  
196 provide services directly to the public.

197 (19) "Private record" means a record containing data on individuals that is private as  
198 provided by Section 63G-2-302.

199 (20) "Protected record" means a record that is classified protected as provided by  
200 Section 63G-2-305.

201 (21) "Public record" means a record that is not private, controlled, or protected and that  
202 is not exempt from disclosure as provided in Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b).

203 (22) (a) "Record" means a book, letter, document, paper, map, plan, photograph, film,  
204 card, tape, recording, electronic data, or other documentary material regardless of physical form  
205 or characteristics:

206 (i) that is prepared, owned, received, or retained by a governmental entity or political  
207 subdivision; and

208 (ii) where all of the information in the original is reproducible by photocopy or other  
209 mechanical or electronic means.

210 (b) "Record" does not mean:

211 (i) a personal note or personal communication prepared or received by an employee or  
212 officer of a governmental entity in the employee's or officer's private capacity;

213 (ii) a temporary draft or similar material prepared for the originator's personal use or

214 prepared by the originator for the personal use of an individual for whom the originator is  
215 working;

216 (iii) material that is legally owned by an individual in the individual's private capacity;  
217 (iv) material to which access is limited by the laws of copyright or patent unless the  
218 copyright or patent is owned by a governmental entity or political subdivision;

219 (v) proprietary software;

220 (vi) junk mail or a commercial publication received by a governmental entity or an  
221 official or employee of a governmental entity;

222 (vii) a book that is cataloged, indexed, or inventoried and contained in the collections  
223 of a library open to the public;

224 (viii) material that is cataloged, indexed, or inventoried and contained in the collections  
225 of a library open to the public, regardless of physical form or characteristics of the material;

226 (ix) a daily calendar or other personal note prepared by the originator for the  
227 originator's personal use or for the personal use of an individual for whom the originator is  
228 working;

229 (x) a computer program that is developed or purchased by or for any governmental  
230 entity for its own use;

231 (xi) a note or internal memorandum prepared as part of the deliberative process by:  
232 (A) a member of the judiciary;  
233 (B) an administrative law judge;  
234 (C) a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole; or  
235 (D) a member of any other body charged by law with performing a quasi-judicial  
236 function;

237 (xii) a telephone number or similar code used to access a mobile communication  
238 device that is used by an employee or officer of a governmental entity, provided that the  
239 employee or officer of the governmental entity has designated at least one business telephone  
240 number that is a public record as provided in Section 63G-2-301;

241 (xiii) information provided by the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program,  
242 created in Section 49-20-103, to a county to enable the county to calculate the amount to be  
243 paid to a health care provider under Subsection 17-50-319(2)(b)(ii); [or]

244 (xiv) information that an owner of unimproved property provides to a local entity as



245 provided in Section 11-42-205[-]; or

246 (xv) any document or information:

247 (A) provided to the Multicounty Appraisal Trust under Section 57-1-1.5; or

248 (B) that the Multicounty Appraisal Trust shares under that section.

249 (23) "Record series" means a group of records that may be treated as a unit for  
250 purposes of designation, description, management, or disposition.

251 (24) "Records committee" means the State Records Committee created in Section  
252 63G-2-501.

253 (25) "Records officer" means the individual appointed by the chief administrative  
254 officer of each governmental entity, or the political subdivision to work with state archives in  
255 the care, maintenance, scheduling, designation, classification, disposal, and preservation of  
256 records.

257 (26) "Schedule," "scheduling," and their derivative forms mean the process of  
258 specifying the length of time each record series should be retained by a governmental entity for  
259 administrative, legal, fiscal, or historical purposes and when each record series should be  
260 transferred to the state archives or destroyed.

261 (27) "Sponsored research" means research, training, and other sponsored activities as  
262 defined by the federal Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget:

263 (a) conducted:

264 (i) by an institution within the state system of higher education defined in Section  
265 53B-1-102; and

266 (ii) through an office responsible for sponsored projects or programs; and

267 (b) funded or otherwise supported by an external:

268 (i) person that is not created or controlled by the institution within the state system of  
269 higher education; or

270 (ii) federal, state, or local governmental entity.

271 (28) "State archives" means the Division of Archives and Records Service created in  
272 Section 63A-12-101.

273 (29) "State archivist" means the director of the state archives.

274 (30) "Summary data" means statistical records and compilations that contain data  
275 derived from private, controlled, or protected information but that do not disclose private,

276 controlled, or protected information.

277           Section 3. **Effective date.**

278           This bill takes effect January 1, 2011, if the amendments to the Utah Constitution  
279 proposed by H.J.R. 7, Joint Resolution Prohibiting Property Transfer Tax, 2010 General  
280 Session, are passed by the Legislature and approved by a majority of those voting on the  
281 proposal at the next regular general election.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**H.B. 61 - Real Property Sales Information Disclosure**

**Fiscal Note**

2010 General Session  
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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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