

AGRICULTURE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jack R. Draxler

Senate Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Agriculture Sustainability Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates a task force to study ways to sustain the agricultural industry.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill is repealed on November 30, 2011.

Uncodified Material Affected:

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

Section 1. **Agriculture Sustainability Task Force -- Creation -- Membership --**

Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.

(1) There is created the Agriculture Sustainability Task Force consisting of the following 15 members:

(a) ~~Ⓗ~~ → [six] five ← ~~Ⓗ~~ members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than

~~Ⓗ~~ → [four] three ← ~~Ⓗ~~ of whom may be from the same political party;

(b) ~~Ⓗ~~ → [six] seven ← ~~Ⓗ~~ members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the



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28 House of Representatives, no more than ~~H~~→ [four] five ←~~H~~ of whom may be from the same
 28a political party;

29 (c) the lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee;

30 (d) the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture or the commissioner's designee;

31 and

32 (e) the ~~H~~→ [executive director] chair ←~~H~~ of the Utah Quality Growth Commission.

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

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

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

39 (4) A non-legislative member of the task force may not receive compensation or
 40 benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance
 41 with:

42 (a) Section 63A-3-106;

43 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and

44 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
 45 63A-3-107.

46 (5) Salaries and expenses of a legislator who is a member of the task force shall be paid
 47 in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Expense and
 48 Mileage Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto
 49 Override Sessions.

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

52 **Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.**

53 (1) The task force may review and make recommendations on:

54 (a) ways to sustain and strengthen the agriculture industry as an integral part of the
 55 state's economy;

56 (b) the loss of productive agricultural land to other uses;

57 (c) the effect of markets and prices on agricultural production;

58 (d) the effect of government regulations on production agriculture; and