

1 **UTAH STATE INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROMOTION**

2 2012 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings**

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

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**LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This bill provides that the governor may designate a Utah foreign relations attache.

9 **Highlighted Provisions:**

10 This bill:

- 11 ▶ grants authority to the governor to designate a Utah foreign relations attache;
- 12 ▶ describes the requirements for being designated as the governor's Utah foreign

13 relations attache; and

14 ▶ provides that, at the direction of the governor, the governor's Utah foreign relations  
15 attache may serve as an official representative of the governor by:

- 16 • fostering the development of relations with foreign dignitaries, institutions,
- 17 business leaders, and educational leaders;
- 18 • receiving foreign heads of state and other foreign dignitaries;
- 19 • representing the interests of the state before international officials, public and
- 20 private organizations, and multilateral institutions; and
- 21 • speaking on behalf of the governor on issues related to the state's international
- 22 trade and diplomacy.

23 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

24 None

25 **Other Special Clauses:**

26 None



28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 ENACTS:

30 **67-1-15.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

33 Section 1. Section **67-1-15.5** is enacted to read:

34 **67-1-15.5. Designation of the governor's Utah foreign relations attache.**

35 (1) The governor may designate, in writing, a state resident to act as the governor's  
36 Utah foreign relations attache.

37 (2) The governor shall ensure that the foreign relations attache:

38 (a) has received international and national career recognition as a successful executive  
39 or an elected official; and

40 (b) exhibits a high degree of competency and professional experience in international  
41 trade, trade regulation, or diplomacy.

42 (3) The governor shall limit the duration of the designation to:

43 (a) the duration of:

44 (i) an official state visit to a foreign country; or

45 (ii) an exchange with foreign dignitaries; or

46 (b) a specific time period as determined by the governor.

47 (4) A person who is designated as the governor's Utah foreign relations attache:

48 (a) serves at the pleasure of the governor;

49 (b) may have the designation rescinded at any time by the governor;

50 (c) may be an employee of the state who continues to serve the state in a capacity other  
51 than as the governor's Utah foreign relations attache; and

52 (d) may not receive compensation or benefits for the person's service as the governor's  
53 Utah foreign relations attache, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in the same  
54 manner as provided in:

55 (i) Section 63A-3-106;

56 (ii) Section 63A-3-107; and

57 (iii) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and  
58 63A-3-107.

59           (5) As directed by the governor, a person designated as the governor's Utah foreign  
60 relations attache may serve as an official representative of the governor by:

61           (a) fostering the development of relations with foreign dignitaries, institutions,  
62 business leaders, and educational leaders;

63           (b) receiving foreign heads of state and other foreign dignitaries;

64           (c) representing the interests of the state before international officials, public and  
65 private organizations, and multilateral institutions; and

66           (d) speaking on behalf of the governor on issues related to the state's international trade  
67 and diplomacy.

68           (6) A person who is designated as the governor's Utah foreign relations attache:

69           (a) reports directly to the governor; and

70           (b) shall provide a written report to the governor and the Utah International Trade  
71 Commission at the request of the governor or a chair of the commission.

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