

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REVISIONS

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Transportation Code by amending provisions relating to the Department of Transportation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► provides that the governor shall appoint an executive director to be the chief executive officer of the department, after consultation with, rather than recommendations from, the Transportation Commission.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**72-1-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 176

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

Section 1. Section **72-1-202** is amended to read:

**72-1-202. Executive director of department -- Appointment -- Qualifications -- Term -- Responsibility -- Power to bring suits -- Salary.**

(1) (a) The governor, [~~with recommendations from~~] after consultation with the commission and with the consent of the Senate, shall appoint an executive director to be the

30 chief executive officer of the department.

31 (b) The executive director shall be a qualified executive with technical and  
32 administrative experience and training appropriate for the position.

33 (c) The executive director shall remain in office until a successor is appointed.

34 (d) The executive director may be removed by the governor.

35 (2) In addition to the other functions, powers, duties, rights, and responsibilities  
36 prescribed in this chapter, the executive director shall:

37 (a) have responsibility for the administrative supervision of the state transportation  
38 systems and the various operations of the department;

39 (b) have the responsibility for the implementation of rules, priorities, and policies  
40 established by the department and the commission;

41 (c) have full power to bring suit in courts of competent jurisdiction in the name of the  
42 department as the executive director considers reasonable and necessary for the proper  
43 attainment of the goals of this chapter;

44 (d) receive a salary, to be established by the governor within the salary range fixed by  
45 the Legislature in Title 67, Chapter 22, State Officer Compensation, together with actual  
46 traveling expenses while away from the executive director's office on official business; and

47 (e) purchase all necessary equipment and supplies for the department.