

1 WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY COMMISSION

2 2014 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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18 LONG TITLE

19 General Description:

20 This bill modifies the Utah Workforce Services Code to enact the Women in the  
21 Economy Commission Act.

22 Highlighted Provisions:

23 This bill:

24 ► enacts the Women in the Economy Commission Act, including:

- 25 • defining terms;
- 26 • creating the commission;
- 27 • establishing the purposes, powers, and duties of the commission; and

- 28           • requiring reporting; and
- 29           ▸ provides a sunset date.

30 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

31           None

32 **Other Special Clauses:**

33           None

34 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

35 AMENDS:

36           **63I-1-235**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 278

37 ENACTS:

38           **35A-11-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

39           **35A-11-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

40           **35A-11-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

41           **35A-11-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

42           **35A-11-203**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

45           Section 1. Section **35A-11-101** is enacted to read:

46                           **CHAPTER 11. WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY COMMISSION ACT**

47   **Part 1. General Provisions**

48           **35A-11-101. Title.**

49           This chapter is known as the "Women in the Economy Commission Act."

50           Section 2. Section **35A-11-102** is enacted to read:

51           **35A-11-102. Definitions.**

52           As used in this chapter:

53           (1) "Commission" means the Women in the Economy Commission created in Section

54 [35A-11-201](#).

55           (2) "State institution of higher education" is as defined in Section [53B-3-102](#).

56 Section 3. Section **35A-11-201** is enacted to read:

57 **Part 2. Commission**

58 **35A-11-201. Women in the Economy Commission created.**

59 (1) There is created within the department a commission known as the "Women in the  
60 Economy Commission."

61 (2) The commission shall consist of 11 members as follows:

62 (a) one senator appointed by the president of the Senate;

63 (b) one senator appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

64 (c) one representative appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

65 (d) one representative appointed by the minority leader of the House of

66 Representatives;

67 (e) the executive director of the department, or the executive director's designee; and

68 (f) six members appointed by the governor as follows:

69 (i) a representative of a business with fewer than 50 employees that has been awarded  
70 for work flexibility or work-life balance;

71 (ii) a representative of a business with 50 or more employees, but fewer than 500  
72 employees, that has been awarded for work flexibility or work-life balance;

73 (iii) a representative of a business with 500 or more employees that has been awarded  
74 for work flexibility or work-life balance;

75 (iv) an individual who has experience in demographic work and is employed by a state  
76 institution of higher education;

77 (v) one individual from a nonprofit organization that addresses issues related to  
78 domestic violence; and

79 (vi) one individual with managerial experience with organized labor.

80 (3) (a) When a vacancy occurs in a position appointed by the governor under

81 Subsection (2)(f), the governor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

82 (b) Members appointed under Subsection (2)(f) may be removed by the governor for  
83 cause.

84 (c) A member appointed under Subsection (2)(f) shall be removed from the  
85 commission and replaced by the governor if the member is absent for three consecutive  
86 meetings of the commission without being excused by the chair of the commission.

87 (d) A member serves until the member's successor is appointed and qualified.

88 (4) In appointing the members under Subsection (2)(f), the governor shall:

89 (a) take into account the geographical makeup of the commission; and

90 (b) strive to appoint members who are knowledgeable or have an interest in issues  
91 related to women in the economy.

92 (5) (a) The commission shall select two members to serve as cochairs, one of which  
93 shall be a legislator.

94 (b) Subject to the other provisions of this Subsection (5), the cochairs are responsible  
95 for the call and conduct of meetings.

96 (c) The cochairs shall call and hold meetings of the commission at least every two  
97 months.

98 (d) One of the bimonthly meetings described in Subsection (5)(c) shall be held while  
99 the Legislature is convened in its annual general session.

100 (e) One or more additional meetings may be called upon request by a majority of the  
101 commission's members.

102 (6) (a) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum.

103 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the commission.

104 (7) (a) A member of the commission described in Subsection (2)(e) or (f) may not  
105 receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel  
106 expenses in accordance with:

107 (i) Section [63A-3-106](#);

108 (ii) Section [63A-3-107](#); and

109 (iii) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and  
110 [63A-3-107](#).

111 (b) Compensation and expenses of a member who is a legislator are governed by

112 Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation and Expenses.

113 (8) The department shall provide staff support to the commission.

114 Section 4. Section 35A-11-202 is enacted to read:

115 **35A-11-202. Purpose -- Powers and duties of the commission.**

116 (1) The commission's purpose is to:

117 (a) increase public and government understanding of the current and future impact and  
118 needs of the state's women in the economy and how those needs may be most effectively and  
119 efficiently met;

120 (b) identify and recommend implementation of specific policies, procedures, and  
121 programs to respond to the rights, needs, and impact of women in the economy; and

122 (c) facilitate coordination of the functions of public and private entities concerned with  
123 women in the economy.

124 (2) The commission shall:

125 (a) facilitate the communication and coordination of public and private entities that  
126 provide services to women or protect the rights of women;

127 (b) study, evaluate, and report on the status and effectiveness of policies, procedures,  
128 and programs that provide services to women or protect the rights of women;

129 (c) study and evaluate the policies, procedures, and programs implemented by other  
130 states that address the needs of women in the economy or protect the rights of women;

131 (d) facilitate and conduct the research and study of issues related to women in the  
132 economy;

133 (e) provide a forum for public comment on issues related to women in the economy;

134 (f) provide public information on women in the economy and the services available to  
135 women; and

136 (g) encourage state and local governments to analyze, plan, and prepare for the impact  
137 of women in the economy on services and operations.

138 (3) To accomplish its duties, the commission may:

139 (a) request and receive from a state or local government agency or institution summary

140 information relating to women in the economy, including:

141 (i) reports;

142 (ii) audits;

143 (iii) projections; and

144 (iv) statistics;

145 (b) apply for and accept grants or donations for uses consistent with the duties of the

146 commission from public or private sources; and

147 (c) appoint one or more special committees to advise and assist the commission.

148 (4) Money received under Subsection (3)(b) shall be:

149 (a) accounted for and expended in compliance with the requirements of federal and

150 state law; and

151 (b) continuously available to the commission to carry out the commission's duties.

152 (5) (a) A member of a special committee described in Subsection (3)(c):

153 (i) shall be appointed by the commission;

154 (ii) may be:

155 (A) a member of the commission; or

156 (B) an individual from the private or public sector; and

157 (iii) notwithstanding Section [35A-11-201](#), may not receive reimbursement or pay for  
158 any work done in relation to the special committee.

159 (b) A special committee described in Subsection (3)(c) shall report to the commission  
160 on the progress of the special committee.

161 Section 5. Section **35A-11-203** is enacted to read:

162 **35A-11-203. Annual report.**

163 (1) The commission shall annually prepare and publish a report directed to the:

164 (a) governor;

165 (b) Education Interim Committee;

166 (c) Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee;

167 (d) Executive Appropriations Committee;

- 168           (e) Legislative Management Committee;  
169           (f) Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations Subcommittee; and  
170           (g) State Council on Workforce Services.  
171           (2) The report described in Subsection (1) shall:  
172           (a) describe how the commission fulfilled its statutory purposes and duties during the  
173 year; and  
174           (b) contain recommendations on how the state should act to address issues relating to  
175 women in the economy.  
176           Section 6. Section **63I-1-235** is amended to read:  
177           **63I-1-235. Repeal dates, Title 35A.**  
178           (1) Title 35A, Utah Workforce Services Code, is repealed July 1, 2015.  
179           (2) Title 35A, Chapter 8, Part 7, Utah Housing Corporation Act, is repealed July 1,  
180 2016.  
181           (3) Title 35A, Chapter 8, Part 18, Transitional Housing and Community Development  
182 Advisory Council, is repealed July 1, 2014.  
183           (4) Title 35A, Chapter 11, Women in the Economy Commission Act, is repealed July  
184 1, 2016.