

Representative Kim F. Coleman proposes the following substitute bill:

HOMELESS AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kim F. Coleman

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a governor's homelessness advisor.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates a governor's homelessness advisor who is appointed by the governor;
- ▶ describes the duties of the governor's homelessness advisor; and
- ▶ modifies the membership of the Homeless Coordinating Committee to include the governor's homelessness advisor; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

35A-8-601, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 251 and 312

ENACTS:



- 26 [63M-14-101](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 27 [63M-14-102](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 28 [63M-14-201](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31 Section 1. Section **35A-8-601** is amended to read:

32 **35A-8-601. Creation.**

33 (1) There is created within the division the Homeless Coordinating Committee.

34 (2) (a) The committee shall consist of the following members:

35 (i) the lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee;

36 (ii) the governor's homelessness advisor or the homelessness advisor's designee;

37 [~~(ii)~~] (iii) the state planning coordinator or the coordinator's designee;

38 [~~(iii)~~] (iv) the state superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's
39 designee;

40 [~~(iv)~~] (v) the chair of the board of trustees of the Utah Housing Corporation or the
41 chair's designee;

42 [~~(v)~~] (vi) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the
43 executive director's designee;

44 [~~(vi)~~] (vii) the executive director of the Department of Corrections or the executive
45 director's designee;

46 [~~(vii)~~] (viii) the executive director of the Department of Health or the executive
47 director's designee;

48 [~~(viii)~~] (ix) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the
49 executive director's designee;

50 [~~(ix)~~] (x) the mayor of Salt Lake City or the mayor's designee;

51 [~~(x)~~] (xi) the mayor of Salt Lake County or the mayor's designee;

52 [~~(xi)~~] (xii) the mayor of Ogden or the mayor's designee;

53 [~~(xii)~~] (xiii) the mayor of Midvale or the mayor's designee;

54 [~~(xiii)~~] (xiv) the mayor of St. George or the mayor's designee; and

55 [~~(xiv)~~] (xv) the mayor of South Salt Lake or the mayor's designee.

56 (b) (i) The lieutenant governor shall serve as the chair of the committee.

57 (ii) The lieutenant governor may appoint a vice chair from among committee members,
58 who shall conduct committee meetings in the absence of the lieutenant governor.

59 (3) The governor may appoint as members of the committee:

60 (a) representatives of local governments, local housing authorities, local law
61 enforcement agencies;

62 (b) representatives of federal and private agencies and organizations concerned with
63 the homeless, persons with a mental illness, the elderly, single-parent families, persons with a
64 substance use disorder, and persons with a disability; and

65 (c) a resident of Salt Lake County.

66 (4) (a) Except as required by Subsection (4)(b), as terms of current committee members
67 appointed under Subsection (3) expire, the governor shall appoint each new member or
68 reappointed member to a four-year term.

69 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (4)(a), the governor shall, at the
70 time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of
71 committee members are staggered so that approximately half of the committee is appointed
72 every two years.

73 (c) A member appointed under Subsection (3) may not be appointed to serve more than
74 three consecutive terms.

75 (5) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement is
76 appointed for the unexpired term.

77 (6) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but
78 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

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

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

81 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
82 63A-3-107.

83 Section 2. Section 63M-14-101 is enacted to read:

84 **CHAPTER 14. OVERSIGHT OF HOMELESSNESS SERVICES**

85 **Part 1. General Provisions**

86 **63M-14-101. Title.**

87 This chapter is known as "Oversight of Homelessness Services."

88 Section 3. Section **63M-14-102** is enacted to read:

89 **63M-14-102. Definitions.**

90 As used in this chapter:

91 (1) "Homelessness advisor" means the governor's homelessness advisor appointed

92 under Section [63M-4-401](#).

93 (2) "State agency" means an executive branch:

94 (a) department;

95 (b) agency;

96 (c) board;

97 (d) commission;

98 (e) division; or

99 (f) state educational institution.

100 (3) "Strategic plan" means the statewide strategic plan to minimize homelessness in the
101 state that is described in Section [35A-8-602](#).

102 Section 4. Section **63M-14-201** is enacted to read:

103 **Part 2. Governor's Homelessness Advisor**

104 **63M-14-201. Governor's homelessness advisor -- Duties.**

105 (1) The governor shall appoint a homelessness advisor.

106 (2) The governor's homelessness advisor serves at the pleasure of the governor.

107 (3) The homelessness advisor shall:

108 (a) advise the governor and lieutenant governor on homelessness issues;

109 (b) provide recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the Legislature,
110 state agencies, and the Homeless Coordinating Committee created in Section [35A-8-601](#),

111 regarding strategies, policies, procedures, and programs to address the needs of homeless
112 individuals in the state;

113 (c) identify best practices and recommend improvements in the coordination of
114 services delivered to homeless individuals in the state, including through the use of electronic

115 databases and through electronic data sharing among providers of services to homeless
116 individuals in the state;

117 (d) identify gaps in the delivery of services to homeless populations in the state;

118 (e) coordinate the provision of homeless services in the state between state agencies,

119 local governments, and private organizations;

120 (f) provide recommendations to the State Homeless Coordinating Committee regarding
121 the annual update to the statewide strategic plan;

122 (g) coordinate the implementation of the strategic plan with state, local, and private
123 stakeholders;

124 (h) create and maintain public and private partnerships with homelessness
125 stakeholders;

126 (i) compile, organize, and make available to the public, information about federal,
127 state, and local programs that serve homeless individuals; and

128 (j) represent the state in working with federal and local authorities to address issues
129 related to homelessness.

130 Section 5. **Effective date.**

131 This bill takes effect on October 1, 2020.