

26 **35A-1-104.6**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29 Section 1. Section **35A-1-104.6** is enacted to read:

30 **35A-1-104.6. Task force on food security.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "Food security" means access to sufficient, affordable, safe, and nutritious food that
 33 meets an individual's food preferences and dietary needs.

34 (b) "Task force" means the Task Force on Food Security created in this section.

35 (2) There is created within the department the "Task Force on Food Security,"

36 consisting of the following members:

37 (a) two individuals from the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, with one
 38 individual from the majority party and one individual from the minority party;

39 (b) two individuals from the House, appointed by the speaker of the House, with one
 40 individual from the majority party and one individual from the minority party;

41 (c) the executive director, or the executive director's designee, from each of the
 42 following:

43 (i) the Department of Health;

44 (ii) the Department of Human Services;

45 (iii) the Department of Workforce Services; and

46 (iv) the Governor's Office of Economic Development;

47 (d) the chair of the State Board of Education or the chair's designee;

48 (e) the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food or the commissioner's
 49 designee;

50 (f) one individual appointed by the executive director of the Utah Association of
 51 Counties to represent county government;

52 (g) one individual appointed by the executive director of the Utah League of Cities and
 53 Towns to represent municipal government; ~~§~~→ [and]

53a **(h) the chair of the State Board of Higher Education or the chair's designee; and** ~~←§~~

54 ~~§~~→ ~~(h)~~ **(i)** ~~←§~~ seven individuals, appointed by the governor, including:

55 (i) one individual who works with a refugee or an immigrant community;

56 (ii) one individual with expertise on issues related to food security in rural Utah;

57 (iii) one individual who works with individuals experiencing a lack of food security;

58 (iv) one individual from the business community;

59 (v) one individual from a food assistance organization;

60 (vi) one individual from an advocacy group that addresses hunger issues; and

61 (vii) one individual from the agriculture community.

62 (3) The task force shall select two members to serve as cochairs.

63 (4) (a) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the task force appointed under

64 Subsection (2)(a), (b), or ~~§~~ → [(g)] (i) ← ~~§~~ , the member shall be replaced in the same manner in

64a which the

65 original appointment was made.

66 (b) A member of the task force serves until the member's successor is appointed and

67 qualified.

68 (5) (a) A majority of the task force members constitutes a quorum.

69 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the task force.

70 (6) (a) The salary and expenses of a task force member who is a legislator shall be paid

71 in accordance with Section 36-2-2, Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 2, Lodging, Meal,

72 and Transportation Expenses, and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator

73 Compensation.

74 (b) A task force member who is not a legislator may not receive compensation or

75 benefits for the member's service on the task force but may receive per diem and

76 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates

77 established by the Division of Finance under:

78 (i) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and

79 (ii) rules made in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

80 (7) The department shall provide staff support to the task force.

81 (8) (a) The task force shall develop an evidence-based plan for establishing food

82 security in this state.

83 (b) The plan shall include recommendations for:

84 (i) increasing economic security for all individuals in the state;

85 (ii) increasing public awareness and understanding that ending hunger is vital to the

86 health and well-being of the state's residents, economy, and communities;

87 (iii) increasing access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food within