

MASTER PLAN FOR AGING

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions governing the Utah Commission on Aging.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends the duties and powers of the Utah Commission on Aging (commission);
- ▶ directs the commission to prepare and publish a 10-year master plan for aging; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63M-11-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 196

63M-11-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 323

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

Section 1. Section **63M-11-203** is amended to read:

63M-11-203. Duties and powers of commission.

(1) The commission shall:



- 28 (a) fulfill the commission's purposes described in Section [63M-11-102](#);
- 29 (b) facilitate the communication and coordination of public and private entities that
- 30 provide services to the aging population, including entities responsible for services related to:
- 31 (i) housing;
- 32 (ii) transportation;
- 33 (iii) caregiver support;
- 34 (iv) preventive health services;
- 35 (v) individuals with physical or developmental disabilities;
- 36 (vi) dementia and Alzheimer's disease; and
- 37 (vii) facility licensing;
- 38 (c) study, evaluate, and report on the status and effectiveness of policies, procedures,
- 39 and programs that provide services to the aging population;
- 40 (d) study and evaluate the policies, procedures, and programs implemented by other
- 41 states that address the needs of the aging population;
- 42 (e) facilitate and conduct the research and study of issues related to aging, including
- 43 emerging public health issues with a significant impact on the aging population;
- 44 (f) provide a forum for public comment on issues related to aging;
- 45 (g) provide public information on the aging population and the services available to the
- 46 aging population;
- 47 (h) facilitate the provision of services to the aging population from the public and
- 48 private sectors; and
- 49 (i) encourage state and local governments to analyze, plan, and prepare for the impacts
- 50 of the aging population on services and operations.
- 51 (2) To accomplish the commission's duties, the commission may:
- 52 (a) request and receive from any state or local governmental agency or institution,
- 53 summary information relating to the aging population, including:
- 54 (i) reports;
- 55 (ii) audits;
- 56 (iii) projections; and
- 57 (iv) statistics;
- 58 (b) apply for and accept grants or donations for uses consistent with the duties of the

59 commission from public or private sources; and

60 (c) appoint special committees to advise and assist the commission.

61 (3) All funds received under Subsection (2)(b) shall be:

62 (a) accounted for and expended in compliance with the requirements of federal and
63 state law; and

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

65 (4) (a) A member of a special committee described in Subsection (2)(c):

66 (i) shall be appointed by the commission;

67 (ii) may be:

68 (A) a member of the commission; or

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

70 (iii) notwithstanding Section 63M-11-206, shall not receive any reimbursement or pay
71 for any work done in relation to the special committee.

72 (b) A special committee described in Subsection (2)(c) shall report to the commission
73 on the progress of the special committee.

74 (5) This chapter does not diminish the planning authority conferred on state, regional,
75 and local governments by existing law.

76 Section 2. Section 63M-11-204 is amended to read:

77 **63M-11-204. Annual report by the commission.**

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

79 ~~(a)~~ (i) governor; and

80 ~~(b)~~ (ii) Health and Human Services Interim Committee.

81 ~~(2)~~ (b) The report described in Subsection (1)(a) shall:

82 ~~(a)~~ (i) describe how the commission fulfilled its statutory purposes and duties during
83 the year; and

84 ~~(b)~~ (ii) contain recommendations on how the state should act to address issues
85 relating to the aging population.

86 (2) (a) The commission shall:

87 (i) prepare and publish a 10-year master plan with recommendations for services
88 affecting the aging population; and

89 (ii) no later than November 1 of 2023, submit the master plan and the commission's

90 work plan described in Subsection (2)(b) in writing to:

91 (A) the governor; and

92 (B) the Health and Human Services Interim Committee.

93 (b) For the master plan, the commission shall:

94 (i) identify and prioritize the commission's goals, objectives, performance measures,
95 and strategies, whether existing or needed, to address demographic factors contributing to the
96 needs of the state's aging population;

97 (ii) adopt a plan for the commission's work over the next three years to address
98 priorities described in Subsection (2)(b)(i); and

99 (iii) identify redundancies in aging services across the state, including working groups
100 or task forces, and local and state executive branch services, and make recommendations for
101 consolidation.

102 (c) The plan adopted under Subsection (2)(b)(ii) shall describe which state, local, and
103 private groups the commission has or intends to engage.

104 (3) Before July 1, 2026, the commission shall report to the Health and Human Services
105 Interim Committee on:

106 (a) proposals for the future review of and updates to the master plan; and

107 (b) any proposed legislation concerning the master plan or the recommendations made
108 in the master plan.