

1 **COMMISSION ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY**

2 **MODIFICATIONS**

3 2024 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Joel K. Briscoe**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies the membership of the Commission on Housing Affordability.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ modifies the membership of the Commission on Housing Affordability by adding
14 two members; and
15 ▶ makes technical changes.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **35A-8-2202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 118

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

25 Section 1. Section **35A-8-2202** is amended to read:

26 **35A-8-2202. Commission on Housing Affordability.**

27 (1) There is created within the department the Commission on Housing Affordability.



- 28 (2) The commission shall consist of [~~21~~] 23 members as follows:
- 29 (a) one senator appointed by the president of the Senate;
- 30 (b) two representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 31 (c) the executive director of the department or the executive director's designee;
- 32 (d) the director of the division;
- 33 (e) the executive director of the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity or the
- 34 executive director's designee;
- 35 (f) the president of the Utah Transit Authority or the president's designee;
- 36 (g) the chair of the board of trustees of the Utah Housing Corporation or the chair's
- 37 designee;
- 38 (h) the state homelessness coordinator appointed under Section [63J-4-202](#) or the state
- 39 homelessness coordinator's designee; and
- 40 (i) [~~12~~] 14 members appointed by the governor as follows:
- 41 (i) one individual representing the land development community with experience and
- 42 expertise in affordable, subsidized multi-family development, recommended by the Utah
- 43 Homebuilders Association;
- 44 (ii) one individual representing the real estate industry, recommended by the Utah
- 45 Association of Realtors;
- 46 (iii) one individual representing the banking industry, recommended by the Utah
- 47 Bankers Association;
- 48 (iv) one individual representing public housing authorities, recommended by the
- 49 director of the division;
- 50 (v) two individuals representing municipal government, recommended by the Utah
- 51 League of Cities and Towns;
- 52 (vi) one individual representing redevelopment agencies and community reinvestment
- 53 agencies, recommended by the Utah Redevelopment Association;
- 54 (vii) two individuals representing county government, recommended by the Utah
- 55 Association of Counties, where:
- 56 (A) one of the individuals is from a county of the first class; and
- 57 (B) one of the individuals is from a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class;
- 58 (viii) one individual representing a nonprofit organization that addresses issues related

59 to housing affordability;

60 (ix) one individual with expertise on housing affordability issues in rural communities;

61 [and]

62 (x) one individual representing the Salt Lake Chamber, recommended by the Salt Lake

63 Chamber[-];

64 (xi) one individual who:

65 (A) rents the individual's housing; and

66 (B) is recommended by a public housing authority or a tenants' rights association; and

67 (xii) one individual who represents the interests of the housing advocacy community,

68 recommended by a nonprofit housing advocacy organization.

69 (3) (a) When a vacancy occurs in a position appointed by the governor under
70 Subsection (2)(i), the governor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

71 (b) Members appointed under Subsection (2)(i) may be removed by the governor for
72 cause.

73 (c) A member appointed under Subsection (2)(i) shall be removed from the
74 commission and replaced by an appointee of the governor if the member is absent for three
75 consecutive meetings of the commission without being excused by a cochair of the
76 commission.

77 (d) A member serves until the member's successor is appointed.

78 (4) (a) The commission shall select two members to serve as cochairs, one of whom
79 shall be a legislator.

80 (b) Subject to the other provisions of this Subsection (4), the cochairs are responsible
81 for the call and conduct of meetings.

82 (c) The cochairs shall call and hold meetings of the commission at least four times each
83 year.

84 (d) One or more additional meetings may be called upon request by a majority of the
85 commission's members.

86 (5) (a) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum.

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

88 (6) (a) A member of the commission described in Subsections (2)(c) through (i) may
89 not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and

90 travel expenses in accordance with:

91 (i) Section 63A-3-106;

92 (ii) Section 63A-3-107; and

93 (iii) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and

94 63A-3-107.

95 (b) Compensation and expenses of a member who is a legislator are governed by
96 Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation and Expenses.

97 (7) The division shall provide staff support to the commission.

98 Section 2. **Effective date.**

99 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.