

OLYMPIC PUBLIC FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brett Garner

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the use of public money by certain entities involved with the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ requires the governor to ensure terms regarding the use of public money are included in agreements concerning the state's hosting of the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63G-28-101, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 14

63G-28-401, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 14

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

Section 1. Section **63G-28-101** is amended to read:



28 **63G-28-101. Definitions.**

29 As used in this chapter:

30 (1) "Games" means the 2030 or 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

31 (2) "Games committee" means the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games

32 Coordination Committee created in Section [63G-28-201](#).

33 (3) "Host agreement" means an agreement with a site selection committee that is made
34 in connection with the selection of the state for the location of the games.

35 (4) "Host assurance" means a written assurance to a site selection committee that is
36 made in connection with the selection of the state for the location of the games.

37 (5) "Host committee" means a nonprofit corporation, including a successor in interest,
38 that may:

39 (a) provide an application and bid to a site selection committee for selection of the state
40 as the location of the games; and

41 (b) execute an agreement with the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee
42 regarding a bid and the bid process to host the games.

43 (6) "Public money" means the same as that term is defined in Section [76-1-101.5](#).

44 (7) "Site selection committee" means the International Olympic Committee or the
45 International Paralympic Committee.

46 [~~7~~] (8) "State security" means a financial obligation undertaken by the state under a
47 host agreement.

48 Section 2. Section **63G-28-401** is amended to read:

49 **63G-28-401. Governor authority to execute host agreement -- Legislative notice.**

50 (1) Subject to Subsection (3), the governor may:

51 (a) enter into a host agreement on behalf of the state that provides:

52 (i) state security for:

53 (A) amounts owed by the state to a site selection committee for claims by third parties
54 arising out of or relating to the games; and

55 (B) a financial deficit accruing to the state as a result of hosting the games; and

56 (ii) other terms necessary for the state to host the games; and

57 (b) make a host assurance on behalf of the state that is necessary for the state to host
58 the games.

- 59 (2) The state security under a host agreement may not be paid until after:
- 60 (a) any security provided by the host committee or another person is expended and
- 61 exhausted; and
- 62 (b) the limits of any available insurance policy are expended and exhausted.
- 63 (3) The governor shall:
- 64 (a) ensure a host agreement includes:
- 65 (i) a requirement that a signatory of the host agreement mitigate damages if the
- 66 signatory breaches the host agreement;
- 67 (ii) a provision allowing the state to terminate the host agreement for another
- 68 signatory's unlawful activity; [~~and~~]
- 69 (iii) other provisions that protect:
- 70 (A) the state against liability under the host agreement; and
- 71 (B) the state's financial assets; [~~and~~]
- 72 (iv) provisions prohibiting the site selection committee or the host committee from
- 73 using public money:
- 74 (A) to provide a gift with a value of over \$300 to another person;
- 75 (B) to make a political campaign contribution;
- 76 (C) for the personal expenses of another person; or
- 77 (D) for other purposes unrelated to the games;
- 78 (v) a provision that the site selection committee and host committee shall, upon
- 79 request, provide, to the governor or a member of the games committee, an itemized accounting
- 80 of the public money provided to the site selection committee or host committee; and
- 81 (vi) a provision allowing the state to bring a civil action to recoup any public money
- 82 used for a purpose prohibited under the agreement; and
- 83 (b) provide a copy of a host agreement or host assurance to the games committee and
- 84 the Legislative Management Committee at least 72 hours before entering into the host
- 85 agreement or making the host assurance.

86 Section 3. **Effective date.**

87 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.