GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENTS

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2 **LONG TITLE**

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4 General Description:

5 This bill modifies provisions related to the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

- 7 This bill:
- 8 revises definitions;
- 9 replaces the term "Go Utah" with the term "GOEO";
- 10 modifies the membership of the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity board;
- 11 modifies provisions regarding the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission;
- 12 modifies provisions about the purpose of the Economic Opportunity Act;
- 13 modifies terms describing the Industrial Assistance Account;
- reates a procurement exception for the Office of Tourism;
- 15 aligns reporting dates;
- modifies grant programs related to broadband services access;
- creates the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Grant Program;
- reates the Innovation in Artificial Intelligence Grant Pilot Program; and
- 19 makes technical and conforming changes.

20 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

- 21 None
- 22 Other Special Clauses:
- This bill provides revisor instructions.
- 24 Utah Code Sections Affected:
- 25 AMENDS:
- 53B-7-702, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 282, 351 and last amended
- by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 187

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         53B-7-704, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282
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         53B-10-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 370
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         53B-10-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282
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         59-1-403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 21, 52, 86, 259, and 329
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         63G-6a-804, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 257
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         63I-1-263, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 33, 47, 104, 109, 139, 155,
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         212, 218, 249, 270, 448, 489, and 534
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         63N-1a-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 200, 362
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         63N-1a-103, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282
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         63N-1a-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499
         63N-1a-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 200, 362
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         63N-1a-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 200, 307
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         63N-1a-401, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 362
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         63N-1a-402, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 362
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         63N-1b-404, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499
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         63N-2-104.2, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 200
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         63N-2-107, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 200
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         63N-2-504, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282
         63N-2-512, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 471
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         63N-2-808, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282
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         63N-3-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499
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         63N-3-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499
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         63N-3-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499
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         63N-3-107, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499
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         63N-3-111, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499
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         63N-3-112, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 362
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         63N-3-1101, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 296
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         63N-3-1102, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 296
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         63N-4-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 274
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         63N-4-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 362
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         63N-4-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282
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         63N-7-102, as repealed and reenacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 362
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         63N-8-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499
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63N-8-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499

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- 62 **63N-8-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282
- 63 **63N-13-305**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 240
- 64 **63N-16-301**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 373
- 65 **63N-17-102**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282
- 66 **63N-17-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 458
- 67 **63N-17-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499
- 68 **63N-17-203**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 458
- 69 **63N-17-301**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282
- 70 ENACTS:
- 71 **63N-3-1301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 72 **63N-3-1302**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 73 **63N-17-401**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 74 REPEALS:
- 63N-1a-101, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282
- 76 **63N-17-101**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 282

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- 78 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*
- 79 Section 1. Section **53B-7-702** is amended to read:
- 80 **53B-7-702** . Definitions.
- As used in this part:
- 82 (1) "Account" means the Performance Funding Restricted Account created in Section 83 53B-7-703.
- 84 (2) "Estimated revenue growth from targeted jobs" means the estimated increase in
- individual income tax revenue generated by individuals employed in targeted jobs,
- determined by the Department of Workforce Services in accordance with Section
- 87 53B-7-704.
- 88 (3) "Full new performance funding amount" means the maximum amount of new
- 89 performance funding that a degree-granting institution or technical college may qualify
- for in a fiscal year, determined by the Legislature in accordance with Section 53B-7-705.
- 91 (4) "Full-time" means the number of credit hours the board determines is full-time
- 92 enrollment for a student.
- 93 (5) ["GO Utah office"] "GOEO" means the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
- created in Section 63N-1a-301.
- 95 (6) "Job" means an occupation determined by the Department of Workforce Services.

96	(7) "Membership hour" means 60 minutes of scheduled instruction provided by a technical
97	college to a student enrolled in the technical college.

- 98 (8) "New performance funding" means the difference between the total amount of money in
- the account and the amount of money appropriated from the account for performance
- funding in the current fiscal year.
- 101 (9) "Performance" means total performance across the metrics described in [Sections
- 102 <u>53B-7-706 and 53B-7-707</u>] <u>Section 53B-7-706</u>.
- 103 (10) "Research university" means the University of Utah or Utah State University.
- 104 (11) "Targeted job" means a job designated by the Department of Workforce Services or [
 105 the GO Utah office] GOEO in accordance with Section 53B-7-704.
- 106 (12) "Technical college" means:
- (a) the same as that term is defined in Section 53B-1-101.5; [and] or
- 108 (b) a degree-granting institution acting in the degree-granting institution's technical education role described in Section 53B-2a-201.
- 110 (13) "Technical college graduate" means an individual who:
- (a) has earned a certificate from an accredited program at a technical college; and
- (b) is no longer enrolled in the technical college.
- 113 Section 2. Section **53B-7-704** is amended to read:
- 53B-7-704 . Designation of targeted jobs -- Determination of estimated revenue
- growth from targeted jobs -- Reporting.
- 116 (1) As used in this section, "baseline amount" means the average annual wages for targeted 117 jobs over calendar years 2014, 2015, and 2016, as determined by the Department of 118 Workforce Services using the best available information.
- 119 (2) (a) The Department of Workforce Services shall designate, as a targeted job, a job that:
- (i) has a base employment level of at least 100 individuals;
- (ii) ranks in the top 20% of jobs for outlook based on:
- (A) projected number of openings; and
- (B) projected rate of growth;
- (iii) ranks in the top 20% of jobs for median annual wage; and
- (iv) requires postsecondary training.
- (b) The Department of Workforce Services shall designate targeted jobs every other year.
- (c) [The GO Utah office] GOEO may, after consulting with the Department of
 Workforce Services and industry representatives, designate a job that has significant

130	industry importance as a targeted job.
131	(d) Annually, the Department of Workforce Services and [the GO Utah office] GOEO
132	shall report to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee on targeted jobs,
133	including:
134	(i) the method used to determine which jobs are targeted jobs;
135	(ii) changes to which jobs are targeted jobs; and
136	(iii) the reasons for each change described in Subsection (2)(d)(ii).
137	(3) Based on the targeted jobs described in Subsection (2), the Department of Workforce
138	Services shall annually determine the estimated revenue growth from targeted jobs by:
139	(a) determining the total estimated wages for targeted jobs for the year:
140	(i) based on the average wages for targeted jobs, calculated using the most recently
141	available wage data and data from each of the two years before the most recently
142	available data; and
143	(ii) using the best available information;
144	(b) determining the change in estimated wages for targeted jobs by subtracting the
145	baseline amount from the total wages for targeted jobs described in Subsection (3)(a);
146	and
147	(c) multiplying the change in estimated wages for targeted jobs described in Subsection
148	(3)(b) by 3.6%.
149	(4) Annually, at least 30 days before the first day of the legislative general session, the
150	Department of Workforce Services shall report the estimated revenue growth from
151	targeted jobs to:
152	(a) the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst; and
153	(b) the Division of Finance.
154	Section 3. Section 53B-10-201 is amended to read:
155	53B-10-201 . Definitions.
156	As used in this part:
157	(1) "Award" means a monetary grant awarded in accordance with Section 53B-10-202.
158	(2) "Full-time" means the number of credit hours the board determines is full-time
159	enrollment for a student for purposes of the program.
160	(3) ["GO Utah office"] "GOEO" means the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
161	created in Section 63N-1a-301.
162	(4) "Institution" means an institution of higher education described in Subsection 53B-1-102
163	(1)(a).

164	(5)	"Program" means the Talent Development Award Program created in Section
165		53B-10-202.
166	(6)	"Qualifying degree" means an associate's or a bachelor's degree that qualifies an
167		individual to work in a qualifying job, as determined by [the GO Utah office] GOEO
168		under Section 53B-10-203.
169	(7)	"Qualifying job" means a job:
170		(a) described in Section 53B-10-203 for which an individual may receive an award for
171		the current two-year period; or
172		(b) (i) that was [selected] identified in accordance with Section 53B-10-203 at the
173		time a recipient received an award; and
174		(ii) (A) for which the recipient is pursuing a qualifying degree;
175		(B) for which the recipient completed a qualifying degree; or
176		(C) in which the recipient is working.
177	(8)	"Recipient" means an individual who receives an award.
178		Section 4. Section 53B-10-203 is amended to read:
179		53B-10-203. Identification of qualifying jobs and qualifying degrees.
180	(1)	Every other year, [the GO Utah office] GOEO shall [select] identify:
181		(a) five qualifying jobs that:
182		(i) have the highest demand for new employees; and
183		(ii) offer high wages; and
184		(b) the qualifying degrees for each qualifying job.
185	(2)	[The GO Utah office] GOEO shall:
186		(a) ensure that each qualifying job:
187		(i) ranks in the top 40% of jobs based on an employment index that considers the
188		job's growth rate and total openings;
189		(ii) ranks in the top 40% of jobs for wages; and
190		(iii) requires an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree; and
191		(b) report the five qualifying jobs and qualifying degrees to the board.
192		Section 5. Section 59-1-403 is amended to read:
193		59-1-403. Confidentiality Exceptions Penalty Application to property tax.
194	(1)	As used in this section:
195		(a) "Distributed tax, fee, or charge" means a tax, fee, or charge:
196		(i) the commission administers under:
197		(A) this title, other than a tax under Chapter 12, Part 2, Local Sales and Use Tax

198	Act;
199	(B) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Act;
200	(C) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act;
201	(D) Section 19-6-805;
202	(E) Section 63H-1-205; or
203	(F) Title 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, Prepaid Wireless Telecommunications Service
204	Charges; and
205	(ii) with respect to which the commission distributes the revenue collected from the
206	tax, fee, or charge to a qualifying jurisdiction.
207	(b) "Qualifying jurisdiction" means:
208	(i) a county, city, town, or metro township;
209	(ii) the military installation development authority created in Section 63H-1-201; or
210	(iii) the Utah Inland Port Authority created in Section 11-58-201.
211	(2) (a) Any of the following may not divulge or make known in any manner any
212	information gained by that person from any return filed with the commission:
213	(i) a tax commissioner;
214	(ii) an agent, clerk, or other officer or employee of the commission; or
215	(iii) a representative, agent, clerk, or other officer or employee of any county, city, or
216	town.
217	(b) An official charged with the custody of a return filed with the commission is not
218	required to produce the return or evidence of anything contained in the return in any
219	action or proceeding in any court, except:
220	(i) in accordance with judicial order;
221	(ii) on behalf of the commission in any action or proceeding under:
222	(A) this title; or
223	(B) other law under which persons are required to file returns with the
224	commission;
225	(iii) on behalf of the commission in any action or proceeding to which the
226	commission is a party; or
227	(iv) on behalf of any party to any action or proceeding under this title if the report or
228	facts shown by the return are directly involved in the action or proceeding.
229	(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(b), a court may require the production of, and may
230	admit in evidence, any portion of a return or of the facts shown by the return, as are
231	specifically pertinent to the action or proceeding.

232 (3) This section does not prohibit:

- (a) a person or that person's duly authorized representative from receiving a copy of any return or report filed in connection with that person's own tax;
 - (b) the publication of statistics as long as the statistics are classified to prevent the identification of particular reports or returns; and
 - (c) the inspection by the attorney general or other legal representative of the state of the report or return of any taxpayer:
 - (i) who brings action to set aside or review a tax based on the report or return;
 - (ii) against whom an action or proceeding is contemplated or has been instituted under this title; or
 - (iii) against whom the state has an unsatisfied money judgment.
 - (4) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (2) and for purposes of administration, the commission may by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, provide for a reciprocal exchange of information with:
 - (i) the United States Internal Revenue Service; or
 - (ii) the revenue service of any other state.
 - (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2) and for all taxes except individual income tax and corporate franchise tax, the commission may by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, share information gathered from returns and other written statements with the federal government, any other state, any of the political subdivisions of another state, or any political subdivision of this state, except as limited by Sections 59-12-209 and 59-12-210, if the political subdivision, other state, or the federal government grant substantially similar privileges to this state.
 - (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (2) and for all taxes except individual income tax and corporate franchise tax, the commission may by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, provide for the issuance of information concerning the identity and other information of taxpayers who have failed to file tax returns or to pay any tax due.
 - (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall provide to the director of the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, as defined in Section 19-6-402, as requested by the director of the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, any records, returns, or other information filed with the

266	commission under Chapter 13, Motor and Special Fuel Tax Act, or Section
267	19-6-410.5 regarding the environmental assurance program participation fee.
268	(e) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), at the request of any person the commission shall
269	provide that person sales and purchase volume data reported to the commission on a
270	report, return, or other information filed with the commission under:
271	(i) Chapter 13, Part 2, Motor Fuel; or
272	(ii) Chapter 13, Part 4, Aviation Fuel.
273	(f) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), upon request from a tobacco product manufacturer,
274	as defined in Section 59-22-202, the commission shall report to the manufacturer:
275	(i) the quantity of cigarettes, as defined in Section 59-22-202, produced by the
276	manufacturer and reported to the commission for the previous calendar year under
277	Section 59-14-407; and
278	(ii) the quantity of cigarettes, as defined in Section 59-22-202, produced by the
279	manufacturer for which a tax refund was granted during the previous calendar
280	year under Section 59-14-401 and reported to the commission under Subsection
281	59-14-401(1)(a)(v).
282	(g) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall notify manufacturers,
283	distributors, wholesalers, and retail dealers of a tobacco product manufacturer that is
284	prohibited from selling cigarettes to consumers within the state under Subsection
285	59-14-210(2).
286	(h) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission may:
287	(i) provide to the Division of Consumer Protection within the Department of
288	Commerce and the attorney general data:
289	(A) reported to the commission under Section 59-14-212; or
290	(B) related to a violation under Section 59-14-211; and
291	(ii) upon request, provide to any person data reported to the commission under
292	Subsections 59-14-212(1)(a) through (c) and Subsection 59-14-212(1)(g).
293	(i) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall, at the request of a committee
294	of the Legislature, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, or the Governor's
295	Office of Planning and Budget, provide to the committee or office the total amount of
296	revenues collected by the commission under Chapter 24, Radioactive Waste Facility
297	Tax Act, for the time period specified by the committee or office.
298	(j) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall make the directory required by
299	Section 59-14-603 available for public inspection.

300 (k) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission may share information with federal, 301 state, or local agencies as provided in Subsection 59-14-606(3). 302 (1) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall provide the Office of 303 Recovery Services within the Department of Health and Human Services any 304 relevant information obtained from a return filed under Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, regarding a taxpayer who has become obligated to the Office of 305 306 Recovery Services. 307 (ii) The information described in Subsection (4)(1)(i) may be provided by the Office 308 of Recovery Services to any other state's child support collection agency involved 309 in enforcing that support obligation. 310 (m) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), upon request from the state court 311 administrator, the commission shall provide to the state court administrator, the 312 name, address, telephone number, county of residence, and social security number 313 on resident returns filed under Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act. 314 (ii) The state court administrator may use the information described in Subsection 315 (4)(m)(i) only as a source list for the master jury list described in Section 316 78B-1-106. 317 (n) (i) As used in this Subsection (4)(n): 318 (A) ["GO Utah office"] "GOEO" means the Governor's Office of Economic 319 Opportunity created in Section 63N-1a-301. (B) "Income tax information" means information gained by the commission that is 320 321 required to be attached to or included in a return filed with the commission 322 under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, or Chapter 10, 323 Individual Income Tax Act. 324 (C) "Other tax information" means information gained by the commission that is 325 required to be attached to or included in a return filed with the commission 326 except for a return filed under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income 327 Taxes, or Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act. 328 (D) "Tax information" means income tax information or other tax information. 329 (ii) (A) Notwithstanding Subsection (2) and except as provided in Subsection 330 (4)(n)(ii)(B) or (C), the commission shall at the request of [the GO Utah office] 331 <u>GOEO</u> provide to [the GO Utah office] <u>GOEO</u> all income tax information. 332 (B) For purposes of a request for income tax information made under Subsection 333 (4)(n)(ii)(A), [the GO Utah office] GOEO may not request and the commission

334	may not provide to [the GO Utah office] GOEO a person's address, name,
335	social security number, or taxpayer identification number.
336	(C) In providing income tax information to [the GO Utah office] GOEO, the
337	commission shall in all instances protect the privacy of a person as required by
338	Subsection $(4)(n)(ii)(B)$.
339	(iii) (A) Notwithstanding Subsection (2) and except as provided in Subsection
340	(4)(n)(iii)(B), the commission shall at the request of [the GO Utah office]
341	GOEO provide to [the GO Utah office] GOEO other tax information.
342	(B) Before providing other tax information to [the GO Utah office] GOEO, the
343	commission shall redact or remove any name, address, social security number,
344	or taxpayer identification number.
345	(iv) [The GO Utah office] GOEO may provide tax information received from the
346	commission in accordance with this Subsection (4)(n) only:
347	(A) as a fiscal estimate, fiscal note information, or statistical information; and
348	(B) if the tax information is classified to prevent the identification of a particular
349	return.
350	(v) (A) A person may not request tax information from [the GO Utah office] GOEO
351	under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management
352	Act, or this section, if [the GO Utah office] GOEO received the tax information
353	from the commission in accordance with this Subsection (4)(n).
354	(B) [The GO Utah office] GOEO may not provide to a person that requests tax
355	information in accordance with Subsection (4)(n)(v)(A) any tax information
356	other than the tax information [the GO Utah office] GOEO provides in
357	accordance with Subsection (4)(n)(iv).
358	(o) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission may provide to the governing board
359	of the agreement or a taxing official of another state, the District of Columbia, the
360	United States, or a territory of the United States:
361	(i) the following relating to an agreement sales and use tax:
362	(A) information contained in a return filed with the commission;
363	(B) information contained in a report filed with the commission;
364	(C) a schedule related to Subsection (4)(o)(i)(A) or (B); or
365	(D) a document filed with the commission; or
366	(ii) a report of an audit or investigation made with respect to an agreement sales and
367	use tax.

368	(p) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission may provide information
369	concerning a taxpayer's state income tax return or state income tax withholding
370	information to the Driver License Division if the Driver License Division:
371	(i) requests the information; and
372	(ii) provides the commission with a signed release form from the taxpayer allowing
373	the Driver License Division access to the information.
374	(q) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall provide to the Utah
375	Communications Authority, or a division of the Utah Communications Authority, the
376	information requested by the authority under Sections 63H-7a-302, 63H-7a-402, and
377	63H-7a-502.
378	(r) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall provide to the Utah
379	Educational Savings Plan information related to a resident or nonresident individual's
380	contribution to a Utah Educational Savings Plan account as designated on the
381	resident or nonresident's individual income tax return as provided under Section
382	59-10-1313.
383	(s) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), for the purpose of verifying eligibility under
384	Sections 26B-3-106 and 26B-3-903, the commission shall provide an eligibility
385	worker with the Department of Health and Human Services or its designee with the
386	adjusted gross income of an individual if:
387	(i) an eligibility worker with the Department of Health and Human Services or its
388	designee requests the information from the commission; and
389	(ii) the eligibility worker has complied with the identity verification and consent
390	provisions of Sections 26B-3-106 and 26B-3-903.
391	(t) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission may provide to a county, as
392	determined by the commission, information declared on an individual income tax
393	return in accordance with Section 59-10-103.1 that relates to eligibility to claim a
394	residential exemption authorized under Section 59-2-103.
395	(u) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall provide a report regarding any
396	access line provider that is over 90 days delinquent in payment to the commission of
397	amounts the access line provider owes under Title 69, Chapter 2, Part 4, Prepaid
398	Wireless Telecommunications Service Charges, to the board of the Utah
399	Communications Authority created in Section 63H-7a-201.
400	(v) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall provide the Department of
401	Environmental Quality a report on the amount of tax paid by a radioactive waste

402 facility for the previous calendar year under Section 59-24-103.5. 403 (w) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission may, upon request, provide to the 404 Department of Workforce Services any information received under Chapter 10, Part 405 4, Withholding of Tax, that is relevant to the duties of the Department of Workforce Services. 406 407 (x) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission may provide the Public Service 408 Commission or the Division of Public Utilities information related to a seller that 409 collects and remits to the commission a charge described in Subsection 69-2-405(2), 410 including the seller's identity and the number of charges described in Subsection 411 69-2-405(2) that the seller collects. 412 (y) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall provide to each 413 qualifying jurisdiction the collection data necessary to verify the revenue collected 414 by the commission for a distributed tax, fee, or charge collected within the 415 qualifying jurisdiction. 416 (ii) In addition to the information provided under Subsection (4)(y)(i), the 417 commission shall provide a qualifying jurisdiction with copies of returns and other 418 information relating to a distributed tax, fee, or charge collected within the 419 qualifying jurisdiction. 420 (iii) (A) To obtain the information described in Subsection (4)(y)(ii), the chief 421 executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee of the qualifying 422 jurisdiction shall submit a written request to the commission that states the 423 specific information sought and how the qualifying jurisdiction intends to use 424 the information. 425 (B) The information described in Subsection (4)(y)(ii) is available only in official 426 matters of the qualifying jurisdiction. 427 (iv) Information that a qualifying jurisdiction receives in response to a request under 428 this subsection is: 429 (A) classified as a private record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act; and 430 431 (B) subject to the confidentiality requirements of this section. 432 (z) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall provide the Alcoholic 433 Beverage Services Commission, upon request, with taxpayer status information related to state tax obligations necessary to comply with the requirements described 434 435 in Section 32B-1-203.

436	(aa) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the commission shall inform the Department of
437	Workforce Services, as soon as practicable, whether an individual claimed and is
438	entitled to claim a federal earned income tax credit for the year requested by the
439	Department of Workforce Services if:
440	(i) the Department of Workforce Services requests this information; and
441	(ii) the commission has received the information release described in Section
442	35A-9-604.
443	(bb) (i) As used in this Subsection (4)(bb), "unclaimed property administrator" means
444	the administrator or the administrator's agent, as those terms are defined in Section
445	67-4a-102.
446	(ii) (A) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), upon request from the unclaimed
447	property administrator and to the extent allowed under federal law, the
448	commission shall provide the unclaimed property administrator the name,
449	address, telephone number, county of residence, and social security number or
450	federal employer identification number on any return filed under Chapter 7,
451	Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, or Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax
452	Act.
453	(B) The unclaimed property administrator may use the information described in
454	Subsection (4)(aa)(ii)(A) only for the purpose of returning unclaimed property
455	to the property's owner in accordance with Title 67, Chapter 4a, Revised
456	Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.
457	(iii) The unclaimed property administrator is subject to the confidentiality provisions
458	of this section with respect to any information the unclaimed property
459	administrator receives under this Subsection (4)(aa).
460	(5) (a) Each report and return shall be preserved for at least three years.
461	(b) After the three-year period provided in Subsection (5)(a) the commission may
462	destroy a report or return.
463	(6) (a) Any individual who violates this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
464	(b) If the individual described in Subsection (6)(a) is an officer or employee of the state,
465	the individual shall be dismissed from office and be disqualified from holding public
466	office in this state for a period of five years thereafter.
467	(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(a) or (b), [the GO Utah office] GOEO, when
468	requesting information in accordance with Subsection (4)(n)(iii), or an individual
469	who requests information in accordance with Subsection $(4)(n)(v)$:

470	(i) is not guilty of a class A misdemeanor; and
471	(ii) is not subject to:
472	(A) dismissal from office in accordance with Subsection (6)(b); or
473	(B) disqualification from holding public office in accordance with Subsection
474	(6)(b).
475	(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(a) or (b), for a disclosure of information to the
476	Office of the Legislative Auditor General in accordance with Title 36, Chapter 12,
477	Legislative Organization, an individual described in Subsection (2):
478	(i) is not guilty of a class A misdemeanor; and
479	(ii) is not subject to:
480	(A) dismissal from office in accordance with Subsection (6)(b); or
481	(B) disqualification from holding public office in accordance with Subsection
482	(6)(b).
483	(7) Except as provided in Section 59-1-404, this part does not apply to the property tax.
484	Section 6. Section 63G-6a-804 is amended to read:
485	63G-6a-804 . Purchase of prison industry goods.
486	(1) As used in this section:
487	(a) "Applicable procurement unit" means a procurement unit that is not:
488	(i) a political subdivision of the state; [or]
489	(ii) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; or
490	(iii) the Utah Office of Tourism.
491	(b) "Correctional industries division" means the Division of Correctional Industries,
492	created in Section 64-13a-4.
493	(c) "Correctional industries director" means the director of the correctional industries
494	division, appointed under Section 64-13a-4.
495	(2) (a) An applicable procurement unit shall purchase goods and services produced by
496	the correctional industries division as provided in this section.
497	(b) A procurement unit that is not an applicable procurement unit may, and is
498	encouraged to, purchase goods and services under this section.
499	(c) A procurement unit is not required to use a standard procurement process to purchase
500	goods or services under this section.
501	(3) On or before July 1 of each year, the correctional industries director shall:
502	(a) publish and distribute to all procurement units and other interested public entities a
503	catalog of goods and services produced by the correctional industries division,

504	including a description and price of each item offered for sale; and
505	(b) update and revise the catalog described in Subsection (3)(a) during the year as the
506	correctional industries director considers necessary.
507	(4) (a) An applicable procurement unit may not purchase any goods or services provided
508	by the correctional industries division from any other source unless the correctional
509	industries director and the procurement official or, in the case of institutions of higher
510	education, the institutional procurement officer, determine in writing that purchase
511	from the correctional industries division is not feasible due to one of the following
512	circumstances:
513	(i) the good or service offered by the correctional industries division does not meet
514	the reasonable requirements of the procurement unit;
515	(ii) the good or service cannot be supplied within a reasonable time by the
516	correctional industries division; or
517	(iii) the cost of the good or service, including basic price, transportation costs, and
518	other expenses of acquisition, is not competitive with the cost of procuring the
519	item from another source.
520	(b) In cases of disagreement under Subsection (4)(a):
521	(i) the decision may be appealed to a board consisting of:
522	(A) the director of the Department of Corrections;
523	(B) the director of Administrative Services; and
524	(C) a neutral third party agreed upon by the other two members of the board;
525	(ii) in the case of an institution of higher education of the state, the president of the
526	institution, or the president's designee, shall make the final decision; or
527	(iii) in the case of any of the following entities, a person designated by the
528	rulemaking authority shall make the final decision:
529	(A) a legislative procurement unit;
530	(B) a judicial procurement unit; or
531	(C) a public transit district.
532	Section 7. Section 63I-1-263 is amended to read:
533	63I-1-263. Repeal dates: Titles 63A to 63N.
534	(1) Subsection 63A-5b-405(5), relating to prioritizing and allocating capital improvement
535	funding, is repealed July 1, 2024.
536	(2) Section 63A-5b-1003, State Facility Energy Efficiency Fund, is repealed July 1, 2023.
537	(3) Sections 63A-9-301 and 63A-9-302 related to the Motor Vehicle Review Committee

- are repealed July 1, 2023.
- 539 (4) Title 63C, Chapter 4a, Constitutional and Federalism Defense Act, is repealed July 1,
- 540 2028.
- 541 (5) Title 63C, Chapter 6, Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2025.
- 542 (6) Title 63C, Chapter 12, Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 543 (7) Title 63C, Chapter 17, Point of the Mountain Development Commission Act, is
- 544 repealed July 1, 2023.
- 545 (8) Title 63C, Chapter 18, Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission, is repealed
- 546 December 31, 2026.
- 547 (9) Title 63C, Chapter 23, Education and Mental Health Coordinating Council, is repealed
- 548 July 1, 2026.
- 549 (10) Title 63C, Chapter 27, Cybersecurity Commission, is repealed July 1, 2032.
- 550 (11) Title 63C, Chapter 28, Ethnic Studies Commission, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 551 (12) Title 63C, Chapter 29, Domestic Violence Data Task Force, is repealed December 31,
- 552 2024.
- 553 (13) Title 63C, Chapter 31, State Employee Benefits Advisory Commission, is repealed on
- 554 July 1, 2028.
- 555 (14) Section 63G-6a-805, which creates the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities
- Advisory Board, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 557 (15) Title 63G, Chapter 21, Agreements to Provide State Services, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 558 (16) Title 63H, Chapter 4, Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority, is repealed July 1,
- 559 2024.
- 560 (17) Title 63H, Chapter 8, Utah Housing Corporation Act, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 561 (18) Subsection 63J-1-602.2(25), related to the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
- repealed January 1, 2025.
- 563 (19) Section 63L-11-204, creating a canyon resource management plan to Provo Canyon, is
- 564 repealed July 1, 2025.
- 565 (20) Title 63L, Chapter 11, Part 4, Resource Development Coordinating Committee, is
- 566 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 567 (21) In relation to the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, on January
- 568 1, 2033:
- 569 (a) Sections 63M-7-301, 63M-7-302, 63M-7-303, 63M-7-304, and 63M-7-306 are
- repealed;
- (b) Section 63M-7-305, the language that states "council" is replaced with "commission";

- 572 (c) Subsection 63M-7-305(1)(a) is repealed and replaced with:
- "(1) "Commission" means the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice."; and
- 574 (d) Subsection 63M-7-305(2) is repealed and replaced with:
- 575 "(2) The commission shall:
- 576 (a) provide ongoing oversight of the implementation, functions, and evaluation of the
- 577 Drug-Related Offenses Reform Act; and
- (b) coordinate the implementation of Section 77-18-104 and related provisions in Subsections
- 579 77-18-103(2)(c) and (d).".
- 580 (22) The Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board, created in Section 63M-7-504, is
- 581 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 582 (23) Title 63M, Chapter 7, Part 8, Sex Offense Management Board, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 583 (24) Title 63M, Chapter 11, Utah Commission on Aging, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 584 (25) Title 63N, Chapter 1b, Part 4, Women in the Economy Subcommittee, is repealed
- 585 January 1, 2025.
- 586 (26) Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 2, Enterprise Zone Act, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 587 (27) Section 63N-2-512, related to the Hotel Impact Mitigation Fund, is repealed July 1,
- 588 2028.
- 589 (28) Title 63N, Chapter 3, Part 9, Strategic Innovation Grant Pilot Program, is repealed July
- 590 1, 2027.
- 591 (29) Title 63N, Chapter 3, Part 11, Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program, is
- 592 repealed July 1, 2025.
- 593 (30) In relation to the Rural Employment Expansion Program, on July 1, 2028:
- 594 (a) Title 63N, Chapter 4, Part 4, Rural Employment Expansion Program, is repealed; and
- 595 (b) Subsection 63N-4-805(5)(b), referring to the Rural Employment Expansion Program,
- is repealed.
- 597 (31) In relation to the Board of Tourism Development, on July 1, 2025:
- 598 (a) Subsection 63N-2-511(1)(b), which defines "tourism board," is repealed;
- (b) Subsections 63N-2-511(3)(a) and (5), the language that states "tourism board" is
- repealed and replaced with "Utah Office of Tourism";
- 601 (c) Subsection 63N-7-101(1), which defines "board," is repealed;
- 602 (d) Subsection 63N-7-102(3)(c), which requires the Utah Office of Tourism to receive
- approval from the Board of Tourism Development, is repealed; and
- (e) Title 63N, Chapter 7, Part 2, Board of Tourism Development, is repealed.
- 605 (32) Subsection [63N-8-103(3)(e)] 63N-8-103(3)(b), which allows the Governor's Office of

606	Economic Opportunity to issue an amount of tax credit certificates only for rural
607	productions, is repealed on July 1, 2024.
608	Section 8. Section 63N-1a-102 is amended to read:
609	63N-1a-102 . Definitions.
610	As used in this title:
611	(1) "Baseline jobs" means the number of full-time employee positions that existed within a
612	business entity in the state before the date on which a project related to the business
613	entity is approved by the office or by the [GO Utah] GOEO board.
614	(2) "Baseline state revenue" means the amount of state tax revenue collected from a
615	business entity or the employees of a business entity during the year before the date on
616	which a project related to the business entity is approved by the office or by the [GO
617	Utah] GOEO board.
618	(3) "Commission" means the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission created in
619	Section 63N-1a-201.
620	(4) "Economic opportunity agency" includes:
621	(a) the Department of Workforce Services;
622	(b) the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement;
623	(c) the Department of Commerce;
624	(d) the Department of Natural Resources;
625	(e) the Office of Energy Development;
626	(f) the State Board of Education;
627	(g) institutions of higher education;
628	(h) the Utah Multicultural Commission;
629	(i) the World Trade Center Utah;
630	(j) local government entities;
631	(k) associations of governments;
632	(l) the Utah League of Cities and Towns;
633	(m) the Utah Association of Counties;
634	(n) the Economic Development Corporation of Utah;
635	(o) the Small Business Administration;
636	(p) chambers of commerce;
637	(q) industry associations;
638	(r) small business development centers; and
639	(s) other entities identified by the commission or the executive director.

- 640 (5) "Executive director" means the executive director of the office. 641 (6) "Full-time employee" means an employment position that is filled by an employee who 642 works at least 30 hours per week and: 643 (a) may include an employment position filled by more than one employee, if each 644 employee who works less than 30 hours per week is provided benefits comparable to 645 a full-time employee; and 646 (b) may not include an employment position that is shifted from one jurisdiction in the 647 state to another jurisdiction in the state. 648 (7) ["GO Utah board"] "GOEO board" means the Board of Economic Opportunity created in 649 Section 63N-1a-401. 650 (8) "High paying job" means a newly created full-time employee position where the 651 aggregate average annual gross wage of the employment position, not including health 652 care or other paid or unpaid benefits, is: 653 (a) at least 110% of the average wage of the county in which the employment position 654 exists; or 655 (b) for an employment position related to a project described in Chapter 2, Part 1, 656 Economic Development Tax Increment Financing, and that is located within the 657 boundary of a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class, or located within a 658 municipality in a county of the second class and where the municipality has a 659 population of 10,000 or less: 660 (i) at least 100% of the average wage of the county in which the employment position 661 exists; or 662 (ii) an amount determined by rule made by the office in accordance with Title 63G, 663 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, if the office determines the 664 project is in a county experiencing economic distress. 665 (9) (a) "Incremental job" means a full-time employment position in the state that: 666 (i) did not exist within a business entity in the state before the beginning of a project 667 related to the business entity; and 668 (ii) is created in addition to the number of baseline jobs that existed within a business 669 entity.
 - (b) "Incremental job" includes a full-time employment position where the employee is hired:
- (i) directly by a business entity; or

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673 (ii) by a professional employer organization, as defined in Section 31A-40-102, on

- behalf of a business entity.
- 675 (10) "New state revenue" means the state revenue collected from a business entity or a
- business entity's employees during a calendar year minus the baseline state revenue
- 677 calculation.
- 678 (11) "Office" or ["GO Utah office"] "GOEO" means the Governor's Office of Economic
- 679 Opportunity.
- 680 (12) "State revenue" means state tax liability paid by a business entity or a business entity's
- employees under any combination of the following provisions:
- (a) Title 59, Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes;
- (b) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 1, Determination and Reporting of Tax Liability and
- 684 Information;
- (c) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 2, Trusts and Estates;
- (d) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 4, Withholding of Tax; and
- (e) Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act.
- 688 (13) "State strategic goals" means the strategic goals listed in Section 63N-1a-103.
- 689 (14) "Statewide economic development strategy" means the economic development
- strategy developed by the commission in accordance with Section 63N-1a-202.
- 691 (15) "Talent board" means the Talent, Education, and Industry Alignment Board created in
- 692 Section 53B-34-102.
- 693 (16) "Targeted industry" means an industry or group of industries targeted by the
- 694 commission under Section 63N-1a-202, for economic development in the state.
- Section 9. Section **63N-1a-103** is amended to read:
- 696 **63N-1a-103** . Purpose.
- 697 (1) The [mission] purpose of the Economic Opportunity Act and the entities established [
- 698 herein in the act is to catalyze strategic economic opportunities for all residents of the
- state with a vision of creating economically thriving communities, businesses, and
- families throughout the state.
- 701 (2) The [mission and vision are] purpose is realized through targeted efforts that
- demonstrably improve quality of life, measured by the extent to which the efforts
- accomplish the following strategic goals:
- (a) catalyzing targeted industry growth;
- 705 (b) supporting economically thriving communities;
- (c) empowering students and workers with market-relevant skills;
- 707 (d) stimulating economic growth in rural and multicultural communities through

708	household level efforts; and
709	(e) securing healthy and resilient ecosystems for current and future generations.
710	Section 10. Section 63N-1a-201 is amended to read:
711	63N-1a-201 . Creation of commission.
712	(1) There is created in the office the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission,
713	established to carry out the [mission] purpose described in Section 63N-1a-103 and
714	direct the office and other appropriate entities in fulfilling the state strategic goals.
715	(2) The commission consists of:
716	(a) the following voting members:
717	(i) the governor, who shall serve as the chair of the commission;
718	(ii) the executive director, who shall serve as the vice chair of the commission;
719	(iii) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services;
720	(iv) the executive director of the Department of Transportation;
721	(v) the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources;
722	(vi) the executive director of the Department of Commerce;
723	(vii) the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food;
724	(viii) the executive director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget;
725	(ix) the commissioner of higher education;
726	(x) the state superintendent of public instruction;
727	(xi) the president of the Senate [or the president's designee];
728	(xii) the speaker of the House of Representatives [or the speaker's designee];
729	(xiii) one individual who is knowledgeable about housing needs in the state,
730	including housing density and land use, appointed by the governor;
731	(xiv) one individual who represents the interests of urban cities, appointed by the
732	Utah League of Cities and Towns; and
733	(xv) one individual who represents the interests of rural counties, appointed by the
734	Utah Association of Counties; and
735	(b) the following non-voting members:
736	(i) the chief executive officer of World Trade Center Utah;
737	(ii) the chief executive officer of the Economic Development Corporation of Utah;
738	(iii) a senior advisor to the chair of the commission with expertise in rural affairs of
739	the state, appointed by the chair of the commission; and
740	(iv) the chief executive officer of one of the following entities, appointed by the chair
741	of the commission:

742	(A) the Utah Inland Port Authority created in Section 11-58-201;
743	(B) the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority created in Section 11-59-201;
744	or
745	(C) the Military Installation Development Authority created in Section 63H-1-201.
746	(3) (a) A majority of commission members, not including a vacancy, constitutes a
747	quorum for the [purposes] purpose of conducting commission business [and the] .
748	(b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the commission.
749	(4) The executive director of the office, or the executive director's designee, is the executive
750	director of the commission.
751	(5) The office shall provide:
752	(a) office space and administrative staff support for the commission; and
753	(b) the central leadership and coordination of the commission's efforts in the field of
754	economic development.
755	(6) (a) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service on
756	the commission, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
757	(i) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and
758	(ii) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106
759	and 63A-3-107.
760	(b) Compensation and expenses of a commission member who is a legislator are
761	governed by Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative
762	Compensation and Expenses.
763	Section 11. Section 63N-1a-202 is amended to read:
764	63N-1a-202 . Commission duties.
765	(1) The commission shall:
766	(a) develop, coordinate, and lead a comprehensive statewide economic development
767	strategy that:
768	(i) unifies and coordinates economic development efforts in the state;
769	(ii) includes key performance indicators for long-term progress toward the state
770	strategic goals;
771	(iii) establishes reporting and accountability processes for the key performance
772	indicators; and
773	(iv) ensures the success of the statewide economic development strategy is shared
774	among the urban and rural areas of the state;
775	(b) receive feedback, input, and reports from economic opportunity agencies regarding

programs related to the statewide economic development strategy;

 (c) develop the statewide economic strategy in view of the state water policy described in Section 73-1-21, including the state's commitment to appropriate conservation, efficient and optimal use of water resources, infrastructure development and improvement, optimal agricultural use, water quality, reasonable access to recreational activities, effective wastewater treatment, and protecting and restoring healthy ecosystems;

- (d) direct and facilitate changes to or recommend elimination of economic development programs to ensure alignment with the [mission and vision] purpose described in Section 63N-1a-103;
- (e) at least once every five years, identify which industries or groups of industries shall be targeted for economic development in the state;
- (f) establish strategies for the recruitment and retention of targeted industries while respecting the different needs of rural and urban areas throughout the state;
- (g) establish strategies for supporting entrepreneurship and small business development in the state;
- (h) analyze the state's projected long-term population and economic growth and plan for the anticipated impacts of the projected growth in a manner that improves quality of life and is consistent with the statewide economic development strategy and state strategic goals;
- (i) identify gaps and potential solutions related to improving infrastructure, especially as related to the state's projected long-term population growth;
- (j) support the development of a prepared workforce that can support targeted industries identified by the commission;
- (k) coordinate and develop strategies that assist education providers and industry to cooperate in supporting students in developing market relevant skills to meet industry needs;
- (l) develop strategies and plans to ensure comprehensive economic development efforts are targeted to the unique needs of rural areas of the state;
- (m) study the unique needs of multicultural communities throughout the state and develop household-level plans to ensure residents of the state can participate in economic opportunities in the state;
- (n) ensure the commission's efforts are, to the extent practicable, data-driven and evidence-based;

810		o) support an integrated international trade strategy for the state;	
811		p) facilitate coordination among public, private, and nonprofit economic opportunity	
812		agencies; and	
813		q) in performing the commission's duties, consider the recommendations of the	
814		subcommittees described in Chapter 1b, Commission Subcommittees, the [GO Uta	h]
815		GOEO board, the talent board, and any working groups established under Subsection	on
816		(2).	
817	(2)	The commission may establish working groups as is[-deemed] appropriate to assist and	
818		dvise the commission on specified topics or issues related to the commission's duties.	
819	(3)	The commission shall provide a report to the office for inclusion in the office's annual	
820		written report described in Section 63N-1a-306[5] that includes:	
821		a) the activity to achieve the statewide economic development strategy;	
822		b) a description of how the commission fulfilled the commission's statutory purposes	
823		and duties during the year, including any relevant findings;	
824		c) the key performance indicators included in the statewide economic development	
825		strategy, including data showing the extent to which the indicators are being met; a	nd
826		d) any legislative recommendations.	
827		Section 12. Section 63N-1a-301 is amended to read:	
828		63N-1a-301. Creation of office Responsibilities.	
829	(1)	There is created the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.	
830	(2)	The office is:	
831		a) responsible for implementing the statewide economic development strategy	
832		developed by the commission; and	
833		b) the industrial and business promotion authority of the state.	
834	(3)	The office shall:	
835		a) consistent with the statewide economic development strategy, coordinate and align	
836		into a single effort the activities of the economic opportunity agencies in the field of	f
837		economic development;	
838		b) provide support and direction to economic opportunity agencies in establishing	
839		goals, metrics, and activities that align with the statewide economic development	
840		strategy;	
841		c) administer and coordinate state and federal economic development grant programs	
842		d) promote and encourage the economic, commercial, financial, industrial, agricultura	ι1,
843		and civic welfare of the state;	

844	(e) promote and encourage the employment of workers in the state and the purchase of	
845	goods and services produced in the state by local businesses;	
846	(f) act to create, develop, attract, and retain business, industry, and commerce in the state	<u>;</u>] <u>:</u>
847	(i) in accordance with the statewide economic development plan and commission	
848	directives; and	
849	(ii) subject to the restrictions in Section 11-41-103;	
850	(g) act to enhance the state's economy;	
851	(h) act to assist strategic industries that are likely to drive future economic growth;	
852	(i) assist communities in the state in developing economic development capacity and	
853	coordination with other communities;	
854	(j) identify areas of education and workforce development in the state that can be	
855	improved to support economic and business development;	
856	(k) consistent with direction from the commission, develop core strategic priorities for	
857	the office, which may include:	
858	(i) enhancing statewide access to entrepreneurship opportunities and small business	
859	support;	
860	(ii) focusing industry recruitment and expansion of targeted industries;	
861	(iii) ensuring that in awarding competitive economic development incentives the	
862	office accurately measures the benefits and costs of the incentives; and	
863	(iv) assisting communities with technical support to aid those communities in	
864	improving economic development opportunities;	
865	(l) submit an annual written report as described in Section 63N-1a-306; and	
866	(m) perform other duties as provided by the Legislature.	
867	(4) [In order to perform its] To perform the office's duties under this title, the office may:	
868	(a) enter into a contract or agreement with, or make a grant to, a public or private entity,	
869	including a municipality, if the contract or agreement is not in violation of state	
870	statute or other applicable law;	
871	(b) except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), receive and expend funds from a public or	
872	private source for any lawful purpose that is in the state's best interest; and	
873	(c) solicit and accept a contribution of money, services, or facilities from a public or	
874	private donor, but may not use the contribution for publicizing the exclusive interest	
875	of the donor.	
876	(5) Money received under Subsection (4)(c) shall be deposited into the General Fund as	
877	dedicated credits of the office.	

878	(6) (a) The office shall:
879	(i) obtain the advice of the [GO Utah] GOEO board before implementing a change to
880	a policy, priority, or objective under which the office operates; and
881	(ii) provide periodic updates to the commission regarding the office's efforts under
882	Subsections (3)(a) and (b).
883	(b) Subsection (6)(a)(i) does not apply to the routine administration by the office of
884	money or services related to the assistance, retention, or recruitment of business,
885	industry, or commerce in the state.
886	Section 13. Section 63N-1a-401 is amended to read:
887	63N-1a-401. Creation of Board of Economic Opportunity.
888	(1) (a) There is created within the office the Board of Economic Opportunity, consisting
889	of [15] nine members appointed by the chair of the commission, in consultation with
890	the executive director, to four-year terms of office with the advice and consent of the
891	Senate in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 24, Part 2, Vacancies[-,] .
892	(b) The nine members described in Subsection (1)(a) shall include:
893	(i) one member associated with the state's rural communities;
894	(ii) one member associated with direct entrepreneurship in the state;
895	(iii) one member associated with higher education in the state;
896	(iv) [at least five of whom reside in a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class.]
897	five members, other than the members described in Subsections (1)(b)(i) through
898	(iii), that are associated with a targeted industry; and
899	(v) one at-large member.
900	[(b)] (c) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (1)(a), the chair of the
901	commission shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of
902	terms to ensure that the terms of board members are staggered so that approximately
903	half of the board is appointed every two years.
904	[(e)] (d) The members may not serve more than two full consecutive terms except [where]
905	when the chair of the commission determines that an additional term is in the best
906	interest of the state.
907	[(2) In appointing members of the board, the chair of the commission shall ensure that:]
908	[(a) no more than eight members of the board are from one political party; and]
909	[(b) members represent a variety of geographic areas and economic interests of the state.]
910	[(3)] (2) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be
911	appointed for the unexpired term in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 24, Part 2,

912	Vacancies.
913	[(4) Eight members of the board constitute]
914	(3) A majority of board members, not including a vacancy, constitutes a quorum for
915	conducting board business and exercising board power.
916	[(5)] (4) The chair of the commission shall select one board member as the board's chair and
917	one member as the board's vice chair.
918	[(6)] (5) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but
919	may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
920	(a) Section 63A-3-106;
921	(b) Section 63A-3-107; and
922	(c) rules made by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
923	[(7)] <u>(6)</u> A member shall comply with the conflict of interest provisions described in Title
924	63G, Chapter 24, Part 3, Conflicts of Interest.
925	Section 14. Section 63N-1a-402 is amended to read:
926	63N-1a-402. Board of Economic Opportunity duties and powers.
927	(1) The [GO Utah] GOEO board shall advise and assist the office to:
928	(a) promote and encourage the economic, commercial, financial, industrial, agricultural,
929	and civic welfare of the state;
930	(b) promote and encourage the development, attraction, expansion, and retention of
931	businesses, industries, and commerce in the state;
932	(c) support the efforts of local government and regional nonprofit economic
933	development organizations to encourage expansion or retention of businesses,
934	industries, and commerce in the state;
935	(d) act to enhance the state's economy;
936	(e) develop policies, priorities, and objectives regarding the assistance, retention, or
937	recruitment of business, industries, and commerce in the state;
938	(f) administer programs for the assistance, retention, or recruitment of businesses,
939	industries, and commerce in the state;
940	(g) ensure that economic development programs are available to all areas of the state in
941	accordance with federal and state law;
942	(h) identify local, regional, and statewide rural economic development and planning
943	priorities;
944	(i) understand, through study and input, issues relating to local, regional, and statewide
945	rural economic development, including challenges, opportunities, best practices,

946	policy, planning, and collaboration; and
947	[(j) make recommendations regarding loans, grants, or other assistance from the
948	Industrial Assistance Account as provided in Section 63N-3-105; and]
949	[(k)] (j) maintain ethical and conflict of interest standards consistent with those imposed
950	on a public officer under Title 67, Chapter 16, Utah Public Officers' and Employees'
951	Ethics Act.
952	(2) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the [GO
953	Utah] GOEO board may, in consultation with the executive director, make rules for the
954	conduct of the [GO Utah] GOEO board's business.
955	Section 15. Section 63N-1b-404 is amended to read:
956	63N-1b-404 . Annual report.
957	(1) The subcommittee shall annually prepare a report for inclusion in the commission's
958	report to the office under Subsection $[63N-1a-202(3)]$ $63N-1a-202(4)$.
959	(2) The report described in Subsection (1) shall:
960	(a) describe how the subcommittee fulfilled the subcommittee's statutory purposes and
961	duties during the year; and
962	(b) contain recommendations on how the state should act to address issues relating to
963	women in the economy.
964	Section 16. Section 63N-2-104.2 is amended to read:
965	63N-2-104.2. Written agreement Contents Grounds for amendment or
966	termination.
967	(1) If the office determines that a business entity is eligible for a tax credit under Section
968	63N-2-104.1, the office may enter into a written agreement with the business entity that:
969	(a) establishes performance benchmarks for the business entity to claim a tax credit,
970	including any minimum wage requirements;
971	(b) specifies the maximum amount of tax credit that the business entity may be
972	authorized for a taxable year and over the life of the new commercial project, subject
973	to the limitations in Section 63N-2-104.3;
974	(c) establishes the length of time the business entity may claim a tax credit;
975	(d) requires the business entity to retain records supporting a claim for a tax credit for at
976	least four years after the business entity claims the tax credit;
977	(e) requires the business entity to submit to audits for verification of any tax credit
978	claimed; and
979	(f) requires the business entity, in order to claim a tax credit, to meet the requirements of

980	Section 63N-2-105.
981	(2) In establishing the terms of a written agreement, including the duration and amount of
982	tax credit that the business entity may be authorized to receive, the office shall:
983	(a) authorize the tax credit in a manner that provides the most effective incentive for the
984	new commercial project;
985	(b) consider the following factors:
986	(i) whether the new commercial project provides vital or specialized support to
987	supply chains;
988	(ii) whether the new commercial project provides an innovative product, technology,
989	or service;
990	(iii) the number and wages of new incremental jobs associated with the new
991	commercial project;
992	(iv) the amount of financial support provided by local government entities for the
993	new commercial project;
994	(v) the amount of capital expenditures associated with the new commercial project;
995	(vi) whether the new commercial project returns jobs transferred overseas;
996	(vii) the rate of unemployment in the county in which the new commercial project is
997	located;
998	(viii) whether the new commercial project creates a remote work opportunity;
999	(ix) whether the new commercial project is located in a development zone created by
1000	a local government entity as described in Subsection 63N-2-104(2);
1001	(x) whether the business entity commits to hiring Utah workers for the new
1002	commercial project;
1003	(xi) whether the business entity adopts a corporate citizenry plan or supports
1004	initiatives in the state that advance education, gender equality, diversity and
1005	inclusion, work-life balance, environmental or social good, or other similar causes
1006	(xii) whether the business entity's headquarters are located within the state;
1007	(xiii) the likelihood of other business entities relocating to another state as a result of
1008	the new commercial project;
1009	(xiv) the necessity of the tax credit for the business entity's expansion in the state or
1010	relocation from another state; and
1011	(xv) the location and impact of the new commercial project on existing and planned
1012	transportation facilities, existing and planned housing, including affordable
1013	housing, and public infrastructure; and

1014	(c) consult with the [GO Utah] GOEO board.
1015	(3) [(a)] In determining the amount of tax credit that a business entity may be authorized
1016	to receive under a written agreement, the office may:
1017	[(i)] (a) authorize a higher or optimized amount of tax credit for a new commercial
1018	project located within a development zone created by a local government entity as
1019	described in Subsection 63N-2-104(2); and
1020	[(ii)] (b) establish by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
1021	Administrative Rulemaking Act, a process by which the office closely approximates
1022	the amount of taxes the business entity paid under Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and
1023	Use Tax Act, for a capital project.
1024	[(b) The office may apply a process described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii) to a business
1025	entity only with respect to a new or amended written agreement that takes effect on
1026	or after January 1, 2022.]
1027	(4) If the office identifies any of the following events after entering into a written
1028	agreement with a business entity, the office and the business entity shall amend, or the
1029	office may terminate, the written agreement:
1030	(a) a change in the business entity's organization resulting from a merger with or
1031	acquisition of another entity located in the state;
1032	(b) a material increase in the business entity's retail operations that results in new state
1033	revenue not subject to the incentive; or
1034	(c) an increase in the business entity's operations that:
1035	(i) is outside the scope of the written agreement or outside the boundaries of a
1036	development zone; and
1037	(ii) results in new state revenue not subject to the incentive.
1038	Section 17. Section 63N-2-107 is amended to read:
1039	63N-2-107. Reports of new state revenue, partial rebates, and tax credits.
1040	(1) Before October 1 of each year, the office shall submit a report to the Governor's Office
1041	of Planning and Budget, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, and the Division of
1042	Finance identifying:
1043	(a) (i) the total estimated amount of new state [revenues] revenue created from new
1044	commercial projects;
1045	(ii) the estimated amount of new state [revenues] revenue from new commercial
1046	projects that will be generated from:
1047	(A) sales tax;

1048	(B) income tax; and
1049	(C) corporate franchise and income tax; and
1050	(iii) the minimum number of new incremental jobs and high paying jobs that will be
1051	created before any tax credit is awarded; and
1052	(b) the total estimated amount of tax credits that the office projects that business entities
1053	will qualify to claim under this part.
1054	(2) By the first business day of each month, the office shall submit a report to the
1055	Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst,
1056	and the Division of Finance identifying:
1057	(a) each new written agreement that the office entered into since the last report;
1058	(b) the estimated amount of new state [revenues] revenue that will be generated under
1059	each written agreement described in Subsection (2)(a);
1060	(c) the estimated maximum amount of tax credits that a business entity could qualify for
1061	under each written agreement described in Subsection (2)(a); and
1062	(d) the minimum number of new incremental jobs and high paying jobs that will be
1063	created before any tax credit is awarded.
1064	(3) At the reasonable request of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the Office
1065	of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, or the Division of Finance, the office shall provide
1066	additional information about the tax credit, new incremental jobs and high paying jobs,
1067	costs, and economic benefits related to this part, if the information is part of a public
1068	record as defined in Section 63G-2-103.
1069	(4) By [June 30] October 1, the office shall submit to the Economic Development and
1070	Workforce Services Interim Committee, the Business, Economic Development, and
1071	Labor Appropriations Subcommittee, and the governor, a written report that provides an
1072	overview of the implementation and efficacy of the statewide economic development
1073	strategy, including an analysis of the extent to which the office's programs are aligned
1074	with the prevailing economic conditions expected in the next fiscal year.
1075	Section 18. Section 63N-2-504 is amended to read:
1076	63N-2-504 . Independent review committee.
1077	(1) In accordance with rules adopted by the office under Section 63N-2-509, the [GO Utah]
1078	GOEO board shall establish a separate, independent review committee to provide
1079	recommendations to the office regarding the terms and conditions of an agreement and
1080	to consult with the office as provided in this part or in rule.
1081	(2) The review committee shall consist of:

1082 (a) one member appointed by the executive director to represent the office; 1083 (b) two members appointed by the mayor or chief executive of the county in which the 1084 qualified hotel is located or proposed to be located; (c) two members appointed by: 1085 1086 (i) the mayor of the municipality in which the qualified hotel is located or proposed 1087 to be located, if the qualified hotel is located or proposed to be located within the 1088 boundary of a municipality; or 1089 (ii) the mayor or chief executive of the county in which the qualified hotel is located 1090 or proposed to be located, in addition to the two members appointed under 1091 Subsection (2)(b), if the qualified hotel is located or proposed to be located 1092 outside the boundary of a municipality; 1093 (d) an individual representing the hotel industry, appointed by the Utah Hotel and 1094 Lodging Association; 1095 (e) an individual representing the commercial development and construction industry, 1096 appointed by the president or chief executive officer of the local chamber of 1097 commerce; 1098 (f) an individual representing the convention and meeting planners industry, appointed 1099 by the president or chief executive officer of the local convention and visitors bureau; 1100 and 1101 (g) one member appointed by the [GO Utah] GOEO board. 1102 (3) (a) A member serves an indeterminate term and may be removed from the review 1103 committee by the appointing authority at any time. 1104 (b) A vacancy may be filled in the same manner as an appointment under Subsection (2). 1105 (4) A member of the review committee may not be paid for serving on the review 1106 committee and may not receive per diem or expense reimbursement. 1107 (5) The office shall provide any necessary staff support to the review committee. 1108 Section 19. Section **63N-2-512** is amended to read: 1109 63N-2-512. Hotel Impact Mitigation Fund. 1110 (1) As used in this section: 1111 (a) "Affected hotel" means a hotel built in the state before July 1, 2014. 1112 (b) "Direct losses" means affected hotels' losses of hotel guest business attributable to 1113 the qualified hotel room supply being added to the market in the state. 1114 (c) "Mitigation fund" means the Hotel Impact Mitigation Fund, created in Subsection (2). 1115 (2) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the Hotel Impact

1116	Mitigation Fund.
1117	(3) The mitigation fund shall:
1118	(a) be administered by [the GO Utah board] GOEO;
1119	(b) earn interest; and
1120	(c) be funded by:
1121	(i) payments required to be deposited into the mitigation fund by the Division of
1122	Finance under Subsection 59-12-103(10);
1123	(ii) money required to be deposited into the mitigation fund under Subsection 17-31-9
1124	(2) by the county in which a qualified hotel is located; and
1125	(iii) any money deposited into the mitigation fund under Subsection (6).
1126	(4) Interest earned by the mitigation fund shall be deposited into the mitigation fund.
1127	(5) (a) In accordance with office rules, [the GO Utah board] GOEO shall annually pay up
1128	to \$2,100,000 of money in the mitigation fund:
1129	(i) to affected hotels;
1130	(ii) for four consecutive years, beginning 12 months after the date of initial
1131	occupancy of the qualified hotel occurs; and
1132	(iii) to mitigate direct losses.
1133	(b) (i) If the amount [the GO Utah board] GOEO pays under Subsection (5)(a) in any
1134	year is less than \$2,100,000, [the GO Utah board] GOEO shall pay to the Stay
1135	Another Day and Bounce Back Fund, created in Section 63N-2-511, the
1136	difference between \$2,100,000 and the amount paid under Subsection (5)(a).
1137	(ii) [The GO Utah board] GOEO shall make any required payment under Subsection
1138	(5)(b)(i) within 90 days after the end of the year for which a determination is
1139	made of how much [the GO Utah board] GOEO is required to pay to affected
1140	hotels under Subsection (5)(a).
1141	(6) A host local government or qualified hotel owner may make payments to the Division
1142	of Finance for deposit into the mitigation fund.
1143	(7) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
1144	office shall, in consultation with the Utah Hotel and Lodging Association and the county
1145	in which the qualified hotel is located, make rules establishing procedures and criteria
1146	governing payments under Subsection (5)(a) to affected hotels.
1147	Section 20. Section 63N-2-808 is amended to read:
1148	63N-2-808. Agreements between office and tax credit applicant and life science
1149	establishment Tax credit certificate.

1150	(1) (a) The office, with advice from the [GO Utah] GOEO board, may enter into an
1151	agreement to grant a tax credit certificate to a tax credit applicant selected in
1152	accordance with this part, if the tax credit applicant meets the conditions established
1153	in the agreement and under this part.
1154	(b) The agreement described in Subsection (1)(a) shall:
1155	(i) detail the requirements that the tax credit applicant shall meet prior to receiving a
1156	tax credit certificate;
1157	(ii) require the tax credit certificate recipient to retain records supporting a claim for a
1158	tax credit for at least four years after the tax credit certificate recipient claims a tax
1159	credit under this part; and
1160	(iii) require the tax credit certificate recipient to submit to audits for verification of
1161	the tax credit claimed, including audits by the office and by the State Tax
1162	Commission.
1163	(2) (a) The office, with advice from the [GO Utah] GOEO board, shall enter into an
1164	agreement with the life science establishment in which the tax credit applicant
1165	invested for purposes of claiming a tax credit.
1166	(b) The agreement described in Subsection (2)(a):
1167	(i) shall provide the office with a document that expressly and directly authorizes the
1168	State Tax Commission to disclose to the office the life science establishment's tax
1169	returns and other information that would otherwise be subject to confidentiality
1170	under Section 59-1-403 or Section 6103, Internal Revenue Code;
1171	(ii) shall authorize the Department of Workforce Services to disclose to the office the
1172	employment data that the life science establishment submits to the Department of
1173	Workforce Services;
1174	(iii) shall require the life science establishment to provide the office with the life
1175	science establishment's current capitalization tables; and
1176	(iv) may require the life science establishment to provide the office with other data
1177	that:
1178	(A) ensure compliance with the requirements of this chapter; and
1179	(B) demonstrate the economic impact of the tax credit applicant's investment in
1180	the life science establishment.
1181	Section 21. Section 63N-3-102 is amended to read:
1182	63N-3-102 . Definitions.
1183	As used in this part:

1184	(1) "Administrator" means the executive director or the executive director's designee.
1185	(2) "Applicant" means an individual, for profit business entity, nonprofit, corporation,
1186	partnership, unincorporated association, government entity, executive branch department
1187	or division of a department, a political subdivision, a state institution of higher
1188	education, or any other administrative unit of the state.
1189	[(2)] (3) "Economic opportunities" means business situations or community circumstances
1190	which lend themselves to the furtherance of the economic interests of the state by
1191	providing a catalyst or stimulus to the growth or retention, or both, of commerce and
1192	industry in the state, including retention of companies whose relocation outside the state
1193	would have a significant detrimental economic impact on the state as a whole, regions of
1194	the state, or specific components of the state.
1195	[(3)] (4) "Restricted Account" means the restricted account known as the Industrial
1196	Assistance Account created in Section 63N-3-103.
1197	[(4)] (5) "Talent development grant" means a grant awarded under Section 63N-3-112.
1198	Section 22. Section 63N-3-105 is amended to read:
1199	63N-3-105. Qualification for assistance Application requirements.
1200	(1) Subject to the requirements of this part, the administrator may provide loans, grants, or
1201	other financial assistance from the restricted account to an entity offering an economic
1202	opportunity if that entity:
1203	(a) applies to the administrator in a form approved by the administrator; and
1204	(b) meets the qualifications of Subsection (2).
1205	(2) As part of an application for receiving financial assistance under this part, an applicant
1206	shall demonstrate the following to the satisfaction of the administrator:
1207	(a) the nature of the economic opportunity and the related benefit to the economic
1208	well-being of the state by providing evidence documenting the expenditure of money
1209	necessitated by the economic opportunity;
1210	(b) how the economic opportunity will act in concert with other state, federal, or local
1211	agencies to achieve the economic benefit;
1212	(c) that the applicant will expend funds in the state with employees, vendors,
1213	subcontractors, or other businesses in an amount proportional with money provided
1214	from the restricted account at a minimum ratio of one to one per year or other more
1215	stringent requirements as established on a per project basis by the administrator;
1216	(d) for an application for a loan, the applicant's ability to sustain economic activity in the

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state sufficient to repay, by means of cash or appropriate credits, the loan provided by

1218	the restricted account; and
1219	(e) any other criteria the administrator considers appropriate.
1220	(3) (a) The administrator may exempt an applicant from any of the requirements of
1221	Subsection (2) if:
1222	(i) the applicant is part of a targeted industry; or
1223	(ii) the applicant is a quasi-public corporation organized under Title 16, Chapter 6a,
1224	Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, or Title 63E, Chapter 2, Independent
1225	Corporations Act, and the applicant's operations, as demonstrated to the
1226	satisfaction of the administrator, will provide significant economic stimulus to the
1227	growth of commerce and industry in the state[; or] .
1228	[(iii) the GO Utah board recommends awarding a grant to the applicant.]
1229	(b) The administrator may not exempt the applicant from the requirement under
1230	Subsection 63N-3-106(1)(b) that the loan be structured so that the repayment or
1231	return to the state equals at least the amount of the assistance together with an annual
1232	interest charge.
1233	[(4) The GO Utah board shall make recommendations to the administrator regarding
1234	applications for loans, grants, or other financial assistance from the Industrial Assistance
1235	Account.]
1236	[(5)] (4) Before awarding any money under this part, the administrator shall:
1237	(a) make findings as to whether an applicant has satisfied the requirements of Subsection
1238	(2);
1239	(b) establish benchmarks and timeframes in which progress toward the completion of the
1240	agreed upon activity is to occur;
1241	(c) monitor compliance by an applicant with any contract or agreement entered into by
1242	the applicant and the state as provided by Section 63N-3-107; and
1243	(d) make funding decisions based upon appropriate findings and compliance.
1244	Section 23. Section 63N-3-106 is amended to read:
1245	63N-3-106. Structure of loans, grants, and assistance Repayment Earned
1246	credits.
1247	(1) (a) Subject to Subsection (1)(b), the administrator has authority to determine the
1248	structure, amount, and nature of any loan, grant, or other financial assistance from the
1249	restricted account.
1250	(b) Loans made under this part shall be structured so the intended repayment or return to
1251	the state, including cash or credit, equals at least the amount of the assistance

1252	together with an annual interest charge as negotiated by the administrator.
1253	(c) Payments resulting from grants awarded from the restricted account shall be made
1254	only after the administrator has determined that the company has satisfied the
1255	conditions upon which the payment or earned credit was based.
1256	(2) (a) The administrator may provide for a system of earned credits that may be used to
1257	support grant payments or in lieu of cash repayment of a restricted account loan
1258	obligation.
1259	(b) The value of the credits described in Subsection (2)(a) shall be based on factors
1260	determined by the administrator, including:
1261	(i) the number of Utah jobs created;
1262	(ii) the increased economic activity in Utah; or
1263	(iii) other events and activities that occur as a result of the restricted account
1264	assistance.
1265	(3) (a) A cash loan repayment or other cash recovery from a company receiving
1266	assistance under this section, including interest, shall be deposited into the restricted
1267	account.
1268	(b) The administrator and the Division of Finance shall determine the manner of
1269	recognizing and accounting for the earned credits used in lieu of loan repayments or
1270	to support grant payments as provided in Subsection (2).
1271	(4) (a) (i) At the end of each fiscal year, the Division of Finance shall [set aside]
1272	transfer the balance of the General Fund revenue surplus as defined in Section
1273	63J-1-312 after the transfers of General Fund revenue surplus described in
1274	Subsection (4)(b) to the Industrial Assistance Account in an amount equal to any
1275	credit that has accrued under this part.
1276	(ii) [The set aside] The transfer under Subsection (4)(a)(i) [shall be] is capped at
1277	\$50,000,000[, at which time no subsequent contributions may be made and any
1278	interest accrued above the \$50,000,000 cap shall be deposited] and the Division of
1279	Finance shall deposit any interest accrued above the \$50,000,000 cap into the
1280	General Fund.
1281	(b) The [set aside] <u>Division of Finance shall make the transfer</u> required by Subsection
1282	(4)(a)[-shall be made] after the [transfer of surplus] Division of Finance transfers the
1283	General Fund revenue surplus[is made]:
1284	(i) to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Restricted Account,
1285	as provided in Section 63J-1-315;

1286	(ii) to the General Fund Budget Reserve Account, as provided in Section 63J-1-312;
1287	and
1288	(iii) to the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund or State Disaster Recovery Restricted
1289	Account, as provided in Section 63J-1-314.
1290	(c) These credit amounts may not be used for purposes of the restricted account as
1291	provided in this part until appropriated by the Legislature.
1292	Section 24. Section 63N-3-107 is amended to read:
1293	63N-3-107 . Agreements.
1294	The administrator shall enter into agreements with each successful applicant that
1295	have specific terms and conditions for each loan, grant, or financial assistance under
1296	this part, including:
1297	(1) for a loan:
1298	(a) repayment schedules;
1299	(b) interest rates;
1300	(c) specific economic activity required to qualify for the loan or for repayment credits;
1301	(d) collateral or security, if any; and
1302	(e) other terms and conditions considered appropriate by the administrator; and
1303	(2) for a grant or other financial assistance:
1304	(a) requirements for compliance monitoring[, for a period of five years];
1305	(b) repayment for nonperformance or departure from the state;
1306	(c) collateral or security, if any; and
1307	(d) other terms and conditions considered appropriate by the administrator.
1308	Section 25. Section 63N-3-111 is amended to read:
1309	63N-3-111 . Annual policy considerations.
1310	(1) (a) The office shall make recommendations to state and federal agencies, local
1311	governments, the governor, and the Legislature regarding policies and initiatives that
1312	promote the economic development of targeted industries.
1313	(b) The office may create one or more voluntary advisory committees that may include
1314	public and private stakeholders to solicit input on policy guidance and best practices
1315	in encouraging the economic development of targeted industries.
1316	[(2) In evaluating the economic impact of applications for assistance, the GO Utah board
1317	shall use an econometric cost-benefit model.]
1318	[(3)] (2) The [GO Utah board] administrator may establish:
1319	(a) minimum interest rates to be applied to loans granted that reflect a fair social rate of

1320	return to the state comparable to prevailing market-based rates such as the prime rate
1321	U.S. Government T-bill rate, or bond coupon rate as paid by the state, adjusted by
1322	social indicators such as the rate of unemployment; and
1323	(b) minimum applicant expense ratios, as long as they are at least equal to those required
1324	under Subsection 63N-3-105(2).
1325	Section 26. Section 63N-3-112 is amended to read:
1326	63N-3-112 . Talent development grants.
1327	(1) A for-profit business that is creating new incremental high paying jobs in the state, may
1328	apply to receive a talent development grant from the restricted account.
1329	(2) In accordance with the provisions of this section and in consultation with the [GO Utah]
1330	GOEO board, the administrator may award up to \$10,000 per new job created.
1331	(3) The administrator shall designate an application process for a business to apply for the
1332	grant.
1333	(4) A business may apply to receive a grant only after each employee has been employed at
1334	qualifying wage levels for at least 12 consecutive months.
1335	(5) [Money] The office shall deduct money granted for a talent development grant under this
1336	section[-shall be deducted] from any other money or incentive awarded by the office to
1337	the business.
1338	(6) Grants awarded under this section are only to reimburse a business for the costs incurred
1339	to recruit, hire, train, and otherwise employ an employee in a newly created job.
1340	(7) [A] As part of the application process, a business shall submit a hiring and training plan
1341	detailing [what] how the grant money will be used[for as part of the application process]
1342	(8) The administrator may[-only] grant an award_only up to an amount that is no more than
1343	25% of the estimated costs to be incurred by the business for the costs in the hiring and
1344	training plan.
1345	Section 27. Section 63N-3-1101 is amended to read:
1346	63N-3-1101 . Definitions.
1347	As used in this part:
1348	(1) "Grant" means a grant awarded under Section 63N-3-1102.
1349	(2) "Program" means the Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program created in Section
1350	63N-3-1102.
1351	(3) "Targeted industry" means an industry or group of industries targeted by the [GO Utah]
1352	GOEO board under Section 63N-3-111 for economic development in the state.

Section 28. Section **63N-3-1102** is amended to read:

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1354	63N-3-1102 . Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program Creation
1355	Purpose Requirements Rulemaking Report.
1356	(1) (a) There is created the Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program to be
1357	administered by the office.
1358	(b) The purpose of the program is to award grants to existing Utah businesses to
1359	establish, relocate, retain, or develop manufacturing industry in the state and lessen
1360	dependence on manufacturing overseas.
1361	(2) (a) An entity that submits a proposal for a grant to the office shall include details in
1362	the proposal regarding:
1363	(i) [how the entity plans] the entity's plan to use the grant to fulfill the purpose
1364	described in Subsection (1)(b);
1365	(ii) any plan to use funding sources in addition to a grant for the proposal; and
1366	(iii) any existing or planned partnerships between the entity and another individual or
1367	entity to implement the proposal.
1368	(b) In evaluating a proposal for a grant, the office shall consider:
1369	(i) the likelihood the proposal will accomplish the purpose described in Subsection
1370	(1)(b);
1371	(ii) the extent to which any additional funding sources or existing or planned
1372	partnerships will benefit the proposal; and
1373	(iii) the viability and sustainability of the proposal.
1374	(c) In determining a grant award, the office:
1375	(i) [shall] may consult with the [GO Utah] GOEO board; and
1376	(ii) may prioritize a targeted industry or an entity with fewer than 250 employees.
1377	(3) Before receiving the grant, a grant recipient shall enter into a written agreement with the
1378	office that specifies:
1379	(a) the grant amount;
1380	(b) the time period and structure for distribution of the grant, including any terms and
1381	conditions the recipient is required to meet to receive a distribution; and
1382	(c) the expenses for which the recipient may use the grant, including:
1383	(i) [to acquire] acquisition of manufacturing equipment;
1384	(ii) production, design, or engineering costs;
1385	(iii) specialized employee training;
1386	(iv) technology upgrades; or
1387	(v) [to provide] provision of a grant to another individual or entity for the expenses

1388	described in Subsections (3)(c)(i) through (iv) or to otherwise fulfill the recipient's
1389	proposal.
1390	(4) Subject to Subsection (2), the office may, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
1391	Administrative Rulemaking Act, make rules to establish:
1392	(a) the form and process for submitting a proposal to the office for a grant;
1393	(b) [which] the entities that are eligible to apply for a grant;
1394	(c) the method and formula for determining a grant amount; and
1395	(d) the reporting requirements for a grant recipient.
1396	(5) On or before [November 30] October 1 of each year, the office shall provide a written
1397	report to the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee
1398	regarding:
1399	(a) each grant awarded; and
1400	(b) the economic impact of each grant.
1401	Section 29. Section 63N-3-1301 is enacted to read:
1402	Part 13. Innovation in Artificial Intelligence Grant Pilot Program
1403	63N-3-1301 . Definitions.
1404	As used in this part:
1405	(1) "Business entity" means a for-profit or nonprofit organization.
1406	(2) "Pilot program" means the Innovation in Artificial Intelligence Grant Pilot Program
1407	created in Section 63N-3-1302.
1408	(3) "Student" means a child enrolled in a public or private school, grades kindergarten
1409	through twelfth grade.
1410	Section 30. Section 63N-3-1302 is enacted to read:
1411	63N-3-1302 . Innovation in Artificial Intelligence Grant Pilot Program created
1412	Purpose Requirements Report.
1413	(1) There is created the Innovation in Artificial Intelligence Grant Pilot Program, to be
1414	administered subject to the availability of funds by the office as described in this section.
1415	(2) (a) The purpose of the pilot program is to award a grant to a business entity to
1416	develop a program, material, and curriculum to:
1417	(i) teach a course on artificial intelligence to students, with an emphasis on practical
1418	training; and
1419	(ii) prepare students for career opportunities in technology.
1420	(b) A business entity that is awarded a grant under this section shall work in partnership

1421	with a public or private school.
1422	(3) A business entity that submits an application for a grant to the office shall include the
1423	following details in the application:
1424	(a) how the business entity proposes to fulfill the purpose described in Subsection (2)(a)
1425	(b) how the business entity proposes to work with a public or private school, as
1426	described in Subsection (2)(b); and
1427	(c) any existing or planned partnership between the business entity and another
1428	individual or business entity to implement the proposal in the application.
1429	(4) In evaluating an application for a grant, the office shall consider:
1430	(a) the likelihood that the business entity's proposal will accomplish the purpose
1431	described in Subsection (2)(a); and
1432	(b) the overall viability of the proposal.
1433	(5) Before a business entity that has an approved application for a grant may receive grant
1434	funds, the business entity shall enter into a written agreement with the office that
1435	specifies:
1436	(a) the grant amount; and
1437	(b) the time period and structure for distribution of grant funds, including any terms and
1438	conditions the office requires.
1439	(6) The office may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
1440	Administrative Rulemaking Act, to administer the pilot program, including:
1441	(a) establishing criteria and procedures for applying for and awarding a grant under this
1442	section; and
1443	(b) reporting requirements from a business entity after a grant is awarded.
1444	(7) The office shall include an annual written update on the pilot program in the report
1445	described in Section 63N-1a-306.
1446	Section 31. Section 63N-4-103 is amended to read:
1447	63N-4-103. Purpose of the Center for Rural Development.
1448	The Center for Rural Development is established to:
1449	(1) foster and support economic development programs and activities for the benefit of
1450	rural counties and communities;
1451	(2) foster and support community, county, and resource management planning programs
1452	and activities for the benefit of rural counties and communities;
1453	(3) foster and support leadership training programs and activities for the benefit of:
1454	(a) rural leaders in both the public and private sectors:

1455	(b) economic development and planning personnel; and	
1456	(c) rural government officials;	
1457	(4) foster and support efforts to coordinate and focus the technical and other resources of	
1458	appropriate institutions of higher education, local governments, private sector interests	,
1459	associations, nonprofit organizations, federal agencies, and others, in ways that address	}
1460	the economic development, planning, and leadership challenges;	
1461	(5) work to enhance the capacity of [the GO Utah office] GOEO to address rural economic)
1462	development, planning, and leadership training challenges and opportunities by	
1463	establishing partnerships and positive working relationships with appropriate public an	d
1464	private sector entities, individuals, and institutions; and	
1465	(6) foster government-to-government collaboration and good working relations between	
1466	state and rural government regarding economic development and planning issues.	
1467	Section 32. Section 63N-4-104 is amended to read:	
1468	63N-4-104 . Duties.	
1469	(1) The Center for Rural Development shall:	
1470	(a) work to enhance the capacity of the office to address rural economic development,	
1471	planning, and leadership training challenges and opportunities by establishing	
1472	partnerships and positive working relationships with appropriate public and private	;
1473	sector entities, individuals, and institutions;	
1474	(b) work with the [GO Utah] GOEO board to coordinate and focus available resources	in
1475	ways that address the economic development, planning, and leadership training	
1476	challenges and priorities in rural Utah;	
1477	(c) assist in administering the Rural Opportunity Program created in Section 63N-4-80)2;
1478	and	
1479	(d) in accordance with economic development and planning policies set by state	
1480	government, coordinate relations between:	
1481	(i) the state;	
1482	(ii) rural governments;	
1483	(iii) other public and private groups engaged in rural economic planning and	
1484	development; and	
1485	(iv) federal agencies.	
1486	(2) [(a)] The Center for Rural Development may[÷], in accordance with Title 63G,	
1487	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, make rules necessary to carry out	
1488	its duties.	

1489	[(i) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
1490	make rules necessary to earry out its duties;]
1491	[(ii) accept gifts, grants, devises, and property, in eash or in kind, for the benefit of rural
1492	Utah citizens; and]
1493	[(iii) use those gifts, grants, devises, and property received under Subsection (2)(a)(ii)
1494	for the use and benefit of rural eitizens within the state.]
1495	[(b) All resources received under Subsection (2)(a)(ii) shall be deposited in the General
1496	Fund as dedicated credits to be used as directed in Subsection (2)(a)(iii).]
1497	Section 33. Section 63N-4-105 is amended to read:
1498	63N-4-105 . Program manager.
1499	(1) The executive director [shall] may appoint a director for the Center for Rural
1500	Development with the approval of the governor.
1501	(2) The director of the Center for Rural Development shall be a person knowledgeable in
1502	the field of rural economic development and planning and experienced in administration.
1503	(3) Upon change of the executive director, the director of the Center for Rural Development
1504	may not be dismissed without cause for at least 180 days.
1505	Section 34. Section 63N-7-102 is amended to read:
1506	63N-7-102. Utah Office of Tourism created Appointment of managing director
1507	Responsibilities of tourism office.
1508	(1) There is created within [the GO Utah office] GOEO the Utah Office of Tourism.
1509	(2) (a) The executive director shall appoint a managing director of the tourism office.
1510	(b) The managing director may, with the approval of the executive director, appoint staff.
1511	(3) The tourism office shall:
1512	(a) be the tourism development authority of the state;
1513	(b) develop a tourism advertising, marketing, branding, destination development, and
1514	destination management program for the state;
1515	(c) receive approval from the board under Subsection 63N-7-202(1)(a) before
1516	implementing the program described in Subsection (3)(b);
1517	(d) develop a plan to increase the economic contribution by tourists visiting the state;
1518	(e) plan and conduct a program of information, advertising, and publicity relating to the
1519	recreational, scenic, historic, cultural, and culinary tourist attractions, amenities, and
1520	advantages of the state at large;
1521	(f) encourage and assist in the coordination of the activities of persons, firms,
1522	associations, corporations, travel regions, counties, and governmental agencies

1523	engaged in publicizing, developing, and promoting the tourist attractions, amenities,
1524	and advantages of the state;
1525	(g) conduct a regular and ongoing research program to identify statewide economic
1526	trends and conditions in the tourism sector of the economy; and
1527	(h) ensure that any plan or program developed under this Subsection (3) addresses, but
1528	not be limited to, the following policies:
1529	(i) enhancing the state's image;
1530	(ii) promoting the state as a year-round destination;
1531	(iii) encouraging expenditures by visitors to the state; and
1532	(iv) expanding the markets where the state is promoted.
1533	Section 35. Section 63N-8-102 is amended to read:
1534	63N-8-102 . Definitions.
1535	As used in this chapter:
1536	(1) "Digital media company" means a company engaged in the production of a digital
1537	media project.
1538	(2) "Digital media project" means all or part of a production of interactive entertainment or
1539	animated production that is produced for distribution in commercial or educational
1540	markets, which shall include projects intended for Internet or wireless distribution.
1541	(3) "Dollars left in the state" means expenditures made in the state for a state-approved
1542	production, including:
1543	(a) an expenditure that is subject to:
1544	(i) a corporate franchise or income tax under Title 59, Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise
1545	and Income Taxes;
1546	(ii) an individual income tax under Title 59, Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act;
1547	and]
1548	(iii) a sales and use tax under Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act,
1549	notwithstanding any sales and use tax exemption allowed by law; or
1550	(iv) a combination of Subsections (3)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii);
1551	(b) payments made to a nonresident only to the extent of the income tax paid to the state
1552	on the payments, the amount of per diems paid in the state, and other direct
1553	reimbursements transacted in the state; and
1554	(c) payments made to a payroll company or loan-out corporation that is registered to do
1555	business in the state, only to the extent of the amount of withholding under Section
1556	59-10-402.

1557 (4) "Loan-out corporation" means a corporation owned by one or more artists that provides 1558 services of the artists to a third party production company.

- 1559 (5) "Motion picture company" means a company engaged in the production of:
- 1560 (a) motion pictures;
- (b) television series; or
- (c) made-for-television movies.
- 1563 (6) "Motion picture incentive" means either a cash rebate from the Motion Picture Incentive
- Account or a refundable tax credit under Section 59-7-614.5 or 59-10-1108.
- 1565 (7) "New state [revenues] revenue" means:
- 1566 (a) incremental new state sales and use tax [revenues] revenue generated as a result of a
 1567 digital media project that a digital media company pays under Title 59, Chapter 12,
 1568 Sales and Use Tax Act;
- (b) incremental new state tax [revenues] revenue that a digital media company pays as a result of a digital media project under:
- (i) Title 59, Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes;
- 1572 (ii) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 1, Determination and Reporting of Tax Liability and Information;
- 1574 (iii) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 2, Trusts and Estates;
- 1575 (iv) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 4, Withholding of Tax; or
- 1576 (v) a combination of Subsections (7)(b)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv);
- 1577 (c) incremental new state [revenues] revenue generated as individual income taxes under
 1578 Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 1, Determination and Reporting of Tax Liability and
 1579 Information, paid by employees of the new digital media project as evidenced by
 1580 payroll records from the digital media company; or
- (d) a combination of Subsections (7)(a), (b), and (c).
- 1582 (8) "Payroll company" means a business entity that handles the payroll and becomes the employer of record for the staff, cast, and crew of a motion picture production.
- 1584 (9) "Refundable tax credit" means a refundable motion picture tax credit authorized under Section 63N-8-103 and claimed under Section 59-7-614.5 or 59-10-1108.
- 1586 (10) "Restricted account" means the Motion Picture Incentive Account created in Section 63N-8-103.
- 1588 (11) "Rural production" means a state-approved production in which at least 75% of the total number of production days occur within:
- 1590 (a) a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class; or

1591	(b) a county of the second class that has a national park within or partially within the
1592	county's boundaries.
1593	(12) "State-approved production" means a production under Subsections (2) and (5) that is:
1594	(a) approved by the office and ratified by the [GO Utah board] Board of Tourism
1595	Development created in Section 63N-7-201; and
1596	(b) produced in the state by a motion picture company.
1597	(13) "Tax credit amount" means the amount the office lists as a tax credit on a tax credit
1598	certificate for a taxable year.
1599	(14) "Tax credit certificate" means a certificate issued by the office that:
1600	(a) lists the name of the applicant;
1601	(b) lists the applicant's taxpayer identification number;
1602	(c) lists the amount of tax credit that the office awards the applicant for the taxable year;
1603	and
1604	(d) may include other information as determined by the office.
1605	Section 36. Section 63N-8-103 is amended to read:
1606	63N-8-103. Motion Picture Incentive Account created Cash rebate incentives
1607	Refundable tax credit incentives.
1608	(1) (a) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the
1609	Motion Picture Incentive Account, which the office shall use to provide cash rebate
1610	incentives for state-approved productions by a motion picture company.
1611	(b) All interest generated from investment of money in the restricted account shall be
1612	deposited in the restricted account.
1613	(c) The restricted account shall consist of an annual appropriation by the Legislature.
1614	(d) The office shall:
1615	(i) with the advice of the [GO Utah board] Board of Tourism Development created in
1616	Section 63N-7-201, administer the restricted account; and
1617	(ii) make payments from the restricted account as required under this section.
1618	(e) The cost of administering the restricted account shall be paid from money in the
1619	restricted account.
1620	(2) (a) A motion picture company or digital media company seeking disbursement of an
1621	incentive allowed under an agreement with the office shall follow the procedures and
1622	requirements of this Subsection (2).
1623	(b) The motion picture company or digital media company shall provide the office with
1624	an incentive request form, provided by the office, identifying and documenting the

1625 dollars left in the state and new state [revenues] revenue generated by the motion 1626 picture company or digital media company for state-approved production, including 1627 any related tax returns by the motion picture company, payroll company, digital 1628 media company, or loan-out corporation under Subsection (2)(d). 1629 (c) For a motion picture company, an independent certified public accountant shall: 1630 (i) review the incentive request form submitted by the motion picture company; and 1631 (ii) provide a report on the accuracy and validity of the incentive request form, 1632 including the amount of dollars left in the state, in accordance with the agreed 1633 upon procedures established by the office by rule. 1634 (d) The motion picture company, digital media company, payroll company, or loan-out 1635 corporation shall provide the office with a document that expressly directs and 1636 authorizes the State Tax Commission to disclose the entity's tax returns and other 1637 information concerning the entity that would otherwise be subject to confidentiality 1638 under Section 59-1-403 or Section 6103, Internal Revenue Code, to the office. 1639 (e) The office shall submit the document described in Subsection (2)(d) to the State Tax 1640 Commission. 1641 (f) Upon receipt of the document described in Subsection (2)(d), the State Tax 1642 Commission shall provide the office with the information requested by the office that 1643 the motion picture company, digital media company, payroll company, or loan-out 1644 corporation directed or authorized the State Tax Commission to provide to the office 1645 in the document described in Subsection (2)(d). 1646 (g) Subject to Subsection (3), for a motion picture company the office shall: 1647 (i) review the incentive request form from the motion picture company described in 1648 Subsection (2)(b) and verify that the incentive request form was reviewed by an 1649 independent certified public accountant as described in Subsection (2)(c); and 1650 (ii) based upon the independent certified public accountant's report under Subsection 1651 (2)(c), determine the amount of the incentive that the motion picture company is 1652 entitled to under the motion picture company's agreement with the office. 1653 (h) Subject to Subsection (3), for a digital media company, the office shall: 1654 (i) ensure the digital media project results in new state [revenues] revenue; and 1655 (ii) based upon review of new state [revenues] revenue, determine the amount of the 1656 incentive that a digital media company is entitled to under the digital media 1657 company's agreement with the office.

(i) Subject to Subsection (3), if the incentive is in the form of a cash rebate, the office

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1659	shall pay the incentive from the restricted account to the motion picture company,
1660	notwithstanding Subsections 51-5-3(23)(b) and 63J-1-105(6).
1661	(j) If the incentive is in the form of a refundable tax credit under Section 59-7-614.5 or
1662	59-10-1108, the office shall:
1663	(i) issue a tax credit certificate to the motion picture company or digital media
1664	company; and
1665	(ii) provide a digital record of the tax credit certificate to the State Tax Commission.
1666	(k) A motion picture company or digital media company may not claim a motion picture
1667	tax credit under Section 59-7-614.5 or 59-10-1108 unless the motion picture
1668	company or digital media company has received a tax credit certificate for the claim
1669	issued by the office under Subsection (2)(j)(i).
1670	(l) A motion picture company or digital media company may claim a motion picture tax
1671	credit on the motion picture company's or the digital media company's tax return for
1672	the amount listed on the tax credit certificate issued by the office.
1673	(m) A motion picture company or digital media company that claims a tax credit under
1674	Subsection (2)(1) shall retain the tax credit certificate and all supporting
1675	documentation in accordance with Subsection 63N-8-104(6).
1676	(3) (a) Subject to this Subsection (3), the office may issue \$6,793,700 in tax credit
1677	certificates under this part in each fiscal year.
1678	[(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the office may issue \$8,393,700 in tax
1679	eredit certificates under this part.]
1680	[(e)] (b) For fiscal years 2023 and 2024, in addition to the amount of tax credit
1681	certificates authorized under Subsection (3)(a), the office may issue \$12,000,000 in
1682	tax credit certificates under this part only for rural productions.
1683	[(d)] (c) If the office does not issue tax credit certificates in a fiscal year totaling the
1684	amount authorized under this Subsection (3), the office may carry over that amount
1685	for issuance in subsequent fiscal years.
1686	Section 37. Section 63N-8-104 is amended to read:
1687	63N-8-104. Motion picture incentives Standards to qualify for an incentive
1688	Limitations Content of agreement between office and motion picture company
1689	or digital media company.
1690	(1) In addition to the requirements for receiving a motion picture incentive as set forth in
1691	this part, the office, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
1692	Rulemaking Act, shall make rules establishing:

1693	(a) the standards that a motion picture company or digital media company must meet to
1694	qualify for the motion picture incentive; and
1695	(b) criteria for determining the amount of the incentive.
1696	(2) The office shall ensure that those standards include the following:
1697	(a) an incentive may only be issued for a state-approved production by a motion pictur
1698	company or digital media company;
1699	(b) financing has been obtained and is in place for the production; and
1700	(c) the economic impact of the production on the state represents new incremental
1701	economic activity in the state as opposed to existing economic activity.
1702	(3) With respect to a digital media project, the office shall consider economic modeling,
1703	including the costs and benefits of the digital media project to state and local
1704	governments in determining the motion picture incentive amount.
1705	(4) The office may also consider giving preference to a production that stimulates economic
1706	activity in rural areas of the state or that has Utah content, such as recognizing that the
1707	production was made in the state or uses Utah as Utah in the production.
1708	(5) (a) The office, with advice from the [GO Utah board] Board of Tourism Development
1709	created in Section 63N-7-201, may enter into an agreement with a motion picture
1710	company or digital media company that meets the standards established under this
1711	section and satisfies the other qualification requirements under this part.
1712	(b) Subject to Subsection 63N-8-103(3), the office may commit or authorize a motion
1713	picture incentive:
1714	(i) to a motion picture company of up to 20% of the dollars left in the state by the
1715	motion picture company, and a motion picture company can receive an addition
1716	5%, not to exceed 25% of the dollars left in the state by the motion picture
1717	company if the company fulfills certain requirements determined by the office
1718	including:
1719	(A) employing a significant percentage of cast and crew from Utah;
1720	(B) highlighting the state of Utah and the Utah Film Commission in the motion
1721	picture credits; or
1722	(C) other promotion opportunities as agreed upon by the office and the motion
1723	picture company; and
1724	(ii) to a digital media company, if the incentive does not exceed 100% of the new
1725	state revenue less the considerations under Subsection (3), but not to exceed 20
1726	of the dollars left in the state by the digital media company.

1727 (c) The office may not give a cash rebate incentive from the Motion Picture Incentive 1728 Restricted Account for a digital media project. 1729 (6) The office shall ensure that the agreement entered into with a motion picture company 1730 or digital media company under Subsection (5)(a): 1731 (a) details the requirements that the motion picture company or digital media company 1732 must meet to qualify for an incentive under this part; 1733 (b) specifies: 1734 (i) the nature of the incentive; and 1735 (ii) the maximum amount of the motion picture incentive that the motion picture 1736 company or digital media company may earn for a taxable year and over the life 1737 of the production; 1738 (c) establishes the length of time over which the motion picture company or digital 1739 media company may claim the motion picture incentive; 1740 (d) requires the motion picture company or digital media company to retain records 1741 supporting its claim for a motion picture incentive for at least four years after the 1742 motion picture company or digital media company claims the incentive under this 1743 part; and 1744 (e) requires the motion picture company or digital media company to submit to audits 1745 for verification of the claimed motion picture incentive. 1746 Section 38. Section 63N-13-305 is amended to read: 1747 63N-13-305. Office oversight over contract performance of facilitator -- Office 1748 reports to Legislature. 1749 (1) The office shall monitor and oversee a facilitator's performance under a contract under 1750 Section 63N-13-303 to ensure that the facilitator is fulfilling the requirements of Section 1751 63N-13-304. 1752 (2) Before [November 15] October 1 of each year, the office shall provide an annual report 1753 to the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee of the 1754 facilitator's activities under this part. 1755 Section 39. Section **63N-16-301** is amended to read: 1756 63N-16-301. Regulatory relief web page. 1757 (1) The regulatory relief office shall create and maintain on [the GO Utah office's] GOEO's 1758 website a web page that invites residents and businesses in the state to make suggestions 1759 regarding laws and regulations that could be modified or eliminated to reduce the

regulatory burden of residents and businesses in the state.

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1761	(2) On at least a quarterly basis, the regulatory relief office shall compile the results of
1762	suggestions from the web page and provide a written report to the governor, the
1763	Business and Labor Interim Committee, and the Economic Development and Workforce
1764	Services Interim Committee that describes the most common suggestions.
1765	(3) In creating the report described in Subsection (2), the regulatory relief office and the
1766	advisory committee:
1767	(a) shall ensure that private information of residents and businesses that make
1768	suggestions on the web page is not made public; and
1769	(b) may evaluate the suggestions and provide analysis and suggestions regarding which
1770	state laws and regulations could be modified or eliminated to reduce the regulatory
1771	burden of residents and businesses in the state while still protecting consumers.
1772	Section 40. Section 63N-17-102 is amended to read:
1773	63N-17-102 . Definitions.
1774	As used in this chapter:
1775	(1) "Broadband center" means the Utah Broadband Center created in Section 63N-17-201.
1776	[(2) "Eligible applicant" means:]
1777	[(a) a telecommunications provider or an Internet service provider;]
1778	[(b) a local government entity and one or more private entities, collectively, who are
1779	parties to a public-private partnership established for the purpose of expanding
1780	affordable broadband access in the state; or]
1781	[(c) a tribal government.]
1782	(2) "Final proposal" means the submission provided by the state to the Assistant Secretary
1783	of Commerce for Communications and Information as part of the state's BEAD
1784	Application, as set forth in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 1702(e)(4).
1785	(3) "Initial proposal" means the submission provided by the state to the Assistant Secretary
1786	of Commerce for Communications and Information as part of the state's BEAD
1787	Application, as set forth in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 1702(e)(3).
1788	(4) "Letter of intent" means the submission provided by the state to the Assistant Secretary
1789	of Commerce for Communications and Information as part of the state's BEAD
1790	Application, as set forth in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 1702(e)(1)(B).
1791	[(3)] (5) "Public-private partnership" means an arrangement or agreement between a
1792	government entity and one or more private persons to fund and provide for a public need
1793	through the development or operation of a public project in which the private person or
1794	persons share with the government entity the responsibility or risk of developing.

1795	owning, maintaining, financing, or operating the project.
1796	(6) "Subgrantee" means an entity that receives funds from the state under:
1797	(a) the Broadband Access Grant Program created in Section 63N-17-301; or
1798	(b) the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Grant Program created in Section
1799	<u>63N-17-401.</u>
1800	(7) "State BEAD application" means a submission by the state for a grant under the federal
1801	Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program established under 47 U.S.C. Sec.
1802	1702(b), consisting of a letter of intent, initial proposal, and final proposal.
1803	[(4) "Underserved area" means an area of the state that is underserved in terms of the area's
1804	access to broadband service, as further defined by rule made by the broadband center.]
1805	[(5) "Unserved area" means an area of the state that is rural and unserved in terms of the
1806	area's access to broadband service, as further defined by rule made by the broadband
1807	center.]
1808	Section 41. Section 63N-17-201 is amended to read:
1809	63N-17-201 . Utah Broadband Center Creation Director Duties.
1810	(1) There is created within the office the Utah Broadband Center.
1811	(2) The executive director shall appoint a director of the broadband center to oversee the
1812	operations of the broadband center.
1813	(3) The broadband center shall:
1814	(a) ensure that publicly funded broadband projects continue to be publicly accessible and
1815	provide a public benefit;
1816	(b) develop the statewide digital connectivity plan described in Section 63N-17-203;
1817	(c) carry out the duties described in Section 63N-17-202; [and]
1818	(d) administer the Broadband Access Grant Program in accordance with Part 3,
1819	Broadband Access Grant Program[-] : and
1820	(e) administer the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Grant Program in
1821	accordance with Part 4, Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program.
1822	[(e)] (f) The broadband center shall ensure efficiency with respect to:
1823	(i) expenditure of funds; and
1824	(ii) avoiding duplication of efforts.
1825	[(f)] (g) The broadband center shall consider administering broadband infrastructure
1826	funds in a manner that:
1827	(i) efficiently maximizes the leverage of federal funding;
1828	(ii) avoids the use of public funds for broadband facilities that duplicate existing

1829	broadband facilities that already meet or exceed federal standards; and
1830	(iii) accounts for the benefits and costs to the state of existing facilities, equipment,
1831	and services of public and private broadband providers.
1832	Section 42. Section 63N-17-202 is amended to read:
1833	63N-17-202. Infrastructure and broadband coordination.
1834	(1) The broadband center shall partner with the Utah Geospatial Resource Center created in
1835	Section 63A-16-505 to collect and maintain a database and interactive map that displays
1836	economic development data statewide, including:
1837	(a) voluntarily submitted broadband availability, speeds, and other broadband data;
1838	(b) voluntarily submitted public utility data;
1839	(c) workforce data, including information regarding:
1840	(i) enterprise zones designated under Section 63N-2-206;
1841	(ii) public institutions of higher education; and
1842	(iii) APEX accelerators;
1843	(d) transportation data, which may include information regarding railway routes,
1844	commuter rail routes, airport locations, and major highways;
1845	(e) lifestyle data, which may include information regarding state parks, national parks
1846	and monuments, United States Forest Service boundaries, ski areas, golf courses, and
1847	hospitals; and
1848	(f) other relevant economic development data as determined by the office, including data
1849	provided by partner organizations.
1850	(2) The broadband center may:
1851	(a) make recommendations to state and federal agencies, local governments, the
1852	governor, and the Legislature regarding policies and initiatives that promote the
1853	development of broadband-related infrastructure in the state and help implement
1854	those policies and initiatives;
1855	(b) facilitate coordination between broadband providers and public and private entities;
1856	(c) collect and analyze data on broadband availability and usage in the state, including
1857	Internet speed, capacity, the number of unique visitors, and the availability of
1858	broadband infrastructure throughout the state;
1859	(d) create a voluntary broadband [advisory committee] alliance, which shall include
1860	broadband providers and other public and private stakeholders, to solicit input on
1861	broadband-related policy guidance, best practices, and adoption strategies;
1862	(e) work with broadband providers, state and local governments, and other public and

1863	private stakeholders to facilitate and encourage the expansion and maintenance of
1864	broadband infrastructure throughout the state; and
1865	(f) in accordance with the requirements of Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal Funds
1866	Procedures Act, and in accordance with federal requirements:
1867	(i) apply for federal grants;
1868	(ii) participate in federal programs; and
1869	(iii) administer federally funded broadband-related programs.
1870	Section 43. Section 63N-17-203 is amended to read:
1871	63N-17-203 . Statewide digital connectivity plan.
1872	[(1)] As used in this section:
1873	[(a)] (1) "Commission" means the Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission created in
1874	Section 36-29-109.
1875	[(b)] (2) "Strategic plan" means the statewide digital connectivity plan created in [
1876	Subsection (2) accordance with Subsections (2) and (3).
1877	[(2)] (3) The broadband center shall develop the [statewide digital connectivity] strategic
1878	plan.
1879	[(3)] <u>(4)</u> The strategic plan shall include strategies to:
1880	(a) implement broadband connectivity statewide;
1881	(b) promote digital equity;
1882	(c) apply for federal infrastructure funds; and
1883	(d) apply for additional funds.
1884	[(4)] (5) In developing the strategic plan, the broadband center shall work with the
1885	commission.
1886	[(5)] (6) The <u>broadband</u> center shall provide the commission with <u>quarterly</u> status updates
1887	regarding:
1888	(a) implementation of the commission's recommendations;
1889	(b) [recommendations the center has received from the Transportation Commission,
1890	ereated in Section 72-1-301;] the grant programs created in Sections 63N-17-301 and
1891	63N-17-401, including:
1892	(i) applications received for grant funding;
1893	(ii) grant awards about to be made by the broadband center;
1894	(iii) grant awards made by the broadband center; and
1895	(iv) projects implemented with grant funding:
1896	(c) strategic plan development;

1897	(d) strategic plan implementation;
1898	(e) grants received in addition to those described in Subsection (6)(b);
1899	(f) projects funded in addition to those described in Subsection (6)(b); and
1900	(g) recommendations for legislation.
1901	[(6)] (7) The <u>broadband</u> center shall submit the strategic plan to the commission for the
1902	commission's recommendation before finalizing the strategic plan.
1903	[(7)] (8) On or before [November 30] October 1 of each year, the broadband center shall
1904	report to the commission and the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim
1905	Committee regarding[-the] status updates[-described in Subsection (5)].
1906	Section 44. Section 63N-17-301 is amended to read:
1907	63N-17-301. Creation of Broadband Access Grant Program.
1908	(1) As used in this part:
1909	(a) "Eligible applicant" means:
1910	(i) a telecommunications provider or an Internet service provider;
1911	(ii) a local government entity and one or more private entities, collectively, who are
1912	parties to a public-private partnership established for the purpose of expanding
1913	affordable broadband access in the state; or
1914	(iii) a tribal government.
1915	(b) "Underserved area" means an area of the state that is underserved in terms of the
1916	area's access to broadband service, as further defined by rule made by the broadband
1917	center.
1918	(c) "Unserved area" means an area of the state that is unserved in terms of the area's
1919	access to broadband service, as further defined by rule made by the broadband center.
1920	(2) There is established a grant program known as the Broadband Access Grant Program
1921	that is administered by the broadband center in accordance with this part.
1922	[(2)] (a) The broadband center may award a grant under this part to an eligible
1923	applicant [who] that submits to the broadband center an application that includes a
1924	proposed project to extend broadband service to individuals and businesses in an
1925	unserved area or an underserved area by providing last-mile connections to end users.
1926	(b) Subsection $[\frac{(2)(a)}{(3)(a)}]$ does not prohibit the broadband center from awarding a
1927	grant for a proposed project that also includes middle-mile elements that are
1928	necessary for the last-mile connections.
1929	[(3)] (4) In awarding grants under this part, the broadband center shall:
1930	(a) based on the following criteria and in the order provided, prioritize proposed projects:

1931	(i) located in unserved areas;
1932	(ii) located in underserved areas;
1933	(iii) (A) that the eligible applicant developed after meaningful engagement with
1934	the impacted community to identify the community's needs and innovative
1935	means of providing a public benefit that addresses the community's needs; and
1936	(B) that include, as a component of the proposed project, a long-term public
1937	benefit to the impacted community developed in response to the eligible
1938	applicant's engagement with the community;
1939	(iv) located in an economically distressed area of the state, as measured by indices of
1940	unemployment, poverty, or population loss;
1941	(v) that make the greatest investment in last-mile connections;
1942	(vi) that provide higher speed broadband access to end users; and
1943	(vii) for which the eligible applicant provides at least 25% of the money needed for
1944	the proposed project, with higher priority to proposed projects for which the
1945	eligible applicant provides a greater percentage of the money needed for the
1946	proposed project; and
1947	(b) consider the impact of available funding for the proposed project from other sources,
1948	including money from matching federal grant programs.
1949	[(4) The broadband center may not award a grant under this part that exceeds \$7,500,000.]
1950	(5) For a project that the eligible applicant cannot complete in a single fiscal year, the
1951	broadband center may distribute grant proceeds for the project over the course of the
1952	project's construction.
1953	[(6) In awarding grants under this part, the broadband center shall ensure that grant funds
1954	are not used in a manner that causes competition among projects that are substantially
1955	supported by state funds, as determined in accordance with rule made by the broadband
1956	eenter.]
1957	[(7)] (6) In awarding a grant under this part, the broadband center shall ensure that grant
1958	funds are not used by a subgrantee in a manner that causes competition among projects
1959	that are substantially supported by state funds or federal funds subgranted by the state,
1960	as determine in accordance with rules made by the broadband center in accordance with
1961	Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
1962	(7) As provided in and subject to the requirements of Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government
1963	Records Access and Management Act, a record submitted to the broadband center that
1964	contains a trade secret or confidential commercial information described in Subsection

1965	63G-2-305(2) is a protected record.
1966	Section 45. Section 63N-17-401 is enacted to read:
1967	Part 4. Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Grant Program
1968	63N-17-401 . Creation of Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Grant
1969	Program.
1970	(1) There is established a grant program known as the Broadband Equity Access and
1971	Deployment Grant Program that is administered by the broadband center in accordance
1972	with:
1973	(a) this part; and
1974	(b) the requirements of the National Telecommunications and Information
1975	Administration's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program, 47 U.S.C. Sec.
1976	1702 et seq.
1977	(2) The broadband center shall:
1978	(a) prepare and submit the state's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment application.
1979	including the letter of intent, initial proposal, and final proposal to the National
1980	Telecommunications and Information Administration;
1981	(b) administer the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Grant Program in
1982	accordance with this section and as approved by the National Telecommunications
1983	and Information Administration;
1984	(c) accept and process an application for subgranted funds;
1985	(d) report to the broadband commission quarterly on:
1986	(i) the progress of the broadband center's submission described in Subsection (2)(a);
1987	(ii) the administration of the program;
1988	(iii) applications received for subgranted funding;
1989	(iv) approved applications for subgranted funds; and
1990	(v) projects supported by subgranted funds;
1991	(e) ensure that a subgrantee complies with the state's final proposal to the National
1992	Telecommunications and Information Administration; and
1993	(f) make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
1994	Rulemaking Act, necessary to administer this section.
1995	(3) The broadband commission shall give the broadband center recommendations during
1996	the quarterly reports described in Subsection (2)(d).
1997	(4) The broadband center may approve an application for subgranted funds if:

1998	(a) the application meets the requirements of this section;
1999	(b) the application meets any rule made pursuant to this section;
2000	(c) the application meets the requirements of the National Telecommunications and
2001	Information Administration's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program, 47
2002	U.S.C. Sec. 1702 et seq.; and
2003	(d) the broadband center has informed the broadband commission about the application,
2004	as described in Subsection (2)(d).
2005	(5) After the broadband center completes a competitive application process for subgranted
2006	funds but before the broadband center notifies the applicant of the award, the broadband
2007	center shall present to the broadband commission on the subgrant award.
2008	Section 46. Repealer.
2009	This bill repeals:
2010	Section 63N-1a-101, Title.
2011	Section 63N-17-101, Title.
2012	Section 47. Effective date.
2013	This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.
2014	Section 48. Revisor instructions.
2015	The Legislature intends that, on May 1, 2024, all references to the term "GO
2016	Utah" change to "GOEO" in any new language added to the Utah Code by legislation
2017	that passes in the 2024 General Session and becomes law