	RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MODIFICATIONS
	2019 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Scott D. Sandall
	House Sponsor:
LONG T	ITLE
General I	Description:
Th	is bill modifies provisions related to economic development.
Highlight	ed Provisions:
Th	his bill:
►	modifies enterprise zone provisions overseen by the Governor's Office of Economic
Developm	nent (GOED);
•	modifies provisions related to economic development tax increment financing;
•	repeals provisions related to certain GOED administered economic development
programs;	
►	defines terms, including "rural county";
►	creates the Rural County Economic Development Grant Program (grant program);
•	describes the requirements and purposes of the grant program;
•	describes the requirements for a rural county to apply for a grant under the grant
program;	
►	describes the requirements of GOED in administering the grant program; and
►	makes technical changes.
Money A	ppropriated in this Bill:
Th	is bill appropriates in fiscal year 2020:
•	to the Governor's Office of Economic Development Rural County Economic
Developm	ent Grant Program, as a one-time appropriation



28	• from the General Fund, \$2,000,000.
29	This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2021:
30	<ul> <li>to the Governor's Office of Economic Development Rural County Economic</li> </ul>
31	Development Grant Program, as an ongoing appropriation
32	• from the General Fund, \$10,000,000.
33	Other Special Clauses:
34	This bill provides retrospective operation.
35	Utah Code Sections Affected:
36	AMENDS:
37	59-7-610, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283
38	<b>59-7-614.10</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Third Special Session, Chapter 1
39	59-10-210, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283
40	59-10-1007, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283
41	<b>59-10-1037</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Third Special Session, Chapter 1
42	63C-10-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 204
43	63N-2-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 350
44	63N-2-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 252
45	63N-2-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 11
46	63N-2-208, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283
47	63N-2-213, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Third Special Session, Chapter 1
48	63N-2-403, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283
49	63N-2-705, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283
50	ENACTS:
51	63N-4-501, Utah Code Annotated 1953
52	63N-4-502, Utah Code Annotated 1953
53	63N-4-503, Utah Code Annotated 1953
54	63N-4-504, Utah Code Annotated 1953
55	63N-4-505, Utah Code Annotated 1953
56	63N-4-506, Utah Code Annotated 1953
57	REPEALS:
58	63N-2-213.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 252

59	63N-2-301, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283
60	63N-2-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 352
61	63N-2-303, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 352
62	63N-2-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 352
63	63N-2-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 352
64	63N-3-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 204
65	63N-3-104.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 204
66 67	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
68	Section 1. Section <b>59-7-610</b> is amended to read:
69	59-7-610. Recycling market development zones tax credit.
70	(1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, a business operating in a
71	recycling market development zone as defined in Section 63N-2-402 may claim a tax credit as
72	provided in this section.
73	(a) (i) There shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax credit of 5% of the purchase price
74	paid for machinery and equipment used directly in:
75	(A) commercial composting; or
76	(B) manufacturing facilities or plant units that:
77	(I) manufacture, process, compound, or produce recycled items of tangible personal
78	property for sale; or
79	(II) reduce or reuse postconsumer waste material.
80	(ii) The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall certify that the machinery
81	and equipment described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) are integral to the composting or recycling
82	process:
83	(A) on a form provided by the commission; and
84	(B) before a taxpayer is allowed a tax credit under this section.
85	(iii) The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall provide a taxpayer seeking
86	to claim a tax credit under this section with a copy of the form described in Subsection
87	(1)(a)(ii).
88	(iv) The taxpayer described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii) shall retain a copy of the form
89	received under Subsection (1)(a)(iii).

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90 (b) There shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax credit equal to 20% of net expenditures 91 up to \$10,000 to third parties for rent, wages, supplies, tools, test inventory, and utilities made 92 by the taxpaver for establishing and operating recycling or composting technology in Utah. 93 with an annual maximum tax credit of \$2,000. 94 (2) The total nonrefundable tax credit allowed under this section may not exceed 40%of the Utah income tax liability of the taxpayer prior to any tax credits in the taxable year of 95 96 purchase prior to claiming the tax credit authorized by this section. 97 (3) (a) Any tax credit not used for the taxable year in which the purchase price on 98 composting or recycling machinery and equipment was paid may be carried over for credit 99 against the business' income taxes in the three succeeding taxable years until the total tax credit 100 amount is used. 101 (b) Tax credits not claimed by a business on the business' state income tax return 102 within three years are forfeited. 103 (4) The commission shall make rules governing what information shall be filed with 104 the commission to verify the entitlement to and amount of a tax credit. 105 (5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), for taxable years beginning on or after 106 January 1, 2001, a taxpayer may not claim or carry forward a tax credit described in Subsection 107 (1)(a) in a taxable year during which the taxpaver claims or carries forward a tax credit under 108 Section 63N-2-213. 109 (b) For a taxable year other than a taxable year during which the taxpayer may not 110 claim or carry forward a tax credit in accordance with Subsection (5)(a), a taxpayer may claim 111 or carry forward a tax credit described in Subsection (1)(a): 112 (i) if the taxpayer may claim or carry forward the tax credit in accordance with 113 Subsections (1) and (2); and 114 (ii) subject to Subsections (3) and (4). 115 (6) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b), for taxable years beginning on or after January 116 1, 2001, a taxpayer may not claim a tax credit described in Subsection (1)(b) in a taxable year during which the taxpaver claims or carries forward a tax credit under Section 63N-2-213. 117 118 [(7) A taxpayer may not claim or carry forward a tax credit available under this section 119 for a taxable year during which the taxpayer has claimed the targeted business income tax 120 credit available under Section 63N-2-305.]

121 Section 2. Section **59-7-614.10** is amended to read: 122 59-7-614.10. Nonrefundable enterprise zone tax credit. 123 (1) As used in this section: 124 (a) "Business entity" means a corporation that meets the definition of "business entity" 125 as that term is defined in Section 63N-2-202. 126 (b) "Office" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development created in Section 127 63N-1-201. 128 (2) [Subject] For a taxable year ending on or before December 31, 2019, and subject to 129 the provisions of this section, a business entity may claim a nonrefundable enterprise zone tax 130 credit as described in Section 63N-2-213. 131 (3) The enterprise zone tax credit under this section is the amount listed as the tax 132 credit amount on the tax credit certificate that the office issues to the business entity for the 133 taxable year. 134 (4) A business entity may carry forward a tax credit under this section for a period that 135 does not exceed the next three taxable years, if the amount of the tax credit exceeds the 136 business entity's tax liability under this chapter for that taxable year. 137 [(5) A business entity may not claim or carry forward a tax credit available under this 138 part for a taxable year during which the business entity has claimed the targeted business 139 income tax credit available under Section 63N-2-305.] [(6)] (5) (a) In accordance with Section 59-7-159, the Revenue and Taxation Interim 140 141 Committee shall study the tax credit allowed by this section and make recommendations 142 concerning whether the tax credit should be continued, modified, or repealed. (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection [(6)] (5)(b)(ii), for purposes of the study 143 144 required by this Subsection [(6)] (5), the office shall provide by electronic means the following information for each calendar year to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst: 145 146 (A) the amount of tax credits provided in each development zone: 147 (B) the number of new full-time employee positions reported to obtain tax credits in 148 each development zone; 149 (C) the amount of tax credits awarded for rehabilitating a building in each development 150 zone; 151 (D) the amount of tax credits awarded for investing in a plant, equipment, or other

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152	depreciable property in each development zone;
153	(E) the information related to the tax credit contained in the office's latest report under
154	Section 63N-1-301; and
155	(F) any other information that the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst requests.
156	(ii) (A) In providing the information described in Subsection $[(6)]$ (5)(b)(i), the office
157	shall redact information that identifies a recipient of a tax credit under this section.
158	(B) If, notwithstanding the redactions made under Subsection $[(6)]$ (5)(b)(ii)(A),
159	reporting the information described in Subsection [ $(6)$ ] $(5)$ (b)(i) might disclose the identity of a
160	recipient of a tax credit, the office may file a request with the Revenue and Taxation Interim
161	Committee to provide the information described in Subsection [(6)] (5)(b)(i) in the aggregate
162	for all development zones that receive the tax credit under this section.
163	(c) As part of the study required by this Subsection $[(6)]$ (5), the Office of the
164	Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall report to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee a
165	summary and analysis of the information provided to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal
166	Analyst by the office under Subsection [ $(6)$ ] $(5)$ (b).
167	(d) The Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee shall ensure that the
168	recommendations described in Subsection $[(6)]$ (5)(a) include an evaluation of:
169	(i) the cost of the tax credit to the state;
170	(ii) the purpose and effectiveness of the tax credit; and
171	(iii) the extent to which the state benefits from the tax credit.
172	Section 3. Section <b>59-10-210</b> is amended to read:
173	59-10-210. Fiduciary adjustments.
174	(1) A share of the fiduciary adjustments described in Subsection (2) shall be added to
175	or subtracted from unadjusted income:
176	(a) of:
177	(i) a resident or nonresident estate or trust; or
178	(ii) a resident or nonresident beneficiary of a resident or nonresident estate or trust; and
179	(b) as provided in this section.
180	(2) For purposes of Subsection (1), the fiduciary adjustments are the following
181	amounts:
182	(a) the additions to and subtractions from unadjusted income of a resident or

02-21-19 11:32 AM 183 nonresident estate or trust required by Section 59-10-202; and 184 (b) a tax credit claimed by a resident or nonresident estate or trust as allowed by: 185 (i) Section 59-6-102; 186 (ii) Part 10, Nonrefundable Tax Credit Act; 187 (iii) Part 11, Refundable Tax Credit Act; 188 (iv) Section 59-13-202; or 189 (v) Section 63N-2-213[; or]. 190 [(vi) Section 63N-2-305.] 191 (3) (a) The respective shares of an estate or trust and its beneficiaries, including for the purpose of this allocation a nonresident beneficiary, in the state fiduciary adjustments, shall be 192 193 allocated in proportion to their respective shares of federal distributable net income of the 194 estate or trust. 195 (b) If the estate or trust described in Subsection (3)(a) has no federal distributable net 196 income for the taxable year, the share of each beneficiary in the fiduciary adjustments shall be 197 allocated in proportion to that beneficiary's share of the estate or trust income for the taxable 198 year that is, under state law or the governing instrument, required to be distributed currently 199 plus any other amounts of that income distributed in that taxable year. 200 (c) After making the allocations required by Subsections (3)(a) and (b), any balance of 201 the fiduciary adjustments shall be allocated to the estate or trust. 202 (4) (a) The commission shall allow a fiduciary to use a method for determining the 203 allocation of the fiduciary adjustments described in Subsection (2) other than the method 204 described in Subsection (3) if using the method described in Subsection (3) results in an 205 inequity: 206 (i) in allocating the fiduciary adjustments described in Subsection (2); and 207 (ii) if the inequity is substantial: 208 (A) in amount; and 209 (B) in relation to the total amount of the fiduciary adjustments described in Subsection 210 (2). 211 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the 212 commission may make rules authorizing a fiduciary to use a method for determining the 213 allocation of the fiduciary adjustments described in Subsection (2) other than the method

214	described in Subsection (3) if using the method described in Subsection (3) results in an
215	inequity:
216	(i) in allocating the fiduciary adjustments described in Subsection (2); and
217	(ii) if the inequity is substantial:
218	(A) in amount; and
219	(B) in relation to the total amount of the fiduciary adjustments described in Subsection
220	(2).
221	Section 4. Section <b>59-10-1007</b> is amended to read:
222	59-10-1007. Recycling market development zones tax credit.
223	(1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, a claimant, estate, or trust
224	in a recycling market development zone as defined in Section 63N-2-402 may claim a
225	nonrefundable tax credit as provided in this section.
226	(a) (i) There shall be allowed a tax credit of 5% of the purchase price paid for
227	machinery and equipment used directly in:
228	(A) commercial composting; or
229	(B) manufacturing facilities or plant units that:
230	(I) manufacture, process, compound, or produce recycled items of tangible personal
231	property for sale; or
232	(II) reduce or reuse postconsumer waste material.
233	(ii) The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall certify that the machinery
234	and equipment described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) are integral to the composting or recycling
235	process:
236	(A) on a form provided by the commission; and
237	(B) before a claimant, estate, or trust is allowed a tax credit under this section.
238	(iii) The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall provide a claimant, estate,
239	or trust seeking to claim a tax credit under this section with a copy of the form described in
240	Subsection (1)(a)(ii).
241	(iv) The claimant, estate, or trust described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii) shall retain a copy
242	of the form received under Subsection (1)(a)(iii).
243	(b) There shall be allowed a tax credit equal to 20% of net expenditures up to \$10,000
244	to third parties for rent, wages, supplies, tools, test inventory, and utilities made by the

245 claimant, estate, or trust for establishing and operating recycling or composting technology in 246 Utah, with an annual maximum tax credit of \$2,000. 247 (2) The total tax credit allowed under this section may not exceed 40% of the Utah 248 income tax liability of the claimant, estate, or trust prior to any tax credits in the taxable year of 249 purchase prior to claiming the tax credit authorized by this section. 250 (3) (a) Any tax credit not used for the taxable year in which the purchase price on 251 composting or recycling machinery and equipment was paid may be carried forward against the 252 claimant's, estate's, or trusts's tax liability under this chapter in the three succeeding taxable 253 years until the total tax credit amount is used. 254 (b) Tax credits not claimed by a claimant, estate, or trust on the claimant's, estate's, or 255 trust's tax return under this chapter within three years are forfeited. 256 (4) The commission shall make rules governing what information shall be filed with 257 the commission to verify the entitlement to and amount of a tax credit. 258 (5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), for taxable years beginning on or after 259 January 1, 2001, a claimant, estate, or trust may not claim or carry forward a tax credit 260 described in Subsection (1)(a) in a taxable year during which the claimant, estate, or trust 261 claims or carries forward a tax credit under Section 63N-2-213.

(b) For a taxable year other than a taxable year during which the claimant, estate, or
trust may not claim or carry forward a tax credit in accordance with Subsection (5)(a), a
claimant, estate, or trust may claim or carry forward a tax credit described in Subsection (1)(a):

265 (i) if the claimant, estate, or trust may claim or carry forward the tax credit in266 accordance with Subsections (1) and (2); and

267 (ii) subject to Subsections (3) and (4).

(6) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b), for taxable years beginning on or after January
1, 2001, a claimant, estate, or trust may not claim a tax credit described in Subsection (1)(b) in
a taxable year during which the claimant, estate, or trust claims or carries forward a tax credit
under Section 63N-2-213.

- [(7) A claimant, estate, or trust may not claim or carry forward a tax credit available
   under this section for a taxable year during which the claimant, estate, or trust has claimed the
   targeted business income tax credit available under Section 63N-2-305.]
- 275 Section 5. Section **59-10-1037** is amended to read:

276	59-10-1037. Nonrefundable enterprise zone tax credit.
277	(1) As used in this section:
278	(a) "Business entity" means a claimant, estate, or trust that meets the definition of
279	"business entity" as that term is defined in Section 63N-2-202.
280	(b) "Office" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development created in Section
281	63N-1-201.
282	(2) (a) [Subject] For a taxable year beginning on or before December 31, 2019, and
283	subject to the provisions of this section, a business entity may claim a nonrefundable enterprise
284	zone tax credit as described in Section 63N-2-213.
285	(b) A business entity may not receive a tax credit under this section for a taxable year
286	beginning on or after January 1, 2020.
287	(3) The enterprise zone tax credit under this section is the amount listed as the tax
288	credit amount on the tax credit certificate that the office issues to the business entity for the
289	taxable year.
290	(4) A business entity may carry forward a tax credit under this section for a period that
291	does not exceed the next three taxable years, if the amount of the tax credit exceeds the
292	business entity's tax liability under this chapter for that taxable year.
293	[(5) A business entity may not claim or carry forward a tax credit available under this
294	part for a taxable year during which the business entity has claimed the targeted business
295	income tax credit available under Section 63N-2-305.]
296	[(6)] (a) In accordance with Section 59-10-137, the Revenue and Taxation Interim
297	Committee shall study the tax credit allowed by this section and make recommendations
298	concerning whether the tax credit should be continued, modified, or repealed.
299	(b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection $[(6)]$ (5)(b)(ii), for purposes of the study
300	required by this Subsection [ $(6)$ ] (5), the office shall provide by electronic means the following
301	information, if available to the office, for each calendar year to the Office of the Legislative
302	Fiscal Analyst:
303	(A) the amount of tax credits provided in each development zone;
304	(B) the number of new full-time employee positions reported to obtain tax credits in
305	each development zone;
306	(C) the amount of tax credits awarded for rehabilitating a building in each development

307	zone;
308	(D) the amount of tax credits awarded for investing in a plant, equipment, or other
309	depreciable property in each development zone;
310	(E) the information related to the tax credit contained in the office's latest report under
311	Section 63N-1-301; and
312	(F) other information that the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst requests.
313	(ii) (A) In providing the information described in Subsection [(6)] (5)(b)(i), the office
314	shall redact information that identifies a recipient of a tax credit under this section.
315	(B) If, notwithstanding the redactions made under Subsection $[(6)]$ (5)(ii)(A),
316	reporting the information described in Subsection $[(6)]$ (5)(b)(i) might disclose the identity of a
317	recipient of a tax credit, the office may file a request with the Revenue and Taxation Interim
318	Committee to provide the information described in Subsection $[(6)]$ (5)(b)(i) in the aggregate
319	for all development zones that receive the tax credit under this section.
320	(c) As part of the study required by this Subsection $[(6)]$ (5), the Office of the
321	Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall report to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee a
322	summary and analysis of the information provided to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal
323	Analyst by the office under Subsection $[(6)]$ (5)(b).
324	(d) The Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee shall ensure that the
325	recommendations described in Subsection $[(6)]$ (5)(a) include an evaluation of:
326	(i) the cost of the tax credit to the state;
327	(ii) the purpose and effectiveness of the tax credit; and
328	(iii) the extent to which the state benefits from the tax credit.
329	Section 6. Section 63C-10-103 is amended to read:
330	63C-10-103. Duties.
331	(1) The board shall:
332	(a) serve as an advisory board to:
333	(i) the governor on rural economic and planning issues; and
334	(ii) the Governor's Office of Economic Development on rural economic development
335	issues;
336	(b) prepare an annual strategic plan that:
337	(i) identifies rural economic development, planning, and leadership training challenges,

338	opportunities, priorities, and objectives; and
339	(ii) includes a work plan for accomplishing the objectives referred to in Subsection
340	(1)(b)(i);
341	(c) identify local, regional, and statewide rural economic development and planning
342	priorities;
343	(d) study and take input on issues relating to local, regional, and statewide rural
344	economic development, including challenges, opportunities, best practices, policy, planning,
345	and collaboration;
346	(e) advocate for rural needs, programs, policies, opportunities, and other issues relating
347	to rural economic development and planning; and
348	[(f) review projects in enterprise zones proposed by nonprofit corporations
349	headquartered in enterprise zones as described in Subsection 63N-2-213.5(6);]
350	[(g) review applications for cash awards, grants, loans, or other financial assistance
351	under:]
352	[(i) the Rural Fast Track Program described in Section 63N-3-104; and]
353	[(ii) the Business Expansion and Retention Initiative described in Section
354	<del>63N-3-104.5; and</del> ]
355	[(h)] (f) no later than October 1 of each year, submit to the governor, the Legislature,
356	and the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee an annual report,
357	in accordance with Section 68-3-14, that provides:
358	(i) an overview of the rural economy in the state;
359	(ii) a summary of current issues and policy matters relating to rural economic
360	development; and
361	(iii) a statement of the board's initiatives, programs, and economic development
362	priorities.
363	(2) The board may engage in activities necessary to fulfill the board's duties, including:
364	(a) propose or support rural economic development legislation; and
365	(b) create one or more subcommittees.
366	Section 7. Section 63N-2-103 is amended to read:
367	63N-2-103. Definitions.
368	As used in this part:

369	(1) "Business entity" means a person that enters into an agreement with the office to
370	initiate a new commercial project in Utah that will qualify the person to receive a tax credit
371	under Section 59-7-614.2 or 59-10-1107.
372	(2) "Community reinvestment agency" has the same meaning as that term is defined in
373	Section 17C-1-102.
374	(3) "Development zone" means an economic development zone created under Section
375	63N-2-104.
376	(4) "High paying jobs" means[:] <u>newly created full-time employment positions where</u>
377	the aggregate average annual gross wages of the employment positions, not including health
378	care or other paid or unpaid benefits, are at least:
379	(a) 110% of the average wage of the county in which the employment positions exist
380	for a county of the first or second class; or
381	(b) 100% of the average wage of the county in which the employment positions exist
382	for a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class.
383	[(a) with respect to a business entity, the aggregate average annual gross wages, not
384	including healthcare or other paid or unpaid benefits, of newly created full-time employment
385	positions in a business entity that are at least 110% of the average wage of a community in
386	which the employment positions will exist;]
387	[(b) with respect to a county, the aggregate average annual gross wages, not including
388	healthcare or other paid or unpaid benefits, of newly created full-time employment positions in
389	a new commercial project within the county that are at least 110% of the average wage of the
390	county in which the employment positions will exist; or]
391	[(c) with respect to a city or town, the aggregate average annual gross wages, not
392	including healthcare or other paid or unpaid benefits of newly created full-time employment
393	positions in a new commercial project within the city or town that are at least 110% of the
394	average wages of the city or town in which the employment positions will exist.]
395	(5) "Local government entity" means a county, city, or town that enters into an
396	agreement with the office to have a new commercial project that:
397	(a) is initiated within the county's, city's, or town's boundaries; and
398	(b) qualifies the county, city, or town to receive a tax credit under Section 59-7-614.2.
399	(6) (a) "New commercial project" means an economic development opportunity that

400 involves new or expanded industrial, manufacturing, distribution, or business services in Utah.

- 401 (b) "New commercial project" does not include retail business.
- 402 (7) (a) "New incremental jobs" means full-time employment positions that are filled by
  403 employees who work at least 30 hours per week and that are:
- 404 (i) with respect to a business entity, created in addition to the baseline count of
  405 employment positions that existed within the business entity before the new commercial
  406 project;
- 407 (ii) with respect to a county, created as a result of a new commercial project with
  408 respect to which the county or a community development and renewal agency seeks to claim a
  409 tax credit under Section 59-7-614.2; or
- (iii) with respect to a city or town, created as a result of a new commercial project with
  respect to which the city, town, or a community development and renewal agency seeks to
  claim a tax credit under Section 59-7-614.2.
- (b) "New incremental jobs" may include full-time equivalent positions that are filled by
  more than one employee, if each employee who works less than 30 hours per week is provided
  benefits comparable to a full-time employee.
- 416 (c) "New incremental jobs" does not include jobs that are shifted from one jurisdiction417 in the state to another jurisdiction in the state.
- 418 (8) "New state revenues" means:
- 419 (a) with respect to a business entity:
- 420 (i) incremental new state sales and use tax revenues that a business entity pays under
  421 Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act, as a result of a new commercial project in a
  422 development zone;
- 423 (ii) incremental new state tax revenues that a business entity pays as a result of a new424 commercial project in a development zone under:
- 425 (A) Title 59, Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes;
- 426 (B) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 1, Determination and Reporting of Tax Liability and427 Information;
- 428 (C) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 2, Trusts and Estates;
- 429 (D) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 4, Withholding of Tax; or
- 430 (E) a combination of Subsections (8)(a)(ii)(A) through (D);

431	(iii) incremental new state tax revenues paid as individual income taxes under Title 59,
432	Chapter 10, Part 1, Determination and Reporting of Tax Liability and Information, by
433	employees of a new or expanded industrial, manufacturing, distribution, or business service
434	within a new commercial project as evidenced by payroll records that indicate the amount of
435	employee income taxes withheld and transmitted to the State Tax Commission by the new or
436	expanded industrial, manufacturing, distribution, or business service within the new
437	commercial project; or
438	(iv) a combination of Subsections (8)(a)(i) through (iii); or
439	(b) with respect to a local government entity:
440	(i) incremental new state sales and use tax revenues that are collected under Title 59,
441	Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act, as a result of a new commercial project in a development
442	zone;
443	(ii) incremental new state tax revenues that are collected as a result of a new
444	commercial project in a development zone under:
445	(A) Title 59, Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes;
446	(B) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 1, Determination and Reporting of Tax Liability and
447	Information;
448	(C) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 2, Trusts and Estates;
449	(D) Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 4, Withholding of Tax; or
450	(E) a combination of Subsections (8)(b)(ii)(A) through (D);
451	(iii) incremental new state tax revenues paid as individual income taxes under Title 59,
452	Chapter 10, Part 1, Determination and Reporting of Tax Liability and Information, by
453	employees of a new or expanded industrial, manufacturing, distribution, or business service
454	within a new commercial project as evidenced by payroll records that indicate the amount of
455	employee income taxes withheld and transmitted to the State Tax Commission by the new or
456	expanded industrial, manufacturing, distribution, or business service within the new
457	commercial project; or
458	(iv) a combination of Subsections (8)(b)(i) through (iii).
459	(9) "Significant capital investment" means an amount of at least \$10,000,000 to
460	purchase capital or fixed assets, which may include real property, personal property, and other
461	fixtures related to a new commercial project:

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462	(a) that represents an expansion of existing operations in the state; or
463	(b) that maintains or increases the business entity's existing work force in the state.
464	(10) "Tax credit" means an economic development tax credit created by Section
465	59-7-614.2 or 59-10-1107.
466	(11) "Tax credit amount" means the amount the office lists as a tax credit on a tax
467	credit certificate for a taxable year.
468	(12) "Tax credit certificate" means a certificate issued by the office that:
469	(a) lists the name of the business entity, local government entity, or community
470	development and renewal agency to which the office authorizes a tax credit;
471	(b) lists the business entity's, local government entity's, or community development and
472	renewal agency's taxpayer identification number;
473	(c) lists the amount of tax credit that the office authorizes the business entity, local
474	government entity, or community development and renewal agency for the taxable year; and
475	(d) may include other information as determined by the office.
476	Section 8. Section 63N-2-203 is amended to read:
477	63N-2-203. Powers of the office.
478	The office shall:
479	(1) monitor the implementation and operation of this part and conduct a continuing
480	evaluation of the progress made in the enterprise zones;
481	(2) evaluate an application for designation as an enterprise zone from a county
482	applicant or a municipal applicant and determine if the applicant qualifies for that designation;
483	(3) provide technical assistance to county applicants and municipal applicants in
484	developing applications for designation as enterprise zones;
485	(4) assist county applicants and municipal applicants designated as enterprise zones in
486	obtaining assistance from the federal government and agencies of the state;
487	(5) assist a qualified business entity in obtaining the benefits of an incentive or
488	inducement program authorized by this part; and
489	(6) as part of the annual written report described in Section $63N-1-301$ , prepare an
490	annual evaluation that provides:
491	(a) based on data from the State Tax Commission, the total amount of tax credits
492	claimed under this part;

493	(b) the total amount awarded in tax credits for each development zone;
494	(c) the number of new full-time employee positions reported to obtain tax credits in
495	each development zone;
496	(d) the amount of tax credits awarded for rehabilitating a building in each development
497	zone;
498	(e) the amount of tax credits awarded for investing in a plant, equipment, or other
499	depreciable property in each development zone; and
500	[(f) the list of approved projects under Section 63N-2-213.5 and the aggregate value of
501	the tax credit certificates issued related to contributions to those approved projects; and]
502	[(g)] (f) recommendations regarding the effectiveness of the program and any
503	suggestions for legislation.
504	Section 9. Section 63N-2-204 is amended to read:
505	63N-2-204. Criteria for designation of enterprise zones Application.
506	(1) A county applicant seeking designation as an enterprise zone shall file an
507	application with the office that, in addition to complying with the other requirements of this
508	part:
509	(a) verifies that the county has a population of not more than 70,000; and
510	(b) provides clear evidence of the need for development in the county.
511	(2) A municipal applicant seeking designation as an enterprise zone shall file an
512	application with the office that, in addition to complying with other requirements of this part:
513	(a) verifies that the municipality has a population that does not exceed 20,000;
514	(b) verifies that the municipality is within a county that has a population of not more
515	than 70,000; and
516	(c) provides clear evidence of the need for development in the municipality.
517	(3) An application filed under Subsection (1) or (2) shall be in a form and in
518	accordance with procedures approved by the office, and shall include the following
519	information:
520	(a) a plan developed by the county applicant or municipal applicant that identifies local
521	contributions meeting the requirements of Section 63N-2-205;
522	(b) the county applicant or municipal applicant has a development plan that outlines:
523	(i) the types of investment and development within the zone that the county applicant

524	or municipal applicant expects to take place if the incentives specified in this part are provided;
525	(ii) the specific investment or development reasonably expected to take place;
526	(iii) any commitments obtained from businesses;
527	(iv) the projected number of jobs that will be created and the anticipated wage level of
528	those jobs;
529	(v) any proposed emphasis on the type of jobs created, including any affirmative action
530	plans; and
531	(vi) a copy of the county applicant's or municipal applicant's economic development
532	plan to demonstrate coordination between the zone and overall county or municipal goals;
533	(c) the county applicant's or municipal applicant's proposed means of assessing the
534	effectiveness of the development plan or other programs within the zone once they have been
535	implemented within the zone;
536	(d) any additional information required by the office; and
537	(e) any additional information the county applicant or municipal applicant considers
538	relevant to its designation as an enterprise zone.
539	(4) On or after January 1, 2019, no new enterprise zones shall be designated.
540	Section 10. Section 63N-2-208 is amended to read:
541	63N-2-208. Duration of designation.
542	(1) Each enterprise zone has a duration of five years[, at the end of which the county
543	may reapply for the designation].
544	(2) On or after January 1, 2019, a county may not reapply for an enterprise zone
545	designation for an enterprise zone that has reached the end of the enterprise zone's five-year
546	duration.
547	Section 11. Section 63N-2-213 is amended to read:
548	63N-2-213. State tax credits.
549	(1) (a) The office shall certify a business entity's eligibility for a tax credit described in
550	this section.
551	(b) A business entity may not receive a tax credit under this section for a taxable year
552	beginning on or after January 1, 2020.
553	(2) A business entity seeking to receive a tax credit as provided in this section shall
554	provide the office with:

555	(a) an application for a tax credit certificate in a form approved by the office, including		
556	a certification, by an officer of the business entity, of a signature on the application; and		
557	(b) documentation that demonstrates the business entity has met the requirements to		
558	receive the tax credit.		
559	(3) If, after review of an application and documentation provided by a business entity		
560	as described in Subsection (2), the office determines that the application and documentation are		
561	inadequate to provide a reasonable justification for authorizing the tax credit, the office shall:		
562	(a) deny the tax credit; or		
563	(b) inform the business entity that the application or documentation was inadequate		
564	and ask the business entity to submit additional documentation.		
565	(4) If, after review of an application and documentation provided by a business entity		
566	as described in Subsection (2), the office determines that the application and documentation		
567	provide reasonable justification for authorizing a tax credit, the office shall:		
568	(a) determine the amount of the tax credit to be granted to the business entity;		
569	(b) issue a tax credit certificate to the business entity; and		
570	(c) provide a duplicate copy of the tax credit certificate to the State Tax Commission.		
571	(5) A business entity may not claim a tax credit under this section unless the business		
572	entity has a tax credit certificate issued by the office.		
573	(6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the		
574	office shall make rules describing:		
575	(a) the form and content of an application for a tax credit under this section;		
576	(b) the documentation requirements for a business entity to receive a tax credit		
577	certificate under this section; and		
578	(c) administration of the program, including relevant timelines and deadlines.		
579	(7) [Subject] For a taxable year that ends on or before December 31, 2019, and subject		
580	to the limitations of Subsections (8) through (10), [and] if the requirements of this part are met,		
581	the following nonrefundable tax credits against a tax under Title 59, Chapter 7, Corporate		
582	Franchise and Income Taxes, or Title 59, Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, are		
583	applicable in an enterprise zone:		
584	(a) a tax credit of \$750 may be claimed by a business entity for each new full-time		
585	employee position created within the enterprise zone;		

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(b) an additional \$500 tax credit may be claimed if the new full-time employee positioncreated within the enterprise zone pays at least 125% of:

(i) the county average monthly nonagricultural payroll wage for the respective industryas determined by the Department of Workforce Services; or

(ii) if the county average monthly nonagricultural payroll wage is not available for the
respective industry, the total average monthly nonagricultural payroll wage in the respective
county where the enterprise zone is located;

- (c) an additional tax credit of \$750 may be claimed if the new full-time employee
  position created within the enterprise zone is in a business entity that adds value to agricultural
  commodities through manufacturing or processing;
- (d) an additional tax credit of \$200 may be claimed for two consecutive years for each
  new full-time employee position created within the enterprise zone that is filled by an
  employee who is insured under an employer-sponsored health insurance program if the
  employer pays at least 50% of the premium cost for the year for which the credit is claimed;
- 600 (e) a tax credit of 25% of the first \$200,000 spent on rehabilitating a building in the 601 enterprise zone that has been vacant for two years or more; and
- (f) an annual investment tax credit of 10% of the first \$250,000 in investment, and 5%
  of the next \$1,000,000 qualifying investment in plant, equipment, or other depreciable
  property.
- 605 (8) (a) Subject to the limitations of Subsection (8)(b), a business entity claiming a tax
  606 credit under Subsections (7)(a) through (d) may claim the tax credit for no more than 30
  607 full-time employee positions in a taxable year.
- (b) A business entity that received a tax credit for one or more new full-time employee
  positions under Subsections (7)(a) through (d) in a prior taxable year may claim a tax credit for
  a new full-time employee position in a subsequent taxable year under Subsections (7)(a)
  through (d) if:
- (i) the business entity has created a new full-time position within the enterprise zone;and
- (ii) the total number of full-time employee positions at the business entity at any point
  during the tax year for which the tax credit is being claimed is greater than the highest number
  of full-time employee positions that existed at the business entity in the previous three taxable

617	years.		
618	(c) Construction jobs are not eligible for the tax credits under Subsections (7)(a)		
619	through (d).		
620	(9) If the amount of a tax credit under this section exceeds a business entity's tax		
621	liability under this chapter for a taxable year, the business entity may carry forward the amount		
622	of the tax credit exceeding the liability for a period that does not exceed the next three taxable		
623	years.		
624	(10) Tax credits under Subsections (7)(a) through (f) may not be claimed by a business		
625	entity primarily engaged in retail trade or by a public utilities business.		
626	(11) A business entity that has no employees:		
627	(a) may not claim tax credits under Subsections (7)(a) through (d); and		
628	(b) may claim tax credits under Subsections (7)(e) through (f).		
629	[(12) A business entity may not claim or carry forward a tax credit available under this		
630	part for a taxable year during which the business entity has claimed the targeted business		
631	income tax credit available under Section 63N-2-305.]		
632	[(13)] (12) (a) On or before November 30, 2018, and every three years after 2018, the		
633	Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee shall review the tax credits provided by this section		
634	and make recommendations concerning whether the tax credits should be continued, modified,		
635	or repealed.		
636	(b) In conducting the review required by Subsection $[(13)]$ (12)(a), the Revenue and		
637	Taxation Interim Committee shall:		
638	(i) schedule time on at least one committee agenda to conduct the review;		
639	(ii) invite state agencies, individuals, and organizations concerned with the credits		
640	under review to provide testimony;		
641	(iii) ensure that the recommendations described in this section include an evaluation of:		
642	(A) the cost of the tax credits to the state;		
643	(B) the purpose and effectiveness of the tax credits; and		
644	(C) the extent to which the state benefits from the tax credits; and		
645	(iv) undertake other review efforts as determined by the chairs of the Revenue and		
646	Taxation Interim Committee.		

647 Section 12. Section **63N-2-403** is amended to read:

648	63N-2-403. Duties of the office.		
649	The office shall:		
650	(1) facilitate recycling development zones through state support of county incentives		
651	which encourage development of manufacturing enterprises that use recycling materials		
652	currently collected;		
653	(2) evaluate an application from a county or municipality executive authority to be		
654	designated as a recycling market development zone and determine if the county or municipality		
655	qualifies for that designation;		
656	(3) provide technical assistance to municipalities and counties in developing		
657	applications for designation as a recycling market development zone;		
658	(4) assist counties and municipalities designated as recycling market development		
659	zones in obtaining assistance from the federal government and agencies of the state;		
660	(5) assist a qualified business in obtaining the benefits of an incentive or inducement		
661	program authorized by this part;		
662	(6) monitor the implementation and operation of this part and conduct a continuing		
663	evaluation of the progress made in the recycling market development zone; and		
664	(7) include in the annual written report described in Section [ $63N-2-301$ ] $63N-1-301$ ,		
665	an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program and recommendations for legislation.		
666	Section 13. Section 63N-2-705 is amended to read:		
667	63N-2-705. Reporting.		
668	The office shall provide the following information in the annual written report		
669	described in Section [63N-2-301] 63N-1-301:		
670	(1) the office's success in attracting alternative energy manufacturing projects to the		
671	state and the resulting increase in new state revenues under this part;		
672	(2) the amount of tax credits the office has granted or will grant and the time period		
673	during which the tax credits have been or will be granted; and		
674	(3) the economic impact on the state by comparing new state revenues to tax credits		
675	that have been or will be granted under this part.		
676	Section 14. Section 63N-4-501 is enacted to read:		
677	Part 5. Rural County Economic Development Grant Program		
678	<u>63N-4-501.</u> Title.		

679	This part is known as the "Rural County Economic Development Grant Program."	
680	Section 15. Section 63N-4-502 is enacted to read:	
681	<u>63N-4-502.</u> Definitions.	
682	As used in this part:	
683	(1) "Grant" means a grant available under the Rural County Economic Development	
684	Grant Program created in this part.	
685	(2) "Grant program" means the Rural County Economic Development Grant Program	
686	created in Section 63N-4-503.	
687	(3) "Rural county" means a county of the third class, fourth class, fifth class, or sixth	
688	<u>class.</u>	
689	(4) "Rural partnership board" means the Governor's Rural Partnership Board created in	
690	Section 63C-10-102.	
691	(5) "Qualifying strategic economic development plan" means a rural county economic	
692	development plan created by a rural county, or by a rural county with the assistance of the	
693	Office of Rural Development, to address the economic development needs of the rural county	
694	and which has been reviewed and approved by GOED.	
695	Section 16. Section 63N-4-503 is enacted to read:	
696	63N-4-503. Creation and purpose of the Rural County Economic Development	
697	Grant Program.	
698	(1) There is created the Rural County Economic Development Grant Program.	
699	(2) The grant program shall be administered by GOED and the Office of Rural	
700	Development.	
701	(3) In administering the grant program, GOED and the Office of Rural Development	
702	shall award grants to rural counties to address the economic development needs of rural	
703	counties in accordance with the provisions of this part, which needs may include:	
704	(a) training and technical assistance, such as project planning, business counseling and	
705	training, market research, professional and technical reports, or product or service	
706	improvements;	
707	(b) economic development funding for specific communities within a rural county;	
708	(c) technology-based economic development;	
709	(d) feasibility studies and business plans;	

710	(e) the creation or support of business incubators;		
711	(f) long-term strategic planning for specific business sectors; and		
712	(g) creating or improving a rural county's qualifying strategic economic development		
713	<u>plan.</u>		
714	Section 17. Section 63N-4-504 is enacted to read:		
715	63N-4-504. Requirements for awarding a grant.		
716	(1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,		
717	GOED shall make rules establishing the eligibility and reporting criteria for a rural county to		
718	receive a grant under this part, including:		
719	(a) the form and process for a rural county submitting an application to the Office of		
720	Rural Development for a grant;		
721	(b) the method of scoring and prioritizing grant program applications from rural		
722	counties;		
723	(c) the reporting, auditing, and post-performance requirements for a rural county that		
724	receives a grant under the grant program; and		
725	(d) any deadlines that shall be met by a rural county when applying for a grant under		
726	the grant program.		
727	(2) In determining the award of a grant, GOED and the Office of Rural Development		
728	may prioritize applications that demonstrate any combination of the following:		
729	(a) that the county has or is actively pursuing the creation of an effective qualifying		
730	strategic economic development plan;		
731	(b) consistency with local economic development priorities;		
732	(c) an effective plan to measure and report results;		
733	(d) economic need;		
734	(e) utilization of local financial or in-kind resources in combination with a grant;		
735	(f) evidence that jobs will be created; and		
736	(g) evidence that there will be a positive return on investment.		
737	(3) Subject to legislative appropriation, a grant may only be awarded to a rural county		
738	by the executive director after the following requirements have been met:		
739	(a) the Office of Rural Development has scored and prioritized one or more grant		
740	applications from rural counties in accordance with this part and rules made by the office as		

741	described in Subsection (1);
742	(b) the results of the scoring and prioritization of one or more grant applications are
743	provided to the rural partnership board for the rural partnership board's review and
744	recommendations related to awarding grants under the grant program;
745	(c) the rural partnership board may reject an application for a grant if the rural
746	partnership board determines that the proposed use of the grant would lack positive economic
747	impact, is inconsistent with the state economic development strategy, or would negatively
748	impact municipalities within the rural county; and
749	(d) after the rural partnership board provides a positive recommendation for one or
750	more grant applications, the grant applications are provided for final approval to the Board of
751	Business and Economic Development.
752	Section 18. Section 63N-4-505 is enacted to read:
753	<u>63N-4-505.</u> Indian tribes Application.
754	(1) For purposes of this section:
755	(a) "Indian tribe" has the same meaning as defined in Subsection 9-9-402(6).
756	(b) "Tribal applicant" means the governing authority of an Indian tribe that applies for
757	a grant in accordance with Subsection (2) and the grant program created in Section 63N-4-503.
758	(2) (a) An Indian tribe may apply for a grant under the grant program.
759	(b) A tribal applicant shall follow the application procedure for a rural county as
760	described in this part.
761	Section 19. Section 63N-4-506 is enacted to read:
762	<u>63N-4-506.</u> Reporting.
763	GOED shall include in the annual written report described in Section 63N-1-301, a
764	report describing:
765	(1) grant recipients and the amounts of grant money received by each grant recipient;
766	(2) an evaluation of the effectiveness of awarded grants in improving economic
767	development in rural counties receiving grants; and
768	(3) any recommendations to improve or modify the grant program.
769	Section 20. Repealer.
770	This bill repeals:
771	Section 63N-2-213.5, State tax credits for contributions to a nonprofit corporation.

772	Section 63N-2-301, Title.	
773	Section 63N-2-302, Definitions.	
774	Section 63N-2-303, Duties of the office.	
775	Section 63N-2-304, Application for targeted business income tax credit.	
776	Section 63N-2-305, Targeted business income tax credit structure Revenue and	
777	Taxation Interim Committee study.	
778	Section 63N-3-104, Rural Fast Track Program Creation Funding	
779	Qualifications for program participation Awards Reports.	
780	Section 63N-3-104.5, Business Expansion and Retention Initiative Creation	
781	Funding Qualifications for program participation Awards Reports.	
782	Section 21. Appropriations.	
783	Subsection (13)(a). Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations.	
784	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,	
785	2019, and ending June 30, 2020. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for	
786	fiscal year 2020. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures	
787	Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts	
788	indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.	
789	ITEM 1	
790	To the Governor's Office of Economic Development Rural County Economic	
791	Development Grant Program	
792	From General Fund, One-time \$2,000,000	
793	Schedule of Programs:	
794	Rural County Economic Development Grant	
795	<u>Program</u> \$2,000,000	
796	Subsection (13)(b). Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations.	
797	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,	
798	2020, and ending June 30, 2021. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for	
799	fiscal year 2021. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures	
800	Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts	
801	indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.	
802	ITEM 2	

803	To the Governor's Office of Economic Dev	elopment Rural County Economic	
804	Development Grant Program		
805	From General Fund	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	
806	Schedule of Programs:		
807	Rural County Economic De	velopment Grant	
808	Program	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	
809	Section 22. Retrospective operation.		
810	The repeal of Sections 59-7-614.11, 59-10-1039, 63N-2-213.5, 63N-2-301, 63N-2-302,		
811	63N-2-303, 63N-2-304, and 63N-2-305 in this bill have retrospective operation for a taxable		
812	year beginning on or after January 1, 2019.		