

Rio Grande Plan Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jennifer Dailey-Provost

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill establishes the Rio Grande Financial Advisory Authority working group.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- creates the Rio Grande Financial Advisory Authority working group to identify potential funding sources for the Rio Grande Plan.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:**AMENDS:**

63I-2-263, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

ENACTS:

63N-3-1701, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63I-2-263** is amended to read:

63I-2-263 . Repeal dates: Titles 63A through 63O.

(1) Title 63A, Chapter 2, Part 5, Educational Interpretation and Translation Services

Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2025.

(2) Section 63A-17-806, Definitions -- Infant at Work Pilot Program -- Administration --

Report, is repealed June 30, 2026.

(3) Section 63C-1-103, Appointment and terms of boards, committees, councils, and

commissions transitioning on October 1, 2024, or December 31, 2024, is repealed July 1, 2025.

(4) Section 63C-1-104, Appointment and terms of boards transitioning on October 1, 2024,

is repealed January 1, 2025.

(5) Title 63C, Chapter 29, Domestic Violence Data Task Force, is repealed October 1, 2024.

(6) Subsection 63G-6a-802(1)(e), regarding a procurement for a presidential debate, is repealed January 1, 2025.

(7) Subsection 63G-6a-802(3)(b)(iii), regarding a procurement for a presidential debate, is repealed January 1, 2025.

(8) Subsection 63H-7a-403(2)(b), regarding the charge to maintain the public safety communications network, is repealed July 1, 2033.

(9) Subsection 63J-1-602.2(47), regarding appropriations to the State Tax Commission for deferral reimbursements, is repealed July 1, 2027.

(10) Section 63M-7-221, Expungement working group, is repealed April 30, 2025.

(11) Section 63M-7-504, Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board -- Members, is repealed December 31, 2024.

(12) Section 63M-7-505, Board and office within Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, is repealed December 31, 2024.

(13) Title 63M, Chapter 7, Part 6, Utah Council on Victims of Crime, is repealed December 31, 2024.

(14) Subsection 63N-2-213(12)(a), regarding claiming a tax credit in the same taxable year as the targeted business income tax credit, is repealed December 31, 2024.

(15) Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 3, Targeted Business Income Tax Credit in an Enterprise Zone, is repealed December 31, 2024.

(16) Section 63N-3-1701, Rio Grande Financial Advisory Authority, is repealed August 1, 2026.

Section 2. Section **63N-3-1701** is enacted to read:

Part 17. Rio Grande Plan

63N-3-1701 . Rio Grande Financial Advisory Authority.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Rio Grande Plan" refers to the citizen created proposal to:

(i) return rail service to the Rio Grande Depot as the central train station in Salt Lake City; and

(ii) connect communities by eliminating at-grade rail crossings.

(b) "Working group" means the Rio Grande Financial Advisory Authority created in this section.

(2) There is created a working group called the "Rio Grande Advisory Authority."

65 (3)(a) The working group described in Subsection (2) shall include:

66 (i) one member of the House of Representatives, whom the speaker of the House of
67 Representatives appoints;

68 (ii) one member of the Senate, whom the president of the Senate appoints;

69 (iii) a representative of Salt Lake City, whom the mayor of Salt Lake City appoints;

70 (iv) the chair of the Utah Olympic Committee, or the chair's designee;

71 (v) the executive director of the Utah Transit Authority, or the executive director's
72 designee;

73 (vi) the executive director of the Department of Transportation, or the executive
74 director's designee;

75 (vii) the executive director of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, or the executive
76 director's designee;

77 (viii) the executive director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns, or the executive
78 director's designee;

79 (ix) the executive director of the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, or the
80 executive director's designee; and

81 (x) one representative of the Salt Lake City community councils, as designated by the
82 Salt Lake City mayor, representing:

83 (A) Downtown Community Council;

84 (B) Fairpark Community Council;

85 (C) Ballpark Community Council;

86 (D) Glendale Community Council;

87 (E) Poplar Grove Community Council; and

88 (F) Rose Park Community Council.

89 (b) The executive director of Wasatch Front Regional Council, or the executive
90 director's designee, shall chair the working group.

91 (4) Beginning in May 2025 and ending in May 2026, the working group shall convene at
92 least once every two months to:

93 (a) identify potential sources for funding the Rio Grande Plan including:

94 (i) federal funds;

95 (ii) state funds; and

96 (iii) other funding sources;

97 (b) study:

98 (i) implementation of the Rio Grande Plan;

- (ii) issues of eminent domain; and
- (iii) potential impacts of the project; and
- (c) make recommendations that identified jurisdictions or entities seek applicable grants or funding opportunities.

(5) The working group shall:

- (a) consult with relevant railroad companies operating in the state;
- (b) report to the Transportation Interim Committee no later than July 2026; and
- (c) provide recommendations to:
 - (i) the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity; and
 - (ii) Salt Lake City.

(6) The report described in Subsection (5)(b) may include recommendations to:

- (a) the governor;
- (b) state agencies;
- (c) the Legislature;
- (d) relevant political subdivisions; or
- (e) other entities.

(7)(a) A majority of members of the working group constitutes a quorum.

- (b) The action of a quorum constitutes the action of the working group.

(8) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staffing and administrative support to the working group.

(9) A member of the working group may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses as allowed in:

- (a) Section 63A-3-106;
- (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
- (c) rules made by the Division of Finance according to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.