

Representative Jon Hawkins proposes the following substitute bill:

STATE HOSPITAL AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the State Hospital Relocation Commission.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the advisory State Hospital Relocation Commission (commission);
- directs the commission to evaluate and make recommendations:
 - as to whether the state hospital should be relocated; and
 - for one or more new locations for the state hospital, if the commission determines that the state hospital should be relocated;
- requires the Department of Health and Human Services and the Division of Integrated Healthcare to work with the commission; and
- requires the commission to submit the commission's recommendations in a written report to certain legislative committees by November 1, 2023.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None



Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

63C-29-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63C-29-201, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63C-29-202, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63C-29-203, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63C-29-204, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63C-29-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 29. STATE HOSPITAL RELOCATION COMMISSION

Part 1. General Provisions

63C-29-101. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the State Hospital Relocation Commission created in Section 63C-29-201.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services created in Section 26B-1-201.

(3) "Division" means the Division of Integrated Healthcare created in Section 26B-1-202.

(4) "State hospital" means the Utah State Hospital established in Section 62A-15-601.

Section 2. Section **63C-29-201** is enacted to read:

63C-29-201. State Hospital Relocation Commission -- Voting requirements -- Compensation.

(1) There is created an advisory commission known as the State Hospital Relocation Commission.

(2) The commission consists of the following members:

(a) three members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;

(b) four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party;

(c) the executive director of the department appointed in accordance with Section 26B-1-203, or the executive director's designee; and

(d) the director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management appointed in accordance with Section 63A-5b-302, or the director's designee.

(3) The commission members from the Senate and House of Representatives are voting members of the commission, and the members appointed under Subsections (2)(c) and (d) are nonvoting members of the commission.

(4) The president of the Senate shall appoint one of the commission members from the Senate as cochair of the commission, and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one of the commission members from the House of Representatives as cochair of the commission.

(5) The president of the Senate may remove a member appointed under Subsection (2)(a), and the speaker of the House of Representatives may remove a member appointed under Subsection (2)(b).

(6) A vacancy of a member appointed under Subsection (2)(a) or (b) shall be filled in the same manner as an appointment of the member whose departure from the commission creates the vacancy.

(7) A commission member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed or qualified.

(8) (a) A majority of the voting commission members constitutes a quorum.

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

(9) The commission may adopt bylaws to govern the commission's operations and proceedings.

(10) (a) A commission member who is a legislator shall be paid salary and expenses in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

(b) A commission member who is not a legislator may not receive compensation or benefits for the commission member's service.

(c) A commission member who is not a legislator may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

(i) Section 63A-3-106;

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

(iii) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections [63A-3-106](#) and [63A-3-107](#).

(11) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the commission.

(12) The commission shall comply with the provisions of Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

Section 3. Section **63C-29-202** is enacted to read:

63C-29-202. Powers and duties.

(1) (a) The commission shall carefully and deliberately consider, study, and evaluate whether the state hospital should be relocated.

(b) In consideration of whether the state hospital should be relocated, the commission shall consider:

(i) whether the current state hospital location adequately serves the state population that receives state hospital services;

(ii) whether relocating the state hospital is necessary to assist the division in fulfilling the division's directives as part of the state's comprehensive mental health program as described in Section [62A-15-103](#);

(iii) whether the current state hospital location is effective for coordination with local mental health authority programs; and

(iv) whether the current state hospital location is adequate to meet the security responsibilities of the division.

(c) The commission may not:

(i) consider or evaluate future uses of the property on which the state hospital is currently located;

(ii) make recommendations concerning the future use or development of the land on which the state hospital is currently located; or

(iii) make any commitments or enter into any contracts for the acquisition of land on which the state hospital is currently located.

(2) (a) If the commission determines that the state hospital should be relocated, the commission shall carefully and deliberately study and recommend one or more new locations for the state hospital.

(b) In recommending a new location for the state hospital, the commission shall consider:

(i) whether a proposed new location:

(A) can adequately serve the state population that receives state hospital services;

(B) can assist the division in fulfilling the division's directives as part of the state's comprehensive mental health program;

(C) is suitable for effective coordination with local mental health authority programs;

and

(D) will adequately meet the security responsibilities of the division; and

(ii) any costs to the state to acquire property at a proposed new location.

(3) The commission may:

(a) meet as many times as the commission considers necessary or advisable in order to fulfill the commission's responsibilities under this chapter; and

(b) hire or direct the hiring of one or more consultants with experience or expertise in a subject under consideration by the commission, to assist the commission in fulfilling the commission's duties under this part.

Section 4. Section **63C-29-203** is enacted to read:

63C-29-203. Agency cooperation.

The department and the division shall work cooperatively with the commission to help ensure that the commission receives, as requested, any information necessary to inform the commission's recommendation.

Section 5. Section **63C-29-204** is enacted to read:

63C-29-204. Report and recommendation.

(1) No later than November 1, 2023, the commission shall submit a written report to the following:

- (a) the Executive Appropriations Committee;
- (b) the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee; and
- (c) the Health and Human Services Interim Committee.

(2) The report shall include:

- (a) an account of the commission's work;
- (b) the commission's recommendation as to whether the state hospital should be

150 relocated; and
151 (c) if the commission determines that the state hospital should be moved, a
152 recommended new location for the state hospital.