

**Representative Stephen G. Handy** proposes the following substitute bill:

**FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions to codify Utah's farm to school program.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Utah Farm to Fork Commission (commission);
- ▶ provides the membership and duties of the commission; and
- ▶ allows the commission to establish or coordinate with a task force to fulfill the commission's duties.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**63C-25-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63C-25-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63C-25-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **63C-25-101** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 25. UTAH FARM TO FORK COMMISSION**

**Part 1. General Provisions**

**63C-25-101. Definitions.**

(1) "Childcare" center means a licensed childcare center that participates in a federal program that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children who are enrolled for care at participating childcare centers.

(2) "Commission" means the Utah Farm to Fork Commission created in Section [63C-25-201](#).

(3) "School" means any accredited K-12 school in the state.

(4) "Statewide farm to school strategic plan" means statewide plan to connect schools with nearby farms to:

(a) provide children with locally produced fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, and other nutritious, locally produced foods in school breakfasts, lunches, and snacks;

(b) help children develop healthy eating habits;

(c) provide nutritional and agricultural education; and

(d) improve farmers' incomes and direct access to markets.

Section 2. Section **63C-25-201** is enacted to read:

**Part 2. Commission Duties**

**63C-25-201. Utah Farm to Fork Commission.**

(1) There is created the Utah Farm to Fork Commission.

(2) The commission consists of the following three members:

(a) the executive director of the Department of Health or the executive director's designee from among Department of Health employees;

(b) the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food or the commissioner's designee from among Department of Agriculture and Food employees; and

(c) the state superintendent of public instruction appointed under Section [53E-3-301](#) or the state superintendent's designee from among State Board of Education employees.

(3) A commission member may not receive salary or expenses for the member's service

57 on the commission other than the existing salary and benefits related to the member's state  
58 employment.

59 (4) (a) A majority of the commission members constitutes a quorum.

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

61 (5) The Department of Health, the Department of Agriculture and Food, and the State  
62 Board of Education shall:

63 (a) provide one full-time employee each to oversee each entity's participation in the  
64 statewide farm to school strategic plan; and

65 (b) jointly provide staff support to the commission.

66 Section 3. Section **63C-25-202** is enacted to read:

67 **63C-25-202. Commission duties.**

68 (1) The commission shall:

69 (a) identify impediments to providing locally produced fresh fruits and vegetables,  
70 dairy products, and other nutritious, locally produced foods in school breakfasts, lunches, and  
71 snacks and seek to reduce those impediments;

72 (b) advise other state agencies and local agencies on actions to promote farm to school  
73 programs;

74 (c) promote communications between local farmers and schools and childcare centers  
75 and sales of food from local farmers to schools and childcare centers;

76 (d) develop a statewide farm to school strategic plan;

77 (e) maintain a farm to school knowledge base, including a database of producers,  
78 school gardens, and other relevant resources;

79 (f) host training or conference events for:

80 (i) school food service personnel and managers, farmers, and food distributors and  
81 processors concerning farm to school programs and food safety and procurement; and

82 (ii) knowledge and resources to farmers regarding sales within the farm to school  
83 strategic plan;

84 (g) establish a promotional program that provides educational resources for  
85 classrooms, cafeterias, and gardens that showcase Utah-grown foods; and

86 (h) provide information on a website concerning the statewide farm to school strategic  
87 plan.

88           (2) The commission may establish or coordinate with a task force to fulfill the duties  
89 described in this section.