

Sen. Derrin Owens represents District 27, covering parts of Garfield, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Utah, Washington and Wayne counties. He began his legislative service as a member of the Utah House of Representatives in 2015 before joining the Senate in 2021. Sen. Owens chairs the Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Committee. He also serves on the Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee, the Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee and the Economic and Community Development Appropriations Subcommittee.

Sen. Owens grew up in the White Mountains of Arizona and moved to Sanpete County after serving a two-year mission in Chicago for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He played football at Snow College, where he met his wife, Heather. In 1992, he became a teacher and coach at Juab High School. After many years in the classroom, he earned a master's degree in education and school counseling, and went on to work as a high school counselor. After 30 years, he returned to Snow College as part of the Business Department, overseeing the Small Business Development Center, Economic Development and Continuing Education efforts.

Sen. Owens and his wife have five children and live in Fountain Green.