



# TRAUMATIC HEAD AND SPINAL CORD INJURY REHABILITATION FUND

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
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ISSUE BRIEF

## SUMMARY

As part of the reorganization of appropriations acts, the Analyst recommends that the committee vote to include the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Fund. The Executive Appropriations Committee approved this reorganization of the appropriations acts on November 13, 2012. Based on current law (UCA 26-54, the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Fund receives its revenue from appropriations from the Legislature, gifts, and a portion of impound fees to assist charitable clinics providing rehabilitation services for the post-acute-care of people with traumatic spinal cord and brain injuries and can spend all revenues without additional Legislative action. The Fund ended FY 2012 with a balance of \$28,400.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

- As part of the reorganization of appropriations acts, the Analyst recommends that the committee vote to include the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Fund.

## DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### *Why Are we Proposing This Change?*

On November 13 the Executive Appropriations Committee approved reorganization of appropriations acts so that they will more clearly identify different types of transactions. Under the reorganization, operating and capital appropriations – typically thought of as “the budget” – will be presented in separate subsections from items that approve business-like activities, review fiduciary funds, or simply move money from one account to another. The reorganization will not only more clearly communicate the legislature’s intent to state agencies and the Division of Finance, it will also allow readers to more easily compare appropriations acts to other budget documents like the Governor’s recommendations and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The reorganization also allows legislative staff to present more and better information about certain types of financial activity. Because transactions are now presented and summarized by type, all activity in self-spending “restricted special revenue” funds and enterprise funds can be shown without risk of double-counting. This year, staff is expanding and improving reporting on funds and accounts previously included in appropriations acts, and will over time add other funds not previously shown.

### *What is the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Fund?*

One such fund is the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Fund. This Fund receives its revenue from appropriations from the Legislature, gifts, and a portion of impound fees to assist charitable clinics providing rehabilitation services for the post-acute-care of people with traumatic spinal cord and brain injuries as per UCA 26-54.

The Traumatic Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Fund Advisory Committee oversees the funds going to charitable clinics to provide: (a) physical, occupational, and speech therapy; and (b) equipment necessary for daily living activities for people with spinal cord and brain injuries as well as all actual and necessary operating expenses for the advisory committee and staff.

The Fund ended FY 2012 with a balance of \$28,400. This ending balance should have been \$200,000 higher, but a \$200,000 was temporarily placed in the wrong fund. This \$200,000 was placed in this fund in FY 2013.