

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM TASK FORCE

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: D. Chris Butters

House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Hospital Emergency Room Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Hospital Emergency Room Task Force;
- ▶ designates the membership of the task force; and
- ▶ designates the duties of the task force.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates from the General Fund for fiscal year 2009-10, only:

- ▶ \$15,000 to the Senate; and
- ▶ \$20,000 to the House of Representatives.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill is repealed on November 30, 2009.

Uncodified Material Affected:

ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

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

**Section 1. Hospital Emergency Room Task Force -- Creation -- Membership --
Interim rules followed -- Compensation -- Staff.**

(1) There is created the Hospital Emergency Room Task Force consisting of the



28 following 12 members:

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

31 (b) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
32 House of Representatives, no more than five of whom may be from the same political party.

33 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
34 under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the committee.

35 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
36 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the committee.

37 (3) In conducting its business, the committee shall comply with the rules of legislative
38 interim committees.

39 (4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the committee shall be paid in accordance
40 with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Expense and Mileage
41 Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto Override
42 Sessions.

43 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
44 to the committee.

45 **Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.**

46 (1) The committee shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

47 (a) how to determine the appropriate use of hospital emergency rooms;

48 (b) how to create incentives to decrease inappropriate use of hospital emergency
49 rooms;

50 (c) ways to support the availability of appropriate staffing of emergency rooms,
51 including availability of specialists for emergency care; and

52 (d) alternatives for emergency room care and how to develop and fund those
53 alternatives.

54 (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the Health
55 and Human Services Interim Committee before November 30, 2009.

56 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

57 There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2009-10 only:

58 (1) \$15,000 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the

59 committee; and
60 (2) \$20,000 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses
61 of representatives on the committee.
62 Section 4. **Repeal date.**
63 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2009.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill appropriates \$35,000 from the General Fund for FY 2010 only. These funds will be distributed \$15,000 to the Senate and \$20,000 to the House of Representatives.

	<u>2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund, One-Time	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.