

Budget Brief – Sports Authority

NUMBER 10-08

SUMMARY

During the 2007 General Session SB 167 S2 passed creating the Utah Sports Authority and transferring oversight of the Pete Suazo Athletic Commission to the newly created entity. As a result \$170,000 was transferred to provide the operation of the Pete Suazo Athletic Commission. An additional \$200,000 one-time was provided to help with the operations of the Authority. However, at this point an administration has not been set up and as a result funding has not been spent. Finally, \$3,000,000 was appropriated to the Authority to pass-through to the Sports Commission. The structure of the commission as set up in statute is detailed below.

Structure:

- Seven Members: three appointed by Governor, 2 appointed by the President of the Senate, 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House
- The Sports Authority elects its chair
- Members serve four year terms. However the appointments are staggered so that new appointments are made every two years.
- Members receive per diem
- Four members of the Authority constitute a quorum.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At this point the structure has not been established and as a result the Sports Authority is in a state of transition. The Analyst recommends monitoring the developments of the Sports Authority in the Interim.

Powers and Duties of the Authority

- The Authority may hire a director to be staff to the authority
- The Authority provides the oversight for the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission
- The Authority may hire employees to carry out budgetary duties as monetary constraints allow.
- The Authority may solicit or receive funds from outside sources and may use these funds to coordinate and enhance sporting opportunities in Utah
- The Authority may contract with existing non-profits for sports development in the state. They may also partner with a number of other entities to promote sporting opportunities throughout the state.

GOED Administrative Support

Currently the Governor's Office of Economic Development is providing the administrative and budget support to the Sports Authority.

BUDGET DETAIL

The General Fund appropriated to the Sports Authority is used mainly for staff support and some current expense related to the Pete Suazo Athletic Commission.

Budget Recommendation for FY 2009

The Analyst recommends a base appropriation of \$180,000 for the Sports Authority.

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

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	FY 2007	FY 2008		FY 2008		FY 2009*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Base Budget
General Fund	0	170,000	0	170,000	0	170,000
General Fund, One-time	0	3,225,000	0	3,225,000	(3,225,000)	0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
Total	\$0	\$3,395,000	\$10,000	\$3,405,000	(\$3,225,000)	\$180,000
Programs						
Utah Sports Authority	0	3,395,000	10,000	3,405,000	(3,225,000)	180,000
Total	\$0	\$3,395,000	\$10,000	\$3,405,000	(\$3,225,000)	\$180,000
Categories of Expenditure						
Personal Services	0	170,000	(63,500)	106,500	0	106,500
In-State Travel	0	0	5,400	5,400	0	5,400
Current Expense	0	200,000	(136,700)	63,300	0	63,300
DP Current Expense	0	0	4,800	4,800	0	4,800
Other Charges/Pass Thru	0	3,025,000	200,000	3,225,000	(3,225,000)	0
Total	\$0	\$3,395,000	\$10,000	\$3,405,000	(\$3,225,000)	\$180,000
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.