



# H.B. 85 State Sovereignty Amendments

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(Section 1 of the bill, 53-2a-203)

H.B. 85 defines international organizations as the United Nations, the World Economic Forum, or the World Health Organization.

### **International Organizations Have No Jurisdiction**

(Section 5 of the bill, 63G-16-102)

H.B. 85 declares that international organizations have no power, jurisdiction, or legal authority in Utah. The bill further prohibits the state, any state agency, or a local government from implementing or enforcing a directive of an international organization.

This applies to any rule, resolution, tax, policy, or mandate issued by an international organization.

### **Declaring a State of Emergency – Governor**

(Section 3 of the bill, 53-2a-206(1)(b))

Existing law authorizes the Governor to declare or terminate a state of emergency.

H.B. 85 prohibits the Governor from declaring a state of emergency if that declaration is exclusively in response to a declaration of a state of emergency from an international organization.

### **Local Government Evacuation Orders**

(Section 2 of the bill, 53-2a-205)

Current statutes provide that local governments can order evacuations to protect life and property during a declared state of emergency. H.B. 85 would prohibit the chief executive in any political subdivisions of the state from ordering evacuations if the order is based solely in response to a declared state of emergency by an international organization.

### **Declaring a State of Emergency – Local Government Chief Executives**

(Section 4 of the bill, 53-2a-208)

Current statutes provide that the chief executive officer of a municipality or county may declare a state of emergency under specific circumstances.

H.B. 85 prohibits the chief executive officer of a municipality or county from declaring a state of emergency exclusively in response to a state of emergency proclamation by an international organization.