

1 **HEALTH INSURANCE POOL**

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3 STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

6 **General Description:**

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8 This bill amends the Budgetary Procedures Act to provide guidance to the governor and
9 the Legislature regarding factors to consider when preparing the budget to fund the
10 Utah Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

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14 Legislature regarding factors to consider when preparing the budget to fund the
15 Utah Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool.

16 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2004.

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **63-38-2 (Effective 07/01/04)**, as last amended by Chapter 171, Laws of Utah 2003

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

24 Section 1. Section **63-38-2 (Effective 07/01/04)** is amended to read:

25 **63-38-2 (Effective 07/01/04). Governor to submit budget to Legislature --**

26 **Contents -- Preparation -- Appropriations based on current tax laws and not to exceed**
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28 **estimated revenues.**

29 (1) (a) The governor shall, within three days after the convening of the Legislature in
30 the annual general session, submit a budget for the ensuing fiscal year by delivering it to the
31 presiding officer of each house of the Legislature together with a schedule for all of the
32 proposed appropriations of the budget, clearly itemized and classified.

33 (b) The budget message shall include a projection of estimated revenues and
34 expenditures for the next fiscal year.

35 (2) At least 34 days before the submission of any budget, the governor shall deliver a
36 confidential draft copy of his proposed budget recommendations to the Office of the
37 Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

38 (3) (a) The budget shall contain a complete plan of proposed expenditures and
39 estimated revenues for the next fiscal year based upon the current fiscal year state tax laws and
40 rates.

41 (b) The budget may be accompanied by a separate document showing proposed
42 expenditures and estimated revenues based on changes in state tax laws or rates.

43 (4) The budget shall be accompanied by a statement showing:

44 (a) the revenues and expenditures for the last fiscal year;

45 (b) the current assets, liabilities, and reserves, surplus or deficit, and the debts and
46 funds of the state;

47 (c) an estimate of the state's financial condition as of the beginning and the end of the
48 period covered by the budget;

49 (d) a complete analysis of lease with an option to purchase arrangements entered into
50 by state agencies;

51 (e) the recommendations for each state agency for new full-time employees for the next
52 fiscal year; which recommendation should be provided also to the State Building Board under
53 Subsection 63A-5-103(2);

54 (f) any explanation the governor may desire to make as to the important features of the
55 budget and any suggestion as to methods for the reduction of expenditures or increase of the
56 state's revenue; and

57 (g) the information detailing certain regulatory fee increases required by Section
58 63-38-3.2.

- 59 (5) The budget shall include an itemized estimate of the appropriations for:
- 60 (a) the Legislative Department as certified to the governor by the president of the
- 61 Senate and the speaker of the House;
- 62 (b) the Executive Department;
- 63 (c) the Judicial Department as certified to the governor by the state court administrator;
- 64 (d) payment and discharge of the principal and interest of the indebtedness of the state;
- 65 (e) the salaries payable by the state under the Utah Constitution or under law for the
- 66 lease agreements planned for the next fiscal year;
- 67 (f) other purposes that are set forth in the Utah Constitution or under law; and
- 68 (g) all other appropriations.
- 69 (6) Deficits or anticipated deficits shall be included in the budget.
- 70 (7) (a) (i) For the purpose of preparing and reporting the budget, the governor shall
- 71 require from the proper state officials, including public and higher education officials, all heads
- 72 of executive and administrative departments and state institutions, bureaus, boards,
- 73 commissions, and agencies expending or supervising the expenditure of the state moneys, and
- 74 all institutions applying for state moneys and appropriations, itemized estimates of revenues
- 75 and expenditures.
- 76 (ii) (A) The governor may also require other information under these guidelines and at
- 77 times as the governor may direct.
- 78 (B) These guidelines may include a requirement for program productivity and
- 79 performance measures, where appropriate, with emphasis on outcome indicators.
- 80 (b) The estimate for the Legislative Department as certified by the presiding officers of
- 81 both houses shall be included in the budget without revision by the governor.
- 82 (c) The estimate for the Judicial Department, as certified by the state court
- 83 administrator, shall also be included in the budget without revision, but the governor may make
- 84 separate recommendations on it.
- 85 (d) The governor may require the attendance at budget meetings of representatives of
- 86 public and higher education, state departments and institutions, and other institutions or
- 87 individuals applying for state appropriations.
- 88 (e) The governor may revise all estimates, except those relating to the Legislative
- 89 Department, the Judicial Department, and those providing for the payment of principal and

90 interest to the state debt and for the salaries and expenditures specified by the Utah
91 Constitution or under the laws of the state.

92 (8) The total appropriations requested for expenditures authorized by the budget may
93 not exceed the estimated revenues from taxes, fees, and all other sources for the next ensuing
94 fiscal year.

95 (9) If any item of the budget as enacted is held invalid upon any ground, the invalidity
96 does not affect the budget itself or any other item in it.

97 (10) (a) In submitting the budgets for the Departments of Health and Human Services
98 and the Office of the Attorney General, the governor shall consider a separate recommendation
99 in his budget for funds to be contracted to:

100 (i) local mental health authorities under Section 62A-15-110;

101 (ii) local substance abuse authorities under Section 62A-15-110;

102 (iii) area agencies under Section 62A-3-104.2;

103 (iv) programs administered directly by and for operation of the Divisions of Substance
104 Abuse and Mental Health and Aging and Adult Services;

105 (v) local health departments under Title 26A, Chapter 1, Local Health [~~Department~~
106 Act] Departments; and

107 (vi) counties for the operation of Children's Justice Centers under Section 67-5b-102.

108 (b) In his budget recommendations under Subsections (10)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii), the
109 governor shall consider an amount sufficient to grant local health departments, local mental
110 health authorities, local substance abuse authorities, and area agencies the same percentage
111 increase for wages and benefits that he includes in his budget for persons employed by the
112 state.

113 (c) If the governor does not include in his budget an amount sufficient to grant the
114 increase described in Subsection (10)(b), he shall include a message to the Legislature
115 regarding his reason for not including that amount.

116 (11) (a) In submitting the budget for the Division of Services for People with
117 Disabilities, the Division of Child and Family Services, and the Division of Juvenile Justice
118 Services within the Department of Human Services, the governor shall consider an amount
119 sufficient to grant employees of corporations that provide direct services under contract with
120 those divisions, the same percentage increase for cost-of-living that he includes in his budget

121 for persons employed by the state.

122 (b) If the governor does not include in his budget an amount sufficient to grant the
123 increase described in Subsection (11)(a), he shall include a message to the Legislature
124 regarding his reason for not including that amount.

125 (12) (a) The Families, Agencies, and Communities Together Council may propose to
126 the governor under Subsection 63-75-4(4)(e) a budget recommendation for collaborative
127 service delivery systems operated under Section 63-75-6.5.

128 (b) The Legislature may, through a specific program schedule, designate funds
129 appropriated for collaborative service delivery systems operated under Section 63-75-6.5.

130 (13) The governor shall include in his budget the state's portion of the budget for the
131 Utah Communications Agency Network established in Title 63C, Chapter 7, Utah
132 Communications Agency Network Act.

133 (14) (a) The governor shall include a separate recommendation in the governor's
134 budget for funds to maintain the operation and administration of the Utah Comprehensive
135 Health Insurance Pool.

136 (b) In making the recommendation the governor may consider:

137 (i) actuarial analysis of growth or decline in enrollment projected over a period of at
138 least three years;

139 (ii) actuarial analysis of the medical and pharmacy claims costs projected over a period
140 of at least three years;

141 (iii) the annual Medical Care Consumer Price Index;

142 (iv) the annual base budget for the pool established by the Joint Tax and Revenue
143 Appropriations Subcommittee for each fiscal year;

144 (v) the growth or decline in insurance premium taxes and fees collected by the tax
145 commission and the insurance department; and

146 (vi) the availability of surplus General Fund revenue under Section 63-38-2.5 and
147 Subsection 59-14-204(5)(b).

148 ~~[(14)]~~ (15) In adopting a budget for each fiscal year, the Legislature shall consider an
149 amount sufficient to grant local health departments, local mental health authorities, local
150 substance abuse authorities, and area agencies on aging the same percentage increase for wages
151 and benefits that is included in the budget for persons employed by the state.

152 (16) (a) In adopting a budget each year for the Utah Comprehensive Health Insurance
153 Pool, the Legislature shall determine an amount that is sufficient to fund the pool for each
154 fiscal year.

155 (b) When making a determination under Subsection (16)(a), the Legislature shall
156 consider factors it determines are appropriate, which may include:

157 (i) actuarial analysis of growth or decline in enrollment projected over a period of at
158 least three years;

159 (ii) actuarial analysis of the medical and pharmacy claims costs projected over a period
160 of at least three years;

161 (iii) the annual Medical Care Consumer Price Index;

162 (iv) the annual base budget for the pool established by the Joint Tax and Revenue
163 Appropriations Subcommittee for each fiscal year;

164 (v) the growth or decline in insurance premium taxes and fees collected by the tax
165 commission and the insurance department from the previous fiscal year; and

166 (vi) the availability of surplus General Fund revenue under Section 63-38-2.5 and
167 Subsection 59-14-204(5)(b).

168 (c) The funds appropriated by the Legislature to fund the Utah Comprehensive Health
169 Insurance Pool as determined under this Subsection (16)(c):

170 (i) shall be deposited into the enterprise fund established by Section 31A-29-120; and

171 (ii) are restricted and are to be used to maintain the operation, administration, and
172 management of the Utah Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool created by Section
173 31A-29-104.

174 **Section 2. Effective date.**

175 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2004.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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Health Insurance Pool

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State Impact

Any fiscal impact required to implement provisions of this bill can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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