

**GAPS ANALYSIS OF CURRENT APPROACHES
TO COVERING THE UNINSURED AND
UNDERINSURED TASK FORCE**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Steven R. Mascaro

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Gaps Analysis of Current Approaches to Covering the Uninsured and Underinsured Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates a task force to analyze gaps in current approaches to providing comprehensive, affordable, accessible, and quality health care for the uninsured and the underinsured; and
- ▶ focuses on the extent to which each approach reduces the use of uncompensated health care, contributes to improved health outcomes, and how successful each program is in leveraging both public and private resources.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2004-05 only:

- ▶ \$2,500 to the Senate;
- ▶ \$5,000 to the House of Representatives; and
- ▶ \$20,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill is repealed on November 30, 2004.



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

Section 1. Gaps Analysis of Current Approaches to Covering the Uninsured and Underinsured Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.

(1) There is created the Gaps Analysis of Current Approaches to Covering the Uninsured and Underinsured Task Force consisting of the following six Legislative members and nine ex officio members:

(a) two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than one of whom may be from the same political party;

(b) four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;

(c) nine ex officio members appointed by the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives including:

(i) four members from the Department of Health, including:

(A) the executive director or designee;

(B) the director or designee of the Division of Health Care Financing;

(C) the director or designee of the Children's Health Insurance Program and Access Initiative; and

(D) the director or designee of the Health Systems Improvement Program;

(ii) the executive director or a designee of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool;

(iii) a member representing a federally qualified health center located in the state; and

(iv) three members from the general public with demonstrated expertise and interest in private and public sector approaches to covering the uninsured and underinsured.

(2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

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

(3) A majority of the legislative members of the task force constitute a quorum. The action of a majority of a legislative quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

(4) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

(b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation

for the member's work associated with the task force, but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as an ex officio member of the task force at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the task force.

Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.

(1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

(a) review the current approaches to covering the uninsured and the underinsured and addressing the need for comprehensive, affordable, accessible, and quality health care, including:

(i) the Utah Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool;

(ii) the Primary Care State Network;

(iii) the state Primary Care Grants Program; and

(iv) other relevant approaches identified by the task force;

(b) the cost effectiveness and public health impact of the programs in Subsection (1)(a) in terms of the following:

(i) the extent to which each program reduces the use of uncompensated care;

(ii) the extent to which each contributes to improved health outcomes; and

(iii) the success of each program in leveraging federal and private sector financial resources for covering the uninsured and underinsured; and

(c) other issues that may be recommended by the task force including a review of available studies and reports.

(2) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee before November 30, 2004.

Section 3. Appropriation.

There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 only:

(1) \$2,500 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the task force;

(2) \$5,000 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses of representatives on the task force; and

(3) \$20,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for

90 staffing the task force.

91 Section 4. **Repeal date.**

92 This bill is repealed on November 30, 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

Fiscal Note
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State Impact

This bill appropriates \$27,500 from the General Fund in FY 2005. The funds will be distributed \$2,500 to the Senate, \$5,000 to the House of Representatives, and \$20,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$27,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$27,500	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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