

CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL HEALTH

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: James M. Evans

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Health Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Center for Multicultural Health within the Department of Health;
- ▶ specifies the center's duties;
- ▶ appropriates monies for the center; and
- ▶ requires annual reporting to the Legislature.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

▶ as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$100,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 to the Department of Health to fund the Center for Multicultural Health.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-7-2, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26-7-2** is enacted to read:



28 **26-7-2. Center for Multicultural Health -- Duties.**

29 (1) As used in this section, "multicultural and minority health issues" means health,
30 including mental and oral health, issues of particular interest to cultural, ethnic, racial, or other
31 subpopulations, including:

32 (a) disparities in:

33 (i) disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality, treatment, and treatment
34 response; and

35 (ii) access to care; and

36 (b) cultural competency in the delivery of health care.

37 (2) There is created within the department the Center for Multicultural Health.

38 (3) The Center for Multicultural Health shall:

39 (a) promote and coordinate the research, data production and dissemination, education,
40 and health promotion activities of the department, local health departments, local mental health
41 authorities, public schools, community-based organizations, and other organizations within the
42 state as they relate to multicultural and minority health issues;

43 (b) assist in the development and implementation of programs to address multicultural
44 and minority health issues;

45 (c) promote the dissemination and use of information on multicultural and minority
46 health issues by minority populations, health care providers, and others;

47 (d) seek federal funding and other resources to accomplish its mission;

48 (e) provide technical assistance to entities within the state seeking funding to study or
49 address multicultural and minority health issues;

50 (f) provide staff assistance to any advisory committee created by the department to
51 study multicultural and minority health issues; and

52 (g) annually report to the Legislature on its activities and accomplishments.

53 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

54 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated
55 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2004-05, \$100,000 to the Department of Health to fund
56 the personnel costs of the Center for Multicultural Health.

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

State Impact

This bill appropriates \$100,000, starting in FY 2005, to the Department of Health to fund a Center for Multicultural Health.

	<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	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.
