

CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL HEALTH

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: D. Chris Butters

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the duties of the Center for Multicultural Health and increases the center's funding.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the duties of the Center for Multicultural Health within the Department of Health;
- ▶ creates additional duties for the center;
- ▶ increases the ongoing appropriation to fund the center; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$300,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2005-06 to the Department of Health to fund the Center for Multicultural Health.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-7-2, as enacted by Chapter 286, Laws of Utah 2004

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



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

29 **26-7-2. Center for Multicultural Health -- Duties.**

30 (1) As used in this section, "multicultural and minority health issues" means health,
31 including mental and oral health, issues of particular [~~interest~~] concern to [~~cultural, ethnic,~~]
32 racial, ethnic, or other cultural subpopulations, whose health outcomes are or may be
33 compromised as a direct or indirect result of their racial, ethnic, or cultural minority status,
34 including:

35 (a) disparities in:

36 (i) disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality, treatment, and treatment
37 response; and

38 (ii) access to health care and health insurance coverage; and

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

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

41 (3) The Center for Multicultural Health shall:

42 (a) promote and coordinate the research, data production and dissemination, education,
43 and health promotion and screening activities of the department, local health departments, local
44 mental health authorities, public schools, community-based organizations, Indian tribes, and
45 other private and public sector organizations within the state as they relate to multicultural and
46 minority health issues;

47 (b) [~~assist in~~] facilitate the development [~~and~~], implementation, and evaluation of
48 programs and initiatives to [~~address multicultural and minority health issues~~] reduce health
49 disparities and improve health outcomes of multicultural and minority populations;

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

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

53 (e) provide technical assistance to public and private sector entities within the state
54 seeking funding to study [~~or~~] and address multicultural and minority health issues;

55 (f) provide [~~staff~~] assistance to any advisory committee created by the department to
56 study multicultural and minority health issues[~~; and~~] and assist the committee within its topical
57 advisory capacity in achieving:

58 (i) objectives identified by the United States Department of Health and Human

59 Services Healthy People 2010 Initiative; and
60 (ii) priorities identified by the Utah Ethnic Health Advisory Committee;
61 (g) create a partnership between the public and private sectors to facilitate the
62 development and implementation of minimum standards for the delivery of culturally and
63 linguistically competent health care services;
64 (h) in partnership with medical and educational institutions, promote and encourage
65 initiatives to ensure greater minority representation within the health care workforce; and
66 [(g)] (i) annually report to the Legislature on its activities and accomplishments.
67 **Section 2. Appropriation.**
68 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated
69 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2005-06, \$300,000 to the Department of Health to fund
70 the increased personnel costs of the Center for Multicultural Health.

Legislative Review Note
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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

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State Impact

This bill provides for an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$300,000 for the Center for Multicultural Health within the Department of Health

	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

Individuals may benefit to the extent the Center helps to improve access to health care and health insurance coverage.

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