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L	TELEHEALTH FOR RURAL UTAH
2	2006 GENERAL SESSION
}	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Beverly Ann Evans
	House Sponsor: Gordon E. Snow
	LONG TITLE
	General Description:
	This bill amends the duties of the Utah Digital Health Commission.
	Highlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	<ul> <li>amends the duties of the Utah Digital Health Commission.</li> </ul>
	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
	This bill appropriates:
	► as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$500,000 from the
	General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07 to the University of Utah for the Utah
	Telehealth Network.
	Other Special Clauses:
	None
	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
	AMENDS:
	26-9f-104, as last amended by Chapter 209, Laws of Utah 2003
	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 26-9f-104 is amended to read:
	26-9f-104. Duties and responsibilities.
	The commission shall:
	(1) advise and make recommendations on telehealth issues to the department, the Utah
	Technology Commission, and other state entities;

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30	(2) promote collaborative efforts to establish technical compatibility, uniform policies,
31	and privacy features to meet legal, financial, commercial, and other societal requirements;
32	(3) serve as a clearinghouse on emerging telehealth technologies;
33	(4) identify, address, and seek to resolve the legal, ethical, regulatory, financial,
34	medical, and technological issues that may serve as barriers to telehealth;
35	(5) explore and encourage the development of telehealth systems as a means of
36	reducing health costs and increasing health care quality and access, including assisting rural
37	health care providers with access to or development of electronic medical records;
38	(6) seek public input on telehealth issues;
39	(7) educate the public, state officials, and the health care community on telehealth
40	issues; and
41	(8) advise the governor and Legislature on:
42	(a) the role of telehealth in the state;
43	(b) the policy issues related to telehealth;
14	(c) the changing telehealth needs and resources in the state; and
45	(d) state budgetary matters related to telehealth.
46	Section 2. Appropriation.
<b>1</b> 7	As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated
48	from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07, \$500,000 to the University of Utah for the Utah
19	Telehealth Network.