

**RECOVERY OF FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT  
FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLEGAL  
IMMIGRANTS**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen W. Morgan**

Senate Sponsor: Brent H. Goodfellow

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill directs the ~~H→~~ [attorney general] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel ~~←H~~ to complete a study of all available remedies the state may have in seeking reimbursement from the federal government for costs incurred by the state resulting from illegal immigration.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ directs the ~~H→~~ [attorney general] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel ~~←H~~ to complete a study of all available remedies to recover any moneys owing from the federal government to the state for the reimbursement of costs incurred by the state resulting from illegal immigration; and

▶ directs the ~~H→~~ [attorney general] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel ~~←H~~ to file a written report with the governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee that details the findings of the study.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Uncodified Material Affected:**

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

30 Section 1. **Study of available remedies for the recovery of federal reimbursement**  
31 **for costs associated with illegal immigration -- Reported findings.**

32 (1) The Legislature finds that:

33 (a) the costs incurred by the state in addressing illegal immigration have increased in  
34 recent years;

35 (b) the areas in which these costs have been incurred include identifying illegal  
36 immigrants, processing illegal immigrants through the criminal justice system, incarcerating  
37 illegal immigrants, and providing education, medical assistance, health care, and foster care for  
38 illegal immigrants;

39 (c) federal funding to assist states in dealing with illegal immigration has decreased;  
40 and

41 (d) the federal government is asking state governments to use more of their own funds  
42 to enforce federal immigration laws and preserve homeland security, which are essentially  
43 federal responsibilities.

44 (2) The ~~H~~→ [attorney general] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel ←~~H~~  
44a shall conduct a study and review of all available state  
45 remedies to recover any moneys owing from the federal government to the state for the  
46 reimbursement of costs incurred by the state resulting from illegal immigration.

47 (3) On or before November 1, 2008, the ~~H~~→ [attorney general] Office of Legislative  
47a Research and General Counsel ←~~H~~ shall file a written report with  
48 the governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
49 chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee that details the findings of the review and  
50 study together with available remedies and recommendations as to how to best pursue a course  
51 of recovery of unpaid reimbursable costs related to illegal immigration.

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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**

**H.B. 262 - Recovery of Federal Reimbursement for Costs Associated with  
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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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