

1 **RECOVERY OF FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT**
2 **FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLEGAL**
3 **IMMIGRANTS**

4 2008 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Karen W. Morgan**

7 Senate Sponsor: Brent H. Goodfellow

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9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This bill directs the attorney general to complete a study of all available remedies the
12 state may have in seeking reimbursement from the federal government for costs
13 incurred by the state resulting from illegal immigration.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

16 ▶ directs the attorney general to complete a study of all available remedies to recover
17 any moneys owing from the federal government to the state for the reimbursement
18 of costs incurred by the state resulting from illegal immigration; and

19 ▶ directs the attorney general to file a written report with the governor, the president
20 of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the
21 Executive Appropriations Committee that details the findings of the study.

22 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

23 None

24 **Other Special Clauses:**

25 None

26 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

27 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL



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

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

(1) The Legislature finds that:

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

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

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

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

(2) The attorney general shall conduct a study and review of all available state 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.

(3) On or before November 1, 2008, the attorney general shall 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 review and study together with available remedies and recommendations as to how to best pursue a course of recovery of unpaid reimbursable costs related to illegal immigration.

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Fiscal Note**H.B. 262 - Recovery of Federal Reimbursement for Costs Associated with
Illegal Immigrants**

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State of Utah

State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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.
