

**APPROPRIATION LIMIT AMENDMENTS -  
FIRE SUPPRESSION REIMBURSEMENTS**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ben C. Ferry**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill exempts certain appropriations for reimbursement of fire suppression expenses from the State Appropriations and Tax Limitation Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ exempts appropriations made to the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to provide reimbursements for fire suppression expenses from the State Appropriations and Tax Limitation Act.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63-38c-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapters 122, 206, and 328

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

Section 1. Section **63-38c-103** is amended to read:

**63-38c-103. Definitions.**



28 As used in this chapter:

29 (1) (a) "Appropriations" means actual unrestricted capital and operating appropriations  
30 from unrestricted General Fund sources and from non-Uniform School Fund income tax  
31 revenues as presented in the governor's executive budgets.

32 (b) "Appropriations" includes appropriations that are contingent upon available  
33 surpluses in the General Fund.

34 (c) "Appropriations" does not mean:

35 (i) debt service expenditures;

36 (ii) emergency expenditures;

37 (iii) expenditures from all other fund or subfund sources presented in the executive  
38 budgets;

39 (iv) transfers or appropriations from the Education Fund to the Uniform School Fund;

40 (v) transfers into, or appropriations made to, the General Fund Budget Reserve  
41 Account established in Section 63-38-2.5;

42 (vi) transfers into, or appropriations made to, the Education Budget Reserve Account  
43 established in Section 63-38-2.6;

44 (vii) transfers in accordance with Section 63-38-2.7 into, or appropriations made to the  
45 State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account created in Section 53-2-403;

46 (viii) monies appropriated to fund the total one-time project costs for the construction  
47 of capital developments as defined in Section 63A-5-104;

48 (ix) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to the Centennial Highway Fund  
49 Restricted Account created by Section 72-2-118;

50 (x) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to the Transportation Investment  
51 Fund of 2005 created by Section 72-2-124; ~~or~~

52 (xi) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to:

53 (A) the Department of Transportation from any source; or

54 (B) any transportation-related account or fund from any source~~[-]; or~~

55 (xii) appropriations from the General Fund to the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State  
56 Lands to provide reimbursements for fire suppression expenses.

57 (2) "Base year real per capita appropriations" means the result obtained for the state by  
58 dividing the fiscal year 1985 actual appropriations of the state less debt monies by:

- 59 (a) the state's July 1, 1983 population; and
- 60 (b) the fiscal year 1983 inflation index divided by 100.
- 61 (3) "Calendar year" means the time period beginning on January 1 of any given year
- 62 and ending on December 31 of the same year.
- 63 (4) "Fiscal emergency" means an extraordinary occurrence requiring immediate
- 64 expenditures and includes the settlement under Chapter 4, Laws of Utah 1988, Fourth Special
- 65 Session.
- 66 (5) "Fiscal year" means the time period beginning on July 1 of any given year and
- 67 ending on June 30 of the subsequent year.
- 68 (6) "Fiscal year 1985 actual base year appropriations" means fiscal year 1985 actual
- 69 capital and operations appropriations from General Fund and non-Uniform School Fund
- 70 income tax revenue sources, less debt monies.
- 71 (7) "Inflation index" means the change in the general price level of goods and services
- 72 as measured by the Gross National Product Implicit Price Deflator of the Bureau of Economic
- 73 Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce calculated as provided in Section 63-38c-202.
- 74 (8) (a) "Maximum allowable appropriations limit" means the appropriations that could
- 75 be, or could have been, spent in any given year under the limitations of this chapter.
- 76 (b) "Maximum allowable appropriations limit" does not mean actual appropriations
- 77 spent or actual expenditures.
- 78 (9) "Most recent fiscal year's inflation index" means the fiscal year inflation index two
- 79 fiscal years previous to the fiscal year for which the maximum allowable inflation and
- 80 population appropriations limit is being computed under this chapter.
- 81 (10) "Most recent fiscal year's population" means the fiscal year population two fiscal
- 82 years previous to the fiscal year for which the maximum allowable inflation and population
- 83 appropriations limit is being computed under this chapter.
- 84 (11) "Population" means the number of residents of the state as of July 1 of each year
- 85 as calculated by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget according to the procedures and
- 86 requirements of Section 63-38c-202.
- 87 (12) "Revenues" means the revenues of the state from every tax, penalty, receipt, and
- 88 other monetary exaction and interest connected with it that are recorded as unrestricted revenue
- 89 of the General Fund and from non-Uniform School Fund income tax revenues, except as

90 specifically exempted by this chapter.

91 (13) "Security" means any bond, note, warrant, or other evidence of indebtedness,  
92 whether or not the bond, note, warrant, or other evidence of indebtedness is or constitutes an  
93 "indebtedness" within the meaning of any provision of the constitution or laws of this state.

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations. However, the bill would make certain expenditures, estimated at \$5,000,000 annually, exempt from the state's appropriation limitation.

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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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