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LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY FUNDING

AMENDMENTS

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell

House Sponsor: Fred R Hunsaker

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies a provision relating to the funding of local health authorities.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ repeals and reenacts a provision relating to the funding of local health authorities;
- ▶ clarifies the allowable sources of funding for a local health authority;
- ▶ prohibits counties from using general fund money for local health authorities unless the county levies a separate local health department tax at the maximum rate; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

⚡→ [None] This bill takes effect January 1, 2010. ←⚡

Utah Code Sections Affected:

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

26A-1-117, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 249

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

Section 1. Section **26A-1-117** is repealed and reenacted to read:



28 26A-1-117. Funding of local health department -- Separate tax levy -- Use of
29 general fund money.

30 (1) ~~§~~→ [A] In order to enable the local health department to fulfill its duties and
30a responsibilities under this part, a ~~←~~§ county may fund its local health department from:

31 (a) federal, state, or, subject to Subsection (3), local money appropriated, allocated, or
32 otherwise made available to the local health department;

33 (b) funds derived from a county property tax levy, as provided in Subsection (2); and

34 (c) the county's general fund, subject to Subsection (3).

35 (2) (a) A county may levy a property tax, for purposes of funding the county's local
36 health department, at a rate not to exceed .0004 per dollar of taxable value.

37 (b) As provided in Subsection 59-2-911(1)(h), the maximum levies under Section
38 59-2-908 do not apply to and do not include a levy under this Subsection (2).

39 (c) A county is exempt from the advertisement and hearing requirements of Sections
40 59-2-918 and 59-2-919 for an increase in the levy under this Subsection (2) if the increase is
41 equal to or less than a concurrent decrease in the county's levy for general county purposes.

42 (d) A county that levies a tax under this Subsection (2) shall allocate all revenue
43 collected from the tax to the county's local health department.

44 (3) ~~§~~→ [A] Except in the case of an emergency or for a capital project, a ~~←~~§ county
44a may not allocate money from its general fund to the local health
45 department unless the county imposes the maximum levy allowed under Subsection (2).

45a ~~§~~→ Section 2. Effective date.

45b This bill takes effect January 1, 2010. ~~←~~§

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Some local health departments may see an increase or decrease in their funds received from counties. Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals or businesses.
