

1 **LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

2 **FUNDING**

3 2009 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell**

6 House Sponsor: Stephen D. Clark

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **Committee Note:**

10 The Political Subdivisions Interim Committee recommended this bill.

11 **General Description:**

12 This bill modifies provisions relating to funding relating to health expenses.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This bill:

- 15 ▶ requires the Department of Health to establish a local health emergency assistance
- 16 program;
- 17 ▶ establishes requirements for the program; and
- 18 ▶ requires the Department of Health to submit an annual written report on program
- 19 activity to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee, with a copy of the
- 20 report to the designated appropriations subcommittee.

21 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

22 None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 None

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 ENACTS:

27 **26-1-38**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **26-1-38** is enacted to read:

26-1-38. Local health emergency assistance program.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Local health department" has the same meaning as defined in Section 26A-1-102.

(b) "Local health emergency" means an unusual event or series of events causing or resulting in a substantial risk or substantial potential risk to the health of a significant portion of the population within the boundary of a local health department.

(c) "Program" means the local health emergency assistance program that the department is required to establish under this section.

(d) "Program fund" means money that the Legislature appropriates to the department for use in the program.

(2) The department shall establish, to the extent of funds appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise made available to the program fund, a local health emergency assistance program.

(3) Under the program, the department shall:

(a) provide a method for a local health department to seek reimbursement from the program fund for local health department expenses incurred in responding to a local health emergency;

(b) require matching funds from any local health department seeking reimbursement from the program fund;

(c) establish a method for apportioning money in the program fund to multiple local health departments when the total amount of concurrent requests for reimbursement by multiple local health departments exceeds the balance in the program fund; and

(d) establish by rule other provisions that the department considers necessary or advisable to implement the program.

(4) Each September the department shall:

(a) submit to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee of the Legislature a written report summarizing program activity, including:

(i) a description of the requests for reimbursement from local health departments

59 during the preceding 12 months;

60 (ii) the amount of each reimbursement made from the program fund to local health
61 departments; and

62 (iii) the current balance of the program fund; and

63 (b) submit a copy of the report required under Subsection (4)(a) to the appropriations
64 subcommittee designated by the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature.

65 (5) (a) The department shall use money in the program fund exclusively for purposes
66 of the program.

67 (b) Money that the Legislature appropriates to the program fund is nonlapsing.

68 (c) Any interest earned on money in the program fund shall be deposited to the General
69 Fund.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Implementing this legislation requires staff costs of \$1,800 ongoing and \$3,500 one-time General Fund for the Department of Health. The agency believes that it can cover the costs within its existing budget.

	<u>2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund, One-Time	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$5,300	\$1,800	\$0	\$0	\$0

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.