

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY FUNDING

AMENDMENTS

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ repeals, reenacts, and amends a provision relating to the funding of local health authorities;
- ▶ clarifies the allowable sources of funding for a local health authority;
- ▶ prohibits a county that is part of a multicounty local health department 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

Utah Code Sections Affected:

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

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



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

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 Section **26A-1-117** is repealed and reenacted to read:

30 **26A-1-117. Funding of local health department -- Separate tax levy -- Use of**
31 **general fund money.**

32 (1) In order to enable the local health department to fulfill its duties and responsibilities
33 under this part, a county may fund its local health department from:

34 (a) (i) federal money appropriated, allocated, or otherwise made available to the local
35 health department;

36 (ii) state money appropriated, allocated, or otherwise made available to the local health
37 department; and

38 (iii) subject to Subsection (3), local money appropriated, allocated, or otherwise made
39 available to the local health department;

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

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

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

44 (b) As provided in Subsection 59-2-911(1)(h), the maximum levies under Section
45 59-2-908 do not apply to and do not include a levy under this Subsection (2).

46 (c) A county is exempt from the advertisement and hearing requirements of Section
47 59-2-919 if:

48 (i) the county levies a property tax under this Subsection (2) to fund its local health
49 department;

50 (ii) prior to the levy described in Subsection (2)(c)(i), the county funded its local health
51 authority from the county's general fund; and

52 (iii) the levy described in Subsection (2)(c)(i) is equal to or less than the amount that
53 the county previously paid from the general fund.

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

56 (3) Except in the case of an emergency or for a capital project, a county that is part of a
57 multicounty local health department may not allocate money from its general fund to the local
58 health department unless the county imposes the maximum levy allowed under Subsection (2).

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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.
