

1 **LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS EMERGENCY FUNDING**

2 2015 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray**

5 Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends provisions related to local health department funding for a local health
10 emergency.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ allows a local health department to determine whether an event is considered a local
14 health emergency.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **26-1-38**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 167

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

24 Section 1. Section **26-1-38** is amended to read:

25 **26-1-38. Local health emergency assistance program.**

26 (1) As used in this section:

27 (a) "Local health department" [~~has the same meaning as~~] means the same as that term



28 is defined in Section 26A-1-102.

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

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

35 (d) "Program fund" means money that the Legislature appropriates to the department
36 for use in the program and other money otherwise made available for use in the program.

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

40 (3) Under the program, the department shall:

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

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

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

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

51 (4) (a) (i) Subject to Subsection (4)(a)(ii), the department shall use money in the
52 program fund exclusively for purposes of the program.

53 (ii) The department may use money in the program fund to cover its costs of
54 administering the program.

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

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

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