

HEALTH DEPARTMENTS REVIEW TASK FORCE

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the State and Local Health Departments Review Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the State and Local Health Departments Review Task Force; and
- ▶ describes the membership, rules, compensation, staffing, and duties of the task force.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-2-236, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 389

ENACTS:

36-29-108, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **36-29-108** is enacted to read:

36-29-108. State and Local Health Departments Review Task Force.



28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Local health department" means the same as that term is defined in Section
30 26A-1-102.

31 (b) "Task force" means the State and Local Health Departments Review Task Force
32 created in Subsection (2).

33 (2) There is created the State and Local Health Departments Review Task Force
34 consisting of the following 12 members:

35 (a) five members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
36 three of whom may be from the same political party; and

37 (b) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
38 House of Representatives, no more than five of whom may be from the same political party.

39 (3) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate one of the Senate appointees as a
40 cochair of the task force.

41 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of the House of
42 Representatives appointees as a cochair of the task force.

43 (4) A vacancy in a position appointed under Subsection (2)(a) or (b) shall be filled by
44 appointing a replacement member in the same manner as the member creating the vacancy was
45 appointed under Subsection (2)(a) or (b).

46 (5) The task force shall conduct business in accordance with the rules of legislative
47 interim committees.

48 (6) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance
49 with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

50 (7) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel and the Office of the
51 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall provide staff support to the task force.

52 (8) The task force shall:

53 (a) conduct a thorough review of the powers, duties, organization, and activities of the
54 Department of Health and local health departments;

55 (b) request legislative audits, as appropriate; and

56 (c) develop recommendations for legislative action to:

57 (i) improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Department of Health and local
58 health departments; and

59 (ii) clarify the proper roles of the Department of Health and local health departments.

60 (9) (a) On or before November 10 each year, the task force shall report to the
61 Legislative Management Committee, the Health and Human Services Interim Committee, and
62 the Social Services Appropriations Committee.

63 (b) The report described in Subsection (9)(a) shall include a summary of the task
64 force's activities and recommendations.

65 Section 2. Section **63I-2-236** is amended to read:

66 **63I-2-236. Repeal dates -- Title 36.**

67 (1) Section **36-29-105** is repealed on December 31, 2020.

68 (2) Section **36-29-108** is repealed on January 1, 2025.