

OVERDOSE HARM REDUCTION WORKING GROUP

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jennifer Dailey-Provost

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a working group to study harm reduction oriented strategies to reduce overdose injuries and deaths in the state.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ directs the Utah Substance ~~H~~→ **Abuse Use and Mental Health** ←~~H~~ Advisory Council to convene a working group to study harm reduction oriented strategies to reduce overdose injuries and deaths;
- ▶ describes the purpose and membership of the working group; and
- ▶ creates a reporting requirement and a sunset date.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-2-263, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 4

ENACTS:

63M-7-303.1, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



59 (2) The working group convened under Subsection (1) shall include representation
 60 from at least the following groups:

61 (a) family members impacted by drug overdose;

62 (b) recovery community advocates;

63 (c) a ~~H~~→ [local] city or county ←~~H~~ elected official;

64 (d) ~~H~~→ [local] a member of ←~~H~~ law enforcement;

65 (e) ~~H~~→ [local] a member of a ←~~H~~ fire department;

66 (f) ~~H~~→ [local prosecutors] a city or county prosecutor ←~~H~~ ;

67 (g) ~~H~~→ a ←~~H~~ local treatment [providers] ~~H~~→ provider ←~~H~~ ;

67a ~~H~~→ (h) a community-based prevention advocate; ←~~H~~

68 ~~H~~→ [~~fn~~] (i) ←~~H~~ a member from the council;

69 ~~H~~→ [~~fi~~] (j) ←~~H~~ a representative from the ~~H~~→ [Utah Division of Substance Abuse and

69aa Mental Health]

69a Department of Health and Human Services who specializes in substance use disorder and

69b mental health ←~~H~~ ;

70 ~~H~~→ [~~fi~~] (k) ←~~H~~ a representative from the Department of Health ~~H~~→ and Human Services

70aa who

70a specializes in public health ←~~H~~ ;

71 ~~H~~→ [~~tk~~] (l) ←~~H~~ a representative of a local health department;

72 ~~H~~→ [~~ft~~] (m) ←~~H~~ a representative of local governments in the state; and

73 ~~H~~→ [~~mt~~] (n) ←~~H~~ other community members as needed.

74 (3) On or before November 16, 2022, the working group convened under Subsection

75 (1) shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee strategies and proposals

76 for legislative changes to reduce overdose injuries and deaths through harm reduction oriented

77 strategies, including the feasibility of establishing:

78 (a) a pilot program for overdose prevention;

79 (b) a mobile unit to increase access to certain medication-assisted therapies for

80 vulnerable or marginalized areas and populations; and

81 (c) other evidence-based harm reduction strategies.