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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members, Utah State Board of Education

**FROM:** Brad C. Smith  
Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** May 7-8, 2015

**INFORMATION:** Review of USOR Legislative Requirements

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### **Background:**

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) is required to ensure that the Utah State Board of Education reviews all legislative requirements of USOR and approves the information and/or data prior to USOR's submission to meet the requirements.

### **Key Points:**

USOR will provide information regarding the intent language for bills that require USOR to provide information or data, and the required dates of submission of that data to the legislature. The information will facilitate tracking of the dates that USOR deliverables are due to the legislature.

### **Anticipated Action:**

The Committee will receive the information and may give further guidance and direction.

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2) The Legislature intends the departments of Health, Human Services, and Workforce Services and the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation provide to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst **by June 1, 2015** a report outlining how funds are distributed within the state when passed through to local government entities or allocated to various regions and how often these distributions are reviewed and altered to reflect the relevant factors associated with the programs.

(1) Is the program considered a statewide program (this would include something that serves all rural areas)? **This is considered a statewide program. USOR receives money for Independent Living services which it passes through to Independent Living Centers (ILCs).**

a. Is the implementation of the program really statewide? If not, is there a compelling reason why? **There are 6 ILC spread across Utah (locations Logan, Ogden, Salt Lake, Provo, Price and St. George). The program is considered to provide services statewide.**

(2) Who gets the money (by county)? **Money is distributed by formula to regions. The regions cover particular counties across the state.**

(3) What is the methodology for distributing the money? **The formula for distributing the money is based, in part, on population. The formula is: fifty percent of the total funds are divided evenly between Utah's six existing ILCs. Thirty percent of remaining funds are distributed according to the percent of the state population in each ILC's service area (based on the most recent U.S. census data). Twenty percent of the remaining amount is distributed according to the percent of geographic area of each ILC's service area in relationship to the total square miles of the state. Population figures used in the calculation are updated every 3 or 4 years or more often if requested by the ILCs.**

a. How does the distribution compare to actual need as expressed by population? **The distribution formula is the best way of ensuring equal distribution across all populations across the entire state.**

(4) Does statute say anything about distribution and equity for the program? **USOR could not obtain any statute or code that provides explicit distribution and/or equity directions or guidance. USOR request a legal opinion from USOE/State AG Office on whether or not there is a more definitive code or statute that precludes USOR from applying its current distribution methodology.**

## **Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, Building Block Performance Measures**

**2/10/15**

### **\$6,300,000 Supplemental One-Time Request**

1. Continue to provide paid services to 14,000 eligible clients with an existing Individualized Plan for Employment without interruption through June 30, 2015.
2. Provide diagnostic and assessment services, as needed, to 2,300 expected new applicants to determine eligibility for the VR program and Order of Selection category (per regulatory requirement) through June 30, 2015
3. Achieve a total of 3,100 successful rehabilitation outcomes (employment for a minimum of 90 consecutive days) for the federal fiscal year ending September 30, 2015.
4. Utilize 100% of supplemental allocation to direct client services.

### **\$500,000 Ongoing IL Assistive Technology Request**

1. Total number of consumers provided services will exceed previous year (216)
2. Total number of assistive technology devices will exceed previous year (257)

### **\$275,000 Ongoing Independent Living Services Request**

1. Number of consumers served by IL Centers will meet or exceed previous year (target 6,678)
2. Percentage of consumers served by IL Centers who are new consumers will meet or exceed 30% (target 1950)
3. For consumer records closed, the percentage of consumers who achieved all planned goals will meet or exceed 15% (target 372)