

**Senate File 2072 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to budgets of local emergency management

2 agencies and including applicability provisions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 29C.17, subsection 2, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 For purposes consistent with this chapter, the local  
4 emergency management agency's approved budget shall be  
5 funded by one or any combination of the following options,  
6 as determined by the commission, except as provided in this  
7 subsection:

8 Sec. 2. Section 29C.17, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
9 2022, is amended to read as follows:

10 a. A countywide special levy pursuant to section 331.424,  
11 subsection 1, the use and amount of which must be approved by  
12 the board of supervisors.

13 Sec. 3. Section 29C.17, subsection 6, Code 2022, is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15 6. a. Subject to chapter 24 and paragraph "c", the  
16 commission shall adopt, certify, and provide a budget, on  
17 or before February 28 of each year, to the funding entities  
18 determined pursuant to subsection 2.

19 b. The form of the budget shall be as prescribed by the  
20 department of management.

21 c. Prior to adoption and certification of the budget to be  
22 provided under paragraph "a", the commission shall mail the  
23 proposed budget, including the proposed methods and sources of  
24 funding, by regular mail to the board of supervisors and the  
25 city council of each city within the county. The commission  
26 shall include with the proposed budget notification of a  
27 consultation to be held between the commission and the board  
28 of supervisors and city councils prior to the public hearing  
29 on the budget under chapter 24. The board of supervisors and  
30 each city council shall appoint a representative to attend  
31 the consultation who is not a member of the commission.  
32 The consultation may include a discussion of the growth  
33 in the proposed budget, if any, the fiscal impact of the  
34 proposed budget on the county and each city, and the proposed  
35 budget's estimated impact on the provision of services. Each

1 designated representative to the consultation may make written  
2 recommendations for modification to the proposed budget no  
3 later than seven days following the date of the consultation.  
4 The commission shall, no later than seven days prior to the  
5 public hearing on the budget under chapter 24, submit a written  
6 response to the board of supervisors and each city council  
7 addressing the recommendations for modification to the proposed  
8 budget.

9 d. Any portion of a tax levied by a county or city to  
10 support the local emergency management agency shall be  
11 identified separately on tax statements issued by the county  
12 treasurer.

13 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to local emergency  
14 management agency budgets for fiscal years beginning on or  
15 after July 1, 2023.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to budgets of local emergency management  
20 agencies.

21 Code section 29C.17(2) specifies the methods and sources for  
22 funding a local emergency management agency and provides that  
23 such methods and sources are determined by the local emergency  
24 management commission. The bill specifies an exception to the  
25 commission's authority by providing that if the funding source  
26 is a countywide special levy, the use and amount of such levy  
27 must be approved by the board of supervisors.

28 The bill amends Code section 29C.17(6) relating to  
29 the approval procedures for a local emergency management  
30 agency budget. The bill requires that prior to adoption  
31 and certification of the budget, the commission mail the  
32 proposed budget, including the proposed methods and sources of  
33 funding, by regular mail to the board of supervisors and the  
34 city council of each city within the county. The commission  
35 must also include with the proposed budget notification of a

1 consultation to be held between the commission and the board  
2 of supervisors and city councils prior to the public hearing  
3 on the budget under Code chapter 24. The board of supervisors  
4 and each city council shall appoint a representative to attend  
5 the consultation who is not a member of the commission. The  
6 consultation may include a discussion of the growth in the  
7 proposed budget, if any, the fiscal impact of the proposed  
8 budget on the county and each city, and the proposed budget's  
9 estimated impact on the provision of services. The bill also  
10 provides the process for each designated representative to the  
11 consultation to make written recommendations for modification  
12 to the proposed budget and for the commission to respond to  
13 such recommendations.

14 The bill applies to local emergency management agency  
15 budgets for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2023.