

Public Health Disaster Bill

Senate File 2153

As amended by House Amendment H-8509

Executive Summary Only

Last Action:

House Floor

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An Act relating to the funding of efforts to alleviate a public health emergency or disaster.

Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER BILL**

HOUSE AMENDMENT

BILL AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OR
DISASTER FUNDING**

FISCAL IMPACT

- Limits the amount the Governor may request be provided from the General Fund by the Executive Council to \$1.0 million for a public health emergency or disaster. Also, requires approval by the Legislative Council if funds in excess of \$1.0 million are necessary.
- Permits the Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Governor, to provide financial assistance to local governments, from funds appropriated to the Department that are not otherwise encumbered, in the event of a public health emergency or disaster that poses an imminent threat to the public health, safety, and welfare.
- Permits the Governor to issue an Executive Order to provide available moneys from the General Fund for the purpose of a public health emergency or disaster if the Department does not have sufficient unencumbered funds.
- The fiscal impact of assisting local governments in the event of a public health emergency or disaster cannot be determined, as the cost would depend on the type and severity of the emergency or disaster-related event.