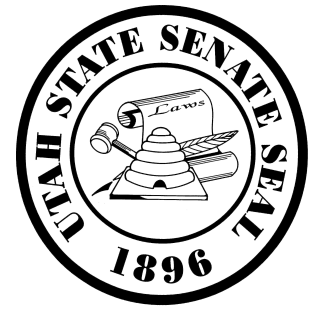




Fiscal Note
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 Wildland Urban Interface Modifications
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$ (25,000)	\$ 0	\$ (25,000)

State Government

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Revenues	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)
Insurance Department Acct (GFR)	\$ 0	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Wildland-Urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund	\$ 0	\$ 4,160,000	\$ 4,160,000
Total Revenues	\$ 0	\$ 4,160,000	\$ 4,160,000

Enactment of this Legislation could generate \$4,160,000 ongoing in revenue for the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund from high risk property owners in the wildland urban interface paying fees based on their associated level of fire risk. This amount may be lower depending on the amount of the fee retained by counties for their costs in implementing the property evaluation program. Enactment of this Legislation could reduce the year-end transfer to the General Fund by \$25,000 ongoing starting in FY 2026 and proportionately increase revenues to the Insurance Department Restricted Account from investigating an estimated 10 claims by property owners in the WUI.

Expenditures	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Insurance Department Acct (GFR)	\$ 0	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Wildland-Urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund	\$ 0	\$ 4,160,000	\$ 4,160,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 4,185,000	\$ 4,185,000

Enactment of this Legislation could cost the Department of Natural Resources \$4,160,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2026 from the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund for staff and associated expenses, travel, and technology required to implement the wildland urban interface (WUI) property evaluation program as outlined in the bill. These costs may be lower depending on the effort provided by counties for their costs in implementing the property evaluation program. Enactment of this Legislation could also cost the Department of Insurance \$25,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2026 from the Insurance Department Restricted Account to investigate an estimated 10 claims by property owners in the WUI.

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	<i>FY 2025</i>	<i>FY 2026</i>	<i>FY 2027</i>
Net All Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$(25,000)</u>	<u>\$(25,000)</u>

Local Government UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this Legislation requires local governments to collect a fee based on the square footage of structures from owners of high risk wildland urban interface properties. It's estimated that counties will collect \$4,160,000 in fee revenue from property owners statewide. It is unknown how much of this fee will be retained by counties and how much will be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources.

Individuals & Businesses UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this Legislation would require property owners in the Wildland-urban Interface to remit a fee to the county based on the square footage of structures on their property. It's estimated that the high risk owners of approximately 80,000 properties will pay \$52 per property for an aggregate amount of \$4,160,000.

Regulatory Impact UCA 36-12-13(2)(d)

Enactment of this legislation could result in a small increase in the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

Performance Evaluation JR1-4-601

This bill creates a new program or significantly expands an existing program. For a list of questions lawmakers might ask to improve accountability for the proposed program, please see: <https://budget.utah.gov/newprogram>

Notes on Notes

Fiscal explanations estimate the direct costs or revenues of enacting a bill. The Legislature uses them to balance the budget. They do not measure a bill's benefits or non-fiscal impacts like opportunity costs, wait times, or inconvenience. A fiscal explanation is not an appropriation. The Legislature decides appropriations separately.