



Fiscal Note
1st Sub. H.B. 30 (Buff)

2026 General Session
 Wildlife Management Area Amendments -
 As Amended
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(1,900)	\$(34,900)	\$(36,800)

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Enactment of this legislation could generate an unknown amount of revenue from individual contributions to the newly created Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Stewardship Fund ongoing starting in FY 2027. Enactment of this legislation could also reduce revenues to the Wildlife Resources Restricted Account from certain individuals gaining access to fishing through their donations to the WMA Stewardship Fund, however the aggregate amount of this reduction is unknown.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	\$0	\$1,900	\$1,900
General Fund, One-time	\$900	\$34,000	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$900	\$35,900	\$1,900

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Department of Natural Resources \$34,000 one-time in FY 2027 from the General Fund to establish a program for digital access permits at Wildlife Management Areas including informational signage, developing an educational video, and website improvements to support the program. The Department has indicated it can absorb this cost. Enactment of this legislation could also cost the Department of Government Operations \$900 one-time in FY 2026 and \$1,900 ongoing in FY 2027 from the General Fund to create and monitor a new expendable special revenue fund.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Net All Funds	\$(900)	\$(35,900)	\$(1,900)

Local Government

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

Enactment of this legislation likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

Individuals & Businesses

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

Enactment of this legislation could cost an unknown amount to certain individuals who contribute to the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Stewardship Fund. Enactment of this legislation could also reduce the amount paid for fishing licenses from these same individuals, however the aggregate amount of this reduction is unknown.

Regulatory Impact

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

Enactment of this legislation likely will not change the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

Performance Evaluation

JR1-4-601

This bill does not create a new program or significantly expand an existing program.

Notes on Notes

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