



Fiscal Note
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 Boating Safety Education
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

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

State Government

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

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

To the extent that additional citations are issued as a result of this bill and individuals pay their financial obligation, this bill could increase revenue per case in the following amounts: (1) General Fund \$16; and (2) Court Security Account \$38.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Boating (GFR)	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Boating (GFR), One-time	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$50,000	\$20,000

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Division of Outdoor Recreation estimated \$20,000 one-time and \$30,000 ongoing from the Boating Restricted Account for the development and maintenance of the new watercraft operator safety course, starting in FY 2027.

Net All Funds	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
	\$0	\$(50,000)	\$(20,000)

Local Government

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

To the extent that individuals violate provisions of this bill, revenue to local governments could increase by about \$66 per case for fines/fees. This bill could also cost justice courts an unknown amount in court processing costs.

Individuals & Businesses

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

To the extent that individuals violate provisions of this bill, this could cost certain offenders about \$120 per case, however the total amount is unknown.

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.

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

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.