



Fiscal Note 1st Sub. H.B. 76 (Buff)

2026 General Session
Data Center Water Transparency
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.)	\$(60,000)	\$(10,000)	\$(70,000)

State Government

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

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

To the extent that operators of large data centers fail to submit the reports required by this legislation to the Division of Water Rights, the General Fund could see increased revenue of up to \$10,000 per day of non-compliance starting in FY 2027. The amount in aggregate cannot be estimated at this time.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
General Fund, One-time	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$10,000	\$60,000	\$60,000

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Department of Natural Resources \$10,000 one-time in FY 2026 and \$60,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 from the General Fund for staff support to coordinate with the state's approximately 50 data centers, collect and verify data, publish aggregated information to their website, and undertake enforcement actions for noncompliance.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Net All Funds	\$(10,000)	\$(60,000)	\$(60,000)

Local Government

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

To the extent that local governments approve a land use application for a large data center, those local governments will be required to notify the state.

Individuals & Businesses

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

Enactment of this legislation likely will not result in direct expenditures from tax or fee changes for Utah residents and businesses.

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.