Fiscal Note
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Public Assistance Amendments
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	$880,300	$(238,600)	$641,700

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

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

Enactment of this legislation likely will not materially impact state revenue.

Expenditures	*FY 2026*	*FY 2027*	*FY 2028*
Federal Funds	$0	$7,600	$7,600
General Fund	$0	$(880,300)	$(880,300)
General Fund, One-time	$(603,800)	$842,400	$0
Total Expenditures	$(603,800)	$(30,300)	$(872,700)

Enactment of this legislation would end the state CHIP Alternative Eligibility program and require citizenship verification for most health and human services programs, resulting in savings of $8,229,000 ongoing General Fund. Implementation would create an expected ongoing General Fund cost of $7,348,700 and $7,600 Federal Funds, which, when offset by the savings from ending the CHIP Alternative Eligibility program and other program savings, would result in net ongoing General Fund savings of $880,300 in FY 2027 for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Workforce Services (DWS). The ongoing costs reflect new FTEs, contract updates, staff and vendor training, and database modifications associated with the verification process. Enactment of this legislation could also result in $146,200 in costs to DHHS, offset by $750,000 in one-time savings from ending CHIP, for a net one-time General Fund savings of $603,800 in FY 2026. Additionally, enactment of this bill could result in $842,400 in one-time General Fund costs to DHHS in FY 2027 for verification program development.

	FY 2026	*FY 2027*	*FY 2028*
Net All Funds	$603,800	$30,300	$872,700

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

Enactment of this legislation could increase costs to local governments due to the need to verify lawful presence for most aid programs including immunization, shelter, and food assistance. Aggregate impact is unknown.

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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 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

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.