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.)	$(722,500)	$(389,600)	$(1,112,100)

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

Revenues	*FY 2026*	*FY 2027*	*FY 2028*
Commerce Service Account	$0	$1,443,300	$1,443,300
Commerce Service Account, One-time	$0	$151,000	$0
General Fund	$0	$(1,443,300)	$(1,443,300)
General Fund, One-time	$0	$(151,000)	$0
Total Revenues	$0	$0	$0

Enactment of this legislation could reduce the year-end transfer to the General Fund from the Commerce Service Account by $1.4 million ongoing and by $151,000 one-time in FY 2027.

Expenditures	*FY 2026*	*FY 2027*	*FY 2028*
Other Financing Sources	$0	$340,500	$340,500
Federal Funds	$0	$7,600	$7,600
Commerce Service Account	$0	$1,443,300	$1,443,300
Commerce Service Account, One-time	$0	$151,000	$0
General Fund	$0	$(735,300)	$(735,300)
General Fund, One-time	$(603,800)	$842,400	$0
Income Tax Fund	$0	$14,500	$14,500
Total Expenditures	$(603,800)	$2,064,000	$1,070,600

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 $7,493,700 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 $735,300 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. In addition enactment of this legislation could increase the cost to the state due to increased risk of litigation $145,000 ongoing from the General Fund, $14,500 ongoing from Income Tax Fund, and $340,500 ongoing from other sources. Enactment of this legislation could cost the Department of Commerce $1,443,300 ongoing from the Commerce Service Account and $151,000 one-time in FY 2027 for personnel cost to verify lawful residence status for all business and licensing applications.

	FY 2026	*FY 2027*	*FY 2028*
Net All Funds	$603,800	$(2,064,000)	$(1,070,600)

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.

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.