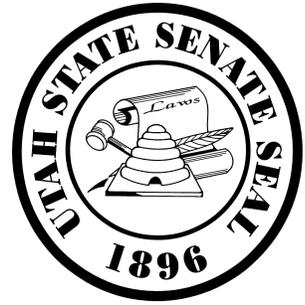




Fiscal Note
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 Department of Natural Resources Related
 Modifications Amendments
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$ (500)	\$ (5,000,000)	\$ (5,000,500)

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Account (GFR)	\$0	\$(24,400)	\$(24,400)
Total Revenues	\$0	\$(24,400)	\$(24,400)

Enactment of this legislation exempts owners of certain vessels from paying the aquatic invasive species fee, which could reduce the revenues to the Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Restricted Account by estimated \$24,400 per year, starting FY 2027. To the extent that more people are convicted as a result of this bill and pay their financial obligation, this could increase revenue/case in the following amounts: (1) General Fund \$290; (2) Court Security \$38.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	\$0	\$500	\$500
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$5,000,500	\$500

Enactment of this legislation could cost \$5,000,000 one-time General Fund to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for costs incurred related to litigation concerning the state's interests in water. This legislation could also cost DNR \$500 ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY 2027 from adding an additional member to the Board of the Utah Geological Survey.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(5,024,900)	\$(24,900)

Local Government

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

Enactment of this bill could increase revenue to local governments by about \$350 per case for fines/fees. Local government entities could experience the following estimated expenditures: 1. Prosecutors - \$812 per case; 2. Public Defense - \$975 per case; 3. County Jails - unknown increase at about \$83 per day per offender in incarceration costs; 4. Local Justice Court - unknown increase.

Individuals & Businesses

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

Enactment of this legislation exempts owners of certain vessels from paying the \$20 aquatic invasive species fee, which would save the boating industry an estimated total of \$24,400 per year, starting in FY 2027. To the extent that individuals violate provisions of this bill, this could cost certain offenders about \$680 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 reduction in 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.