



**Fiscal Note**  
**3rd Sub. H.B. 157 (Cherry)**  
 2026 General Session  
 Department of Natural Resources  
 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
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

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 appropriates \$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
<b>Net All Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$ (5,000,500)</b>	<b>\$ (500)</b>

**Local Government**

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

Enactment of this legislation likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

**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.

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.