



Fiscal Note
1st Sub. H.B. 231 (Buff)
 2026 General Session
 Restaurant Tax Repeal 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.)	\$0	\$0	\$0

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
State Tax Commission	\$0	\$15,500	\$0
Administrative Charge Account (GFR), One-time			
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$15,500	\$0

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Tax Commission \$15,500 one-time in FY 2027 from the State Tax Commission Administrative Charge Account for programming and system testing.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(15,500)	\$0

Local Government

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

Enactment of this legislation repeals a county's authority to impose a restaurant tax once total revenue reaches the amount necessary to secure existing debt obligations. In CY 2025, counties received approximately \$92.4 million from this tax. It is unknown when each county will meet the specific revenue thresholds relative to its debt as outlined in this legislation.

Individuals & Businesses

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

Enactment of this legislation would repeal the restaurant tax once a county meets the specific revenue thresholds relative to its debt. Once the tax is repealed, consumers would no longer be required to pay the additional 1% tax. Based on CY 2025 data, this could result in an aggregate taxpayer savings of up to \$92.4 million annually.

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

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