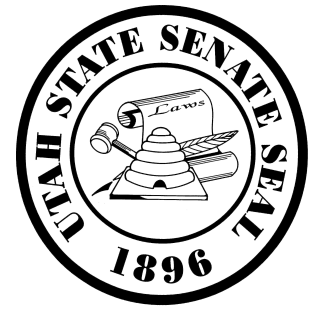




**Fiscal Note**  
**1st Sub. H.B. 245 (Buff)**  
 2026 General Session  
 Construction Wage Standard Act  
 by Clancy, Tyler



**General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds**

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$ (92,900)	\$ (13,100)	\$ (106,000)

**State Government**

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

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

To the extent that more people are convicted as a result of this legislation and pay their financial obligation, this could increase state revenue per case in the following amounts: (1) General Fund \$290; (2) Court Security \$38.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	\$0	\$92,900	\$92,900
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$13,100	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$106,000	\$92,900

Enactment of this legislation could increase costs to the Labor Commission by \$92,900 ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY 2027 and by \$13,100 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2027 for staff support to establish the wage standard for each county and conduct an annual study and revision of the wage standard. Additionally, to the extent that this legislation increases construction worker wages, enactment of this legislation could increase construction costs to the state by \$485 per 1% wage increase per person, though the full impact is unknown.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Net All Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$ (106,000)</b>	<b>\$ (92,900)</b>

**Local Government**

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

Enactment of this legislation 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.

Additionally, to the extent that this bill increases construction wages, local government could experience increased expenditures of about \$485 per 1% wage increase per construction worker.

**Individuals & Businesses**

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

To the extent that individuals violate provisions of this legislation, 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 medium increase 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.