



# Fiscal Note

## H.B. 248

2026 General Session  
 Family Law Modifications  
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### General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

|                            | Ongoing       | One-time | Total         |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.) | \$(3,696,300) | \$44,100 | \$(3,652,200) |

### State Government

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

| Revenues               | FY 2026    | FY 2027     | FY 2028     |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| General Fund           | \$0        | \$(206,500) | \$(206,500) |
| General Fund, One-time | \$0        | \$206,500   | \$206,500   |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>  | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b>  | <b>\$0</b>  |

Enactment of this legislation may reduce revenue to the General Fund by \$206,500 ongoing in FY 2029 due to the Office of Recovery Service passing through funds to families rather than retaining funds for cost recovery.

| Expenditures              | FY 2026    | FY 2027            | FY 2028            |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Federal Funds             | \$0        | \$774,100          | \$774,100          |
| Federal Funds, One-time   | \$0        | \$405,800          | \$0                |
| General Fund              | \$0        | \$3,489,800        | \$3,489,800        |
| General Fund, One-time    | \$0        | \$162,400          | \$0                |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$4,832,100</b> | <b>\$4,263,900</b> |

Enactment of this bill could cost the District Courts \$2,846,500 ongoing in FY 2027 from the General Fund, and Juvenile Courts \$333,100 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 from the General Fund for increased judicial workload.

Enactment of this bill could cost the Office of Recovery Services \$1,084,300 ongoing (\$310,100 General Fund and \$774,100 Federal Funds) for additional staffing needs and to contract out for the four required public meetings, additionally it may cost \$568,200 one-time in FY 2027 for system updates (\$162,400 General Fund and \$405,800 Federal Funds).

|                      | FY 2026    | FY 2027              | FY 2028              |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Net All Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$(4,832,100)</b> | <b>\$(4,263,900)</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.

**Performance Evaluation**

JR1-4-601

This bill creates a new program or significantly expands an existing program.  
For a list of questions lawmakers might ask to improve accountability for the proposed program, please see: <https://budget.utah.gov/newprogram>

**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.