



# Fiscal Note H.B. 253

2026 General Session  
Marijuana Use or Possession Penalty  
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.)	\$ (88,300)	\$ 0	\$ (88,300)

## State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Surcharge Fines	\$ 0	\$ (355,700)	\$ (355,700)
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ (88,300)	\$ (88,300)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (444,000)</b>	<b>\$ (444,000)</b>

Enactment of this legislation could reduce revenue to the General Fund by \$88,300 ongoing beginning in FY 2027, and reduce revenue in Surcharge Fines by \$355,700 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 due to the reduction in misdemeanor class causing a reduction in fines collected.

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

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

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Net All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (444,000)</b>	<b>\$ (444,000)</b>

## Local Government

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

Enactment of this legislation could result in a decrease of \$244,500 ongoing in local government revenue beginning in FY 2027 due to the decrease in misdemeanor class.

## Individuals & Businesses

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

Enactment of this legislation could reduce the amount of fines an individual could pay from \$340 to \$120, if it is their first offense, and then increase the fines from \$340 to \$680 after their fourth offense. This aggregates to \$688,500 in reduced fines.

## 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.

This bill does not create a new program or significantly expand an existing program.

**Notes on Notes**

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