



Fiscal Note
1st Sub. H.B. 362 (Buff)
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 Tax Payments with Gold
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(463,000)	\$463,000	\$0

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Division of Water Quality Oil, Gas, and Mining (GFR)	\$0	\$(300)	\$(300)
Division of Water Quality Oil, Gas, and Mining (GFR), One-time	\$0	\$300	\$300
Division of Air Quality Oil, Gas, and Mining (GFR)	\$0	\$(1,600)	\$(1,600)
Division of Air Quality Oil, Gas, and Mining (GFR), One-time	\$0	\$1,600	\$1,600
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$(479,400)	\$(479,400)
Other Financing Sources, One-time	\$0	\$479,400	\$479,400
Utah Geological Survey Restricted Account (GFR)	\$0	\$(1,600)	\$(1,600)
Utah Geological Survey Restricted Account (GFR), One-time	\$0	\$1,600	\$1,600
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (GFR)	\$0	\$(16,100)	\$(16,100)
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (GFR), One-time	\$0	\$16,100	\$16,100
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Dedicated Credits Revenue, One-time	\$0	\$(3,000)	\$(3,000)
General Fund	\$0	\$(460,800)	\$(460,800)
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$460,800	\$460,800
Income Tax Fund	\$0	\$(2,200)	\$(2,200)
Income Tax Fund, One-time	\$0	\$2,200	\$2,200
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Enactment of this bill could reduce state tax revenues by \$959,000 beginning in FY 2029 (ongoing for specified years). Impacts are to the General Fund, Permanent State Trust Fund, and other severance tax earmarks.

The legislation could have an unknown impact on state tax revenues based on differences in the gold spot rate when the taxes are paid and the average spot rate over the three months preceding the day on which the payment is due.

Enactment of this legislation could reduce investment earnings deposited into the General Fund by \$800 ongoing beginning in FY 2029 and reduce deposits into the Income Tax Fund by \$2,200 ongoing beginning in FY 2029 due to storage, insurance, and auditing fees related to precious metals. It could conversely increase dedicated credit revenue to the State Treasurer by \$3,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2029 due to the investment earnings used for administrative costs.

Expenditures	<i>FY 2026</i>	<i>FY 2027</i>	<i>FY 2028</i>
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Dedicated Credits Revenue, One-time	\$0	\$(3,000)	\$(3,000)
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$0	\$46,500
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$46,500

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Tax Commission \$46,500 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2028 for system changes and program development. Enactment of this legislation could cost the State Treasurer \$3,000 ongoing in Dedicated Credits Revenue beginning in FY 2029 for storage, insurance, and auditing fees related to precious metals.

	<i>FY 2026</i>	<i>FY 2027</i>	<i>FY 2028</i>
Net All Funds	\$0	\$0	\$(46,500)

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 allows a person to pay mining severance taxes and income taxes in gold for specified years. Assuming all metal severance tax will be paid in gold and qualify for the lower tax rate, metal severance taxpayers could see a reduction in severance tax liability of \$959,000 beginning in FY 2029.

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

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.