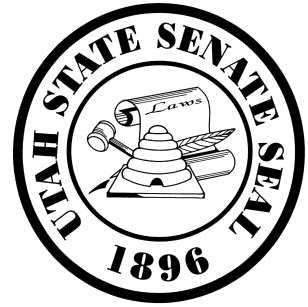




Fiscal Note
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(2,863,900)	\$(1,257,900)	\$(4,121,800)

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Revenues	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000

For every relevant 10 cases filed annually, this could generate about \$15,000 ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY 2027.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	\$0	\$2,878,900	\$2,878,900
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$1,257,900	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$4,136,800	\$2,878,900

Enactment of this bill could have the following impacts, depending on certain determinations outlined in the bill:

1. Three-judge panel structure - This could cost the Courts about \$88,100 one-time and \$545,500 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 from the General Fund to establish a three-judge panel system as outlined in the bill. This estimate includes costs for: three law clerks, one case manager, and IT system changes. Or depending on determinations, this bill could have the following alternative cost:

2. Constitutional Court - this could cost the Courts about \$1,243,500 one-time and \$2,279,300 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 from the General Fund to establish a new Constitutional Court. This estimate includes costs for: three judgeships, 6 judicial assistants, two law clerks, and IT infrastructure. This could also cost the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) about \$14,400 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2027 to staff the related judicial nominating commission as outlined in the bill.

Lastly, this bill could also have the following impact:

3. Operations- this bill could cost the Courts about \$599,600 ongoing from the General Fund in FY 2027 to process the approximately the same number of cases currently under new practices outlined in the bill. Assuming the current Courts administrative practice returns to a similar practice prior to July 2025, this estimated cost could be absorbed.

	<i>FY 2026</i>	<i>FY 2027</i>	<i>FY 2028</i>
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(4,121,800)	\$(2,863,900)

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

Enactment of this bill could save certain local governments an unknown amount in legal preparation and travel costs beginning in FY 2027 based on current practice. Assuming the current state courts administrative practice returns to a similar practice prior to July 2025, enactment of this legislation likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

Individuals & Businesses
UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

For every ten relevant court filers, this could cost the them \$1,500/each or \$15,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2027.

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.