



**Fiscal Note**  
**1st Sub. H.B. 373 (Buff)**  
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Higher Education Innovation  
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**General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds**

JR4-4-101

|                            | Ongoing | One-time   | Total      |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.) | \$0     | \$(25,000) | \$(25,000) |

**State Government**

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

| Revenues   | FY 2026 | FY 2027        | FY 2028    |
|--|---------|----------------|------------|
| Total Revenues   | \$0     | \$0            | \$0        |
| Enactment of this legislation likely will not materially impact state revenue.   |         |                |            |
| Expenditures   | FY 2026 | FY 2027        | FY 2028    |
| Performance Funding Restricted Account (ITFR), One-time  | \$0     | \$17,339,000   | \$0        |
| Income Tax Fund, One-time  | \$0     | \$25,000       | \$25,000   |
| Total Expenditures   | \$0     | \$17,364,000   | \$25,000   |
| Enactment of this legislation could forgo Income Tax Fund savings of \$17,339,000 one-time in FY 2027 and instead cost the Utah Board of Higher Education \$17,339,000 from the Performance Funding Restricted Account one-time in FY 2027 to implement the Higher Education Research Funding Pilot Program. Enactment of this legislation could also cost the Utah Board of Higher Education \$25,000 one-time from the Income Tax Fund in each Fiscal Year of FY27-30 for a total of \$100,000 to administer the Higher Education Research Funding Pilot Program. The Board has indicated that they could absorb this administrative cost. |         |                |            |
| Net All Funds  | FY 2026 | FY 2027        | FY 2028    |
|  | \$0     | \$(17,364,000) | \$(25,000) |

**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.