



**Fiscal Note**  
**1st Sub. H.B. 374 (Buff)**  
 2026 General Session  
 Speech, Language, and Hearing  
 Occupations Licensing 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.)	\$21,000	\$(5,000)	\$16,000

**State Government**

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Commerce Service Account	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000
Commerce Service Account, One-time	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$(5,000)	\$0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,000</b>	<b>\$21,000</b>

Enactment of this legislation could increase fee revenue to the Commerce Service Account by \$21,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2027. This, combined with the expenditures listed below, could decrease the year-end transfer from the Commerce Service Account to the General Fund by \$5,000 one-time in FY 2027.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Commerce Service Account	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000
Commerce Service Account, One-time	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Income Tax Fund	\$0	\$(21,000)	\$(21,000)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Enactment of this legislation could increase costs to the Department of Commerce by \$21,000 ongoing from the Commerce Service Account beginning in FY 2027 and by \$5,000 one-time from the Commerce Service Account in FY 2027 for staff support to setup and run the speech pathology and audiologist licensing processes. Enactment of this legislation could also reduce the cost to the State Board of Education by \$21,000 ongoing from the Income Tax Fund beginning in FY 2027 due to them no longer licensing the speech pathologist or audiologist licenses.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Net All Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>	<b>\$21,000</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 could increase the number of people paying the \$70 speech pathologist or audiologist fees by 300 people, which would aggregate to an increase of \$21,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2027.

**Regulatory Impact**

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

Enactment of this legislation could result in a medium reduction in 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.