



**Fiscal Note**  
**1st Sub. H.B. 401 (Buff)**

2026 General Session  
 Geothermal Study 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.)	\$0	\$(250,000)	\$(250,000)

**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
Income Tax Fund, One-time	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$250,000	\$0

Enactment of this Legislation could cost the Utah System of Higher Education \$250,000 one-time from the Income Tax Fund in FY 2027 to conduct a study on the geological and environmental impacts of geothermal energy development.

Net All Funds	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
	\$0	\$(250,000)	\$0

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

**Notes on Notes**

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