



Fiscal Note
2nd Sub. H.B. 431 (Gray)
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 Wildlife Crossing 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.)	\$(1,900)	\$(12,600)	\$(14,500)

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
New Account Created By Bill (FN Only)	\$0	\$15,122,800	\$15,122,800
Total Revenues	\$0	\$15,122,800	\$15,122,800

Enactment of this legislation would appropriate \$2.0 million from the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 to the Wildlife Crossing Account created in the legislation. Enactment of this legislation also appropriates \$13,097,800 one-time from the General Fund to the new account. Enactment of this legislation could also increase revenue to the Wildlife Crossing Account by \$25,000 annually as a result of the registration checkoff provided.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Transportation Investment Fund of 2005	\$0	\$(2,000,000)	\$(2,000,000)
Transportation Fund, One-time	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
General Fund	\$0	\$1,900	\$1,900
General Fund, One-time	\$12,600	\$0	\$0
New Account Created By Bill (FN Only)	\$0	\$2,025,000	\$2,025,000
New Account Created By Bill (FN Only), One-time	\$0	\$13,097,800	\$0
Wildlife Resources (GFR), One-time	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$33,600	\$13,124,700	\$26,900

Enactment of this legislation would appropriate \$2,000,000 annually from the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005's current allocations to the new Wildlife Crossing Account for projects aimed at enhancing wildlife habitat connectivity and safeguarding livestock. Additionally, \$25,000 in funds from the registration checkoff provided in the bill could be used for these same purposes. Enactment of this legislation would also appropriate \$13,097,800 one-time General Fund to the new account, but offsets it with a corresponding reduction in the same amount to the Highway System Construction Special Projects Program in Transportation. Enactment of this legislation could also cost the Department of Natural Resources \$10,000 one-time from the Wildlife Resources Restricted

Account, the Department of Transportation \$11,000 one-time from the Transportation Fund, and the Tax Commission \$11,700 one-time from the General Fund, all in FY 2026, for programming related to the voluntary contributions. Enactment could also cost the Department of Government Operations \$900 one-time in FY 2026 and \$1,900 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 from the General Fund to set up and administer the new account.

	<i>FY 2026</i>	<i>FY 2027</i>	<i>FY 2028</i>
Net All Funds	<u>\$(33,600)</u>	<u>\$1,998,100</u>	<u>\$15,095,900</u>

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 provides a \$1 checkoff contribution option to the Wildlife Crossing Account vehicle registration applicants. It is estimated that approximately 25,000 vehicle owners would donate \$1 annually for aggregate costs of \$25,000.

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.