



**Fiscal Note**  
**1st Sub. H.B. 536 (Buff)**  
 2026 General Session  
 Criminal Conduct on Public Lands  
 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) | \$ (900) | \$ (2,800) |

**State Government**

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

| Revenues                              | FY 2026    | FY 2027         | FY 2028         |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| New Account Created By Bill (FN Only) | \$0        | \$10,000        | \$10,000        |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                 | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$10,000</b> | <b>\$10,000</b> |

Enactment of this legislation could result in increased revenue to the Public Lands Restoration and Protection Fund of \$10,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2027.

| Expenditures                          | FY 2026      | FY 2027         | FY 2028         |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Fund                          | \$0          | \$1,900         | \$1,900         |
| General Fund, One-time                | \$900        | \$0             | \$0             |
| New Account Created By Bill (FN Only) | \$0          | \$10,000        | \$10,000        |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>             | <b>\$900</b> | <b>\$11,900</b> | <b>\$11,900</b> |

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement \$10,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 for restoration of damages resulting from defacement of public lands and antiquities. Enactment of this legislation could also cost the Department of Government Operations \$1,900 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 and \$900 one-time from the General Fund for account creation and maintenance.

|                      | FY 2026         | FY 2027           | FY 2028           |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Net All Funds</b> | <b>\$ (900)</b> | <b>\$ (1,900)</b> | <b>\$ (1,900)</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)

To the extent that individuals convicted of violations of the sections specified in this bill are ordered to pay restitution of damages, enactment of this legislation could cause individuals to pay additional variable amounts in restitution payments for each violation, beginning in FY 2027. Aggregate cost is estimated at \$10,000.

**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.