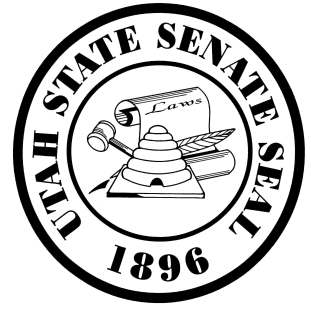




Fiscal Note
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2026 General Session
 Judicial Transparency, Information Access,
 and Transition Amendments
 by Monson, Logan



General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(1,366,500)	\$(1,330,500)	\$(2,697,000)

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$(175,000)	\$(175,000)
Total Revenues	\$0	\$(175,000)	\$(175,000)

Enactment of this bill could reduce Dedicated Credits revenue to the Courts by about \$175,000 ongoing in FY 2027 as a result of the elimination of certain online records access fee collections.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$(175,000)	\$(175,000)
General Fund	\$0	\$1,366,500	\$1,366,500
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$1,330,500	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$2,522,000	\$1,191,500

Enactment of this legislation could have a net cost to the Courts of \$2,522,000 in FY 2027 and \$1,330,500 ongoing in FY 2028 for administering enhanced audio recording/recording/posting requirements, IT system changes for public accessibility, annual financial disclosure processing for state and local judicial officers, and to replace reduced fee collections with General Fund resources. The impact breakdown is as follows: 1. General Fund - \$1,366,500 ongoing and \$1,330,500 one-time beginning in FY 2027; and 2. Dedicated Credits - (\$175,000) ongoing reduction beginning in FY 2027.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(2,697,000)	\$(1,366,500)

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 bill could save certain individuals about \$175,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 in online records access fees.

Regulatory Impact

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

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