



Fiscal Note
H.B. 577

2026 General Session
State-Created Remedies for Federal
Constitutional Violations
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(424,500)	\$0	\$(424,500)

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$313,600	\$313,600
Total Revenues	\$0	\$313,600	\$313,600

Enactment of this legislation may increase dedicated credit revenue to the Attorney General by \$313,600 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 due increased use of legal services by state agencies.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$383,800	\$383,800
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$313,600	\$313,600
General Fund	\$0	\$408,100	\$408,100
Income Tax Fund	\$0	\$16,400	\$16,400
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$1,121,900	\$1,121,900

Enactment of this legislation may cost the Attorney General \$313,600 from dedicated credits and \$244,700 from the General Fund ongoing beginning in FY 2027 for 4 FTE (2 Attorneys and 2 paralegals) to provide legal services to state agencies. It may also cost various agencies an aggregate of \$90,900 from the General Fund, \$9,100 from the Income Tax Fund, and \$213,600 from other sources ongoing beginning in FY 2027 for legal services from the Attorney General. It may also cost the Division of Risk Management an average of \$250,000 per case to pay out damages resulting from successful civil suits under the right of action created by the bill. If an average of one such suit is successful each year, enactment of this legislation may cost the Division of Risk Management \$72,500 from the General Fund, \$7,300 from the Income Tax Fund, and \$170,200 from other sources ongoing beginning in FY 2027.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(808,300)	\$(808,300)

Local Government

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

To the extent that local government officials are sued under the civil action created in this bill, enactment of this legislation may increase legal costs for local governments by a variable amount ongoing beginning in FY 2027.

Individuals & Businesses

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

To the extent that individuals successfully sue government officials under the civil action created in this bill, enactment of this legislation may increase both litigation costs and/or compensatory damages for individuals by variable amounts beginning in FY 2027.

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.