



**Fiscal Note**  
**H.B. 597**

2026 General Session  
Alcohol 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.)	\$27,300	\$0	\$27,300

**State Government**

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Court Security Account (GFR)	\$0	\$2,300	\$2,300
General Fund	\$0	\$152,700	\$152,700
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>

To the extent additional hotels qualify and obtain licenses, enactment of this legislation could increase license and application fee revenue to the Liquor Control Fund by \$750 ongoing and an additional \$250 one-time the first year for application and license fees. As the number of additional licenses is uncertain, the aggregate increase in Liquor Control Fund revenue is unknown.

Enactment of this bill could result in ongoing General Fund revenue of \$152,700 from the assessment of fines and criminal surcharge fees beginning in FY 2027. This could also result in a \$2,300 ongoing revenue increase to Court Security beginning in FY 2027.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	\$0	\$125,400	\$125,400
Liquor Control Fund, One-time	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$125,400</b>	<b>\$125,400</b>

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services \$2,000 one-time in FY 2026 from the Liquor Control Fund for administrative rule and calculation adjustments, which the Department can absorb.

Enactment of this legislation could increase personnel costs to Courts by \$125,400 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 from the General Fund for case processing costs.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Net All Funds</b>	<b>\$(2,000)</b>	<b>\$29,600</b>	<b>\$29,600</b>

**Local Government**

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

Enactment of this bill could result in an ongoing fine revenue increase by an estimated \$7,000 beginning in FY 2027. Local government entities could experience the following estimated expenditure

impacts beginning in FY 2027: 1. Prosecutors - \$80,000 increase; 2. Public Defense - \$138,000 increase; 3. County Jails - \$0; 4. Local Justice Court - unknown decrease.

**Individuals & Businesses**

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

To the extent additional hotels qualify and obtain licenses, enactment of this legislation could cost qualifying hotels \$750 ongoing and an additional \$250 one-time their first year for license fees. As the number of additional licenses is uncertain, the aggregate costs to hotel businesses is unknown.

Individuals cited for violations could pay up to \$1,100 per case for an aggregated cost of \$162,000 in fines and surcharge fees beginning in FY 2027.

**Regulatory Impact**

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

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