



**Fiscal Note**

**S.B. 259**

2026 General Session  
 Evidence Declaration 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.)	\$(2,917,300)	\$0	\$(2,917,300)

**State Government**

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

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

To the extent that more people are convicted as a result of this legislation and pay their financial obligation, this could increase state revenue per case in the following amounts: (1) General Fund \$1,070; (2) Court Security \$53.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	\$0	\$2,917,300	\$2,917,300
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$2,917,300	\$2,917,300

Enactment of this bill could cost the Office of the Attorney General \$2,917,300 ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY 2027 for estimated legal review time requirements. Also, to the extent that a case is filed in district court as a result of the charges in this legislation, enactment could cost the Courts \$420 per case from the General Fund.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Net All Funds</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$(2,917,300)</u>	<u>\$(2,917,300)</u>

**Local Government**

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

To the extent that local prosecutors do not currently meet legal review standards outlined in this bill, this could cost them an unknown amount in attorney time to review. Also, enactment of this legislation could increase revenue to local governments by about \$380 per case for fines/fees. Local government entities could experience the following estimated expenditures: 1. Prosecutors - \$1,160 per case; 2. Public Defense - \$2,250 per case; 3. County Jails - unknown increase at about \$83 per day per offender in incarceration costs; 4. Local Justice Court - unknown increase.

**Individuals & Businesses**

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

To the extent that individuals violate provisions of this legislation, this could cost certain offenders about \$1,500 per case, however the total amount is unknown.

**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**

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