



Fiscal Note
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 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 \$70; (2) Court Security \$38.

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.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(2,917,300)	\$(2,917,300)

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, in aggregate this could cost counties up to \$22.5 million ongoing in attorney/paralegal time to review. Also, Enactment of this legislation could increase revenue to local governments by about \$230 per case for fines/fees. Local government entities could experience the following estimated expenditures: 1. Prosecutors - \$812 per case; 2. Public Defense - \$900 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 \$340 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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