
H.B. 274 - Utah K-8 Online Virtual School

Fiscal Note

2008 General Session
State of Utah

State Impact

Enactment of this bill appropriates \$4,713,150 in ongoing Uniform School Fund to the Minimum School Program to support the Utah K-8 Online Virtual School. Enactment of this bill also appropriates \$100,000 in one-time Uniform School Fund in FY 2008 to the State Board of Education for school start-up costs.

Estimates indicate that 900 to 1,000 potential K-8 Online Virtual School students participate in virtual education in the school districts. These students are currently counted in the enrollments of their district of residence and generate Weighted Pupil Units for Minimum School Program funding. Depending on the number of students that transition to the K-8 Online Virtual School, the state may realize a savings in WPU costs for the fiscal year following a student's transfer to the virtual school. Based on the current value of the WPU, the state may realize a savings of \$251,400 in WPU costs for every 100 students that enroll in the virtual school.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$0	\$4,713,150	\$4,713,150	\$0	\$0	\$0
Uniform School Fund, One-time	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$100,000	\$4,713,150	\$4,713,150	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

If all projected Virtual School students come from public schools, local districts could save between \$2.2 and \$2.5 million in the first year.