SUMMARY

The Utah Prosecution Council (UPC) conducts prosecution training sessions and seminars statewide, assists with legal research, and produces a monthly newsletter.

Although the Prosecution Council is independent of the Attorney General’s Office and has a separate board of directors, it is housed with the AG’s Office for purposes of budgeting, accounting, and management efficiency.

The Prosecution Council line item has only one program. The council is mostly funded from the Public Safety Support Fund/Criminal Fine Surcharge collected by the courts. Dedicated Credits come from conference registration fees and Statewide Association of Prosecutors dues.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Base Budget

For the Prosecution Council Line Item, the Fiscal Analyst recommends a FY 2014 budget of $943,900 as shown in the budget detail table on page 2.

Intent Language

A report on intent language passed by the Legislature during the 2012 General Session for the Attorney General is included in the issue brief entitled Attorney General Follow-up on Previous Intent Language.

The Fiscal Analyst recommends the following intent language to make the Prosecution Council Line Item’s FY 2013 unexpended appropriations nonlapsing at the end of FY 2013 (recommended by the Governor):

Under Section 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Utah Prosecution Council in Item 14 Chapter 11 Laws of Utah not lapse at the close of fiscal year 2013.
The Analyst recommends the Legislature:

1. Approve a recommended budget of $943,900 as shown in the budget detail table.

2. After review and adjustment, approve the intent language on page 1.