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**H.B. 172 - Utah K-8 Online Virtual School**

**Fiscal Note**

2007 General Session

State of Utah

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will appropriate \$4,713,150 in ongoing Uniform School Fund revenues beginning in FY 2008 to the Minimum School Program to support the Utah K-8 Virtual School outlined in the bill. Enactment of this bill further appropriates \$100,000 in one-time Uniform School Fund revenue in FY 2008 to the State Board of Education to provide start-up costs associated with establishing the virtual school.

Bill provisions restrict funding for students attending the Utah K-8 Virtual School to the revenue appropriated by the Legislature. Estimates indicate that approximately 940 students currently attend a virtual school offered by a school district in the state. Virtual school students are currently counted in district enrollment counts and receive state funding through the mechanisms of the Minimum School Program. Provisions of this bill appropriate sufficient revenue to provide 1.3 times the value of the Weighted Pupil Unit for up to 1,500 students that enroll in the new Utah K-8 Virtual School.

Some savings may occur within the Minimum School Program due to students enrolling in the virtual school and not a school district and charter school. Based on the current value of the Weighted Pupil Unit, the State may realize a savings of \$241,700 in Weighted Pupil Unit costs for every 100 students that enroll in the virtual school instead of a district or charter school.

	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$0	\$4,713,150	\$4,713,150	\$0	\$0	\$0
Uniform School Fund, One-time	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,813,150</b>	<b>\$4,713,150</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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