



## Fiscal Note

### H.B. 481

2020 General Session  
Civil Commitment and Competency  
Amendments  
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#### General, Education, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/EF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(41,100)	\$0	\$(41,100)

#### State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Enactment of this legislation likely will not materially impact state revenue.

Expenditures	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
General Fund	\$0	\$41,100	\$41,100
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$41,100	\$41,100

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Courts \$16,800 ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY 2021 for additional hearings and risk assessments for forensic-track patients who are civilly committed and being considered for release. This legislation could cost the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health \$23,800 ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY 2021 for training and coordination of new evaluators. This legislation could further cost the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health \$500 ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY 2021 for per diem and travel expenses for a new non-governmental member of the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council. To the extent that health insurance companies currently do not pay for mental health services for individuals under civil commitment, the Utah State Hospital could realize savings that would vary based on the services needed and the length of the civil commitment. To the extent that additional individuals with brain injuries who are deemed not competent to proceed by the Courts are referred to the Utah State Developmental Center, the center could realize costs of approximately \$70,000 (\$22,000 from the General Fund and \$48,000 from federal Medicaid transfers) per person per year.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(41,100)	\$(41,100)

**Local Government**

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

Enactment of this legislation could cost county prosecutors \$5,600 annually for risk assessments for forensic-track patients who are civilly committed and being considered for release. Additional hearings for these patients could cost county prosecutors and defense attorneys an unknown amount for court and preparation time. To the extent that health insurance companies currently do not pay for mental health services for individuals under civil commitment, Local Mental Health Authorities could realize savings that would vary based on the services needed and the length of the civil commitment.

**Individuals & Businesses**

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

Enactment of this legislation likely will not result in direct expenditures from tax or fee changes for Utah residents and businesses.

**Regulatory Impact**

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

Enactment of this legislation could result in a small increase in the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

**Performance Note**

JR4-2-404

No performance note required for this bill

**Notes on Notes**

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