



**Fiscal Note**

**H.B. 38 1st Sub. (Buff)**

2023 General Session  
 Initiative and Referendum Modifications  
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**General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds**

JR4-4-101

|                            | Ongoing | One-time | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.) | \$0     | \$0      | \$0   |

**State Government**

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

| Revenues       | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Revenues | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     |

To the extent that more people are convicted due to initiative and referendum signature violations outlined in this bill and pay their financial obligation, this could increase revenue/case in the following amounts: (1) General Fund \$1,070; (2) Court Security \$53.

| Expenditures       | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Expenditures | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     |

To the extent that a case is filed in district court as a result of the initiative and referendum signature violation charges outlined in this bill, enactment of this legislation could cost the Courts \$420 from the General Fund per case.

|                      | FY 2023    | FY 2024    | FY 2025    |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Net All Funds</b> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

**Local Government**

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

To the extent that more people are charged and convicted due to the initiative and referendum signature violations outlined in this bill, enactment of this bill could increase revenue to local governments by about \$380/case for fines/fees. Local government entities could experience the following estimated expenditures: 1. Prosecutors - \$1,160 per case; 2. Public Defense - \$2,250 per case; 3. County Jails - unknown increase at about \$83/day/offender in incarceration costs; 4. Local Justice Court - unknown increase.

**Individuals & Businesses**

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

To the extent that individuals violate the initiative and referendum signature laws of this bill, this could cost certain offenders about \$1,500/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**

Fiscal notes estimate the direct costs or revenues of enacting a bill. The Legislature uses them to balance the budget. They do not measure a bill's benefits or non-fiscal impacts like opportunity costs, wait times, or inconvenience. A fiscal note is not an appropriation. The Legislature decides appropriations separately.