



Fiscal Note
H.B. 155
2023 General Session
Independent Election Audits
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

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	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(12,800)	\$0	\$(12,800)

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enactment of this legislation likely will not materially impact state revenue.			
Expenditures	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund	\$0	\$12,800	\$12,800
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$12,800	\$12,800
Enactment of this bill could cost the Lieutenant Governor's Office an estimated \$25,600 from the General Fund for each qualifying race that has a winning margin less than 15% to contract with an independent election auditor.			
Net All Funds	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	\$0	\$(12,800)	\$(12,800)

Local Government

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

To the extent that counties are required to audit elections as outlined in this bill, assuming a sample size of 341 of 2,499 precincts, 25% chance of a second sample recount, 5% chance of a full recount, enactment of this bill could cost the counties an estimated \$698,900 state-wide for each qualifying race. Average costs per individual precinct audits are approximately \$1,500 or \$3.35 per ballot.

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 likely will not change the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

This bill creates a new program or significantly expands an existing program. For a list of questions lawmakers might ask to improve accountability for the proposed program, please see:

<https://budget.utah.gov/newprogram>

Notes on Notes

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