



Fiscal Note

H.B. 173

2023 General Session
Citizen Empowerment Task Force
by Birkeland, K.



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 |
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| Total Revenues | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Enactment of this legislation likely will not materially impact state revenue. | | | |
| Expenditures | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| Total Expenditures | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Enactment of this legislation requires a governmental entity to pay attorney fees, and at the court's discretion expert fees, incurred by a non-governmental party who prevails in a civil action against the governmental entity. Under this framework the state could have been required to pay an estimated \$10 million annually assuming attorney and expert fees equal 40 percent of amounts paid to non-governmental parties by the Division of Risk Management in an average of 1,740 cases annually. | | | |
| Net All Funds | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Local Government

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

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| Enactment of this legislation requires a governmental entity to pay attorney fees, and at the court's discretion expert fees, incurred by a non-governmental party who prevails in a civil action against the governmental entity. Under this framework political subdivisions could have been required to pay an estimated \$6 million annually assuming attorney and expert fees equal 40 percent of amounts paid to non-governmental parties by the Division of Risk Management in an average of 900 cases annually. |
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Individuals & Businesses

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

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

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

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| Enactment of this legislation likely will not change the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses. |
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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.