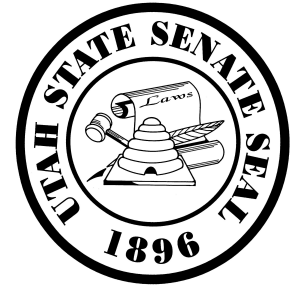




**Fiscal Note**  
**H.B. 538 1st Sub. (Buff)**  
 2023 General Session  
 Water Usage Amendments  
 by Owens, D. (Owens, Doug.)



**General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds**

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(4,500)	\$(2,000)	\$(6,500)

**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	\$4,500	\$4,500
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$6,500	\$4,500

Enactment of this bill could cost the Division of Water Resources \$4,500 ongoing and \$2,000 one-time in FY 2024 from the General Fund to publish water conservation estimates.

Net All Funds	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	\$0	\$(6,500)	\$(4,500)

**Local Government**

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

Enactment of this bill could result in an estimated revenue reduction of 10% for water suppliers in the Great Salt Lake basin that will vary based on region, weather, and water rates charged. This bill could result in an estimated cost of \$4,188,800 statewide for local entities to create a shoulder season enforcement program and mail violation notifications. This bill could also generate revenue for local entities in the following amounts: 1) \$45 for first violations; 2) \$90 for subsequent violations. Assuming 5% of individuals in the Great Salt Lake basin violated the provisions of this bill and a 100% collection rate, local entities could generate the following estimated revenue: 1) \$1,701,000 for first violations; 2) \$3,402,000 for subsequent violations.

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**Individuals & Businesses**

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

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**Regulatory Impact**

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

Enactment of this legislation could result in a medium increase in 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.