



Fiscal Note

H.B. 158

2024 General Session
 Criminal Defamation Amendments
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(200)	\$0	\$(200)

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
General Fund	\$0	\$(1,300)	\$(1,300)
Court Security Account (GFR)	\$0	\$(200)	\$(200)
Total Revenues	\$0	\$(1,500)	\$(1,500)

Enactment of this bill could reduce ongoing General Fund revenue by \$1,300 from the assessment of fines and criminal surcharge fees beginning in FY 2025. This could also result in a \$200 ongoing revenue reduction to Court Security beginning in FY 2025.

Expenditures	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
General Fund	\$0	\$(1,100)	\$(1,100)
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$(1,100)	\$(1,100)

Enactment of this legislation could decrease personnel costs to Courts by \$1,100 ongoing beginning in FY 2025 from the General Fund for reduced case processing.

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(400)	\$(400)

Local Government

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

Enactment of this bill could reduce local ongoing fine revenue by an estimated \$1,200 beginning in FY 2025. Local government entities could experience the following estimated expenditure impacts beginning in FY 2025: 1. Prosecutors - \$4,900 decrease; 2. Public Defense - \$2,900 decrease; and 3. Local Justice Court - unknown decrease.

Individuals & Businesses

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

About 4 individuals cited for violations could save \$650/case for an aggregated savings of \$2,600 in fines and surcharge fees beginning in FY 2025.

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

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