



**Fiscal Note**  
**H.B. 243 1st Sub. (Buff)**  
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 Riparian 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.)	\$(160,000)	\$(43,700)	\$(203,700)

**State Government**

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

Revenues	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Enactment of this legislation likely will not materially impact state revenue.

Expenditures	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
General Fund	\$0	\$160,000	\$160,000
General Fund, One-time	\$26,700	\$17,000	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$26,700	\$177,000	\$160,000

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands \$26,700 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2024 and \$160,000 ongoing from the General Fund in FY 2025 for an individual with expertise to assist local governments with development of a riparian element area in their general plans. Enactment of this legislation could cost the Utah Geological Survey \$15,000 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2025, which the agency can absorb, for an individual to compile a map of riparian areas within the state. Enactment of this legislation could cost the Division of Water Resources, \$2,000 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2025, which the agency can absorb, for an individual to compile tools and resources help local governments manage riparian areas.

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>Net All Funds</b>	<b>\$(26,700)</b>	<b>\$(177,000)</b>	<b>\$(160,000)</b>

**Local Government**

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

To the extent that counties and municipalities with a population over 10,000 do not already address riparian areas in their general plan by July 1, 2025, additional costs to develop and include a riparian element area in their general plan by December 31, 2024 could be incurred. As the size of local government areas and the extent they include riparian areas vary, enactment of this legislation could increase costs by \$15,000 on average to add a riparian element area to a general plan; aggregate amount unknown.

**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.

**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.