

**Fiscal Note H.B. 261 4th Sub. (Green)** 2024 General Session Equal Opportunity Initiatives by Hall, K. (Grover, Keith.)



General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds JR4-4-101				
	Ongoing	One-time	Total	
Net GF/ITF/USF (revexp.)	\$(452,000)	\$(345,000)	\$(797,000)	

State Government UCA 36-12-13				
Revenues	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	
Total Revenues	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	

Enactment of this legislation could increase dedicated credits for the Office of the State Auditor by \$300,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2025 for billing services to client agencies responding to violations in this bill.

Expenditures	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
General Fund	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
General Fund, One-time	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
Income Tax Fund	\$0	\$152,000	\$152,000
Income Tax Fund, One-time	\$0	\$330,000	\$0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
Total Expenditures	\$15,000	\$1,082,000	\$752,000

Enactment of this legislation could impact the Utah Board of Higher Education in three ways. Enactment of this legislation could cost the Board \$50,000 one-time Income Tax Fund in FY 2025 and \$175,000 ongoing Income Tax Fund beginning in FY 2025 to conduct a biennial review of all institutions related to compliance of this bill. The Board has indicated that they can absorb these costs as part of their regular review process of institutions. Enactment of this legislation could also cost the Board \$420,000 one-time Income Tax Fund in FY 2025 and \$140,000 ongoing Income Tax Fund beginning in FY 2026 to contract with a company to develop a campus climate survey. Additionally, enactment of this legislation could lead to a cost saving for the Board of \$163,000 ongoing Income Tax Fund beginning in FY 2025 to reduce personnel expenditures currently related to issues prohibited by this bill. Inasmuch as institutions of higher education transition funding from prohibited items listed within this bill to spending on student success activities and offices, their spending could change but ultimately result in cost neutral spending. Enactment of this legislation could also cost the Office of the State Auditor \$15,000 one-time General Fund in FY 2024 to modify the reporting system to track violations from this legislation. Enactment of this legislation could also cost the Office of the State Auditor \$300,000 ongoing dedicated credits beginning in FY 2025 to investigate alleged violations that occur within government entities as a result of this legislation. This would be billed to State agencies as General Fund.

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Net All Funds	\$(15,000)	\$(782,000)	\$(452,000)

### Local Government

Enactment of this legislation could cost Local Education Authorities to report under the additional requirements as part of this bill, but the exact costs are unknown and likely to be low.

## Individuals & Businesses

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

## **Regulatory Impact**

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

# Performance Evaluation

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: <a href="https://budget.utah.gov/newprogram">https://budget.utah.gov/newprogram</a>

#### 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.

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