



# Fiscal Note

## H.B. 478

2024 General Session  
 Animal Care Amendments - As Amended  
 by Thurston, N.



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

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(12,600)	\$(4,300)	\$(16,900)

### State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
Court Security Account (GFR)	\$0	\$300	\$300
Surcharge Fines	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,800</b>	<b>\$6,800</b>

Enactment of this bill could increase dedicated credits revenue to the Department of Agriculture and Food by \$4,500 ongoing in FY 2025 from civil fines. Enactment of this legislation could also result in additional General Fund revenue of \$2,000 ongoing in FY 2025 from the assessment of criminal surcharge fees and court security revenue of \$300 ongoing in FY 2025 for cases charged with an infraction, assuming an 80% conviction and 80% collection rate.

Expenditures	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
General Fund	\$0	\$12,600	\$12,600
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$4,300	\$0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,400</b>	<b>\$17,100</b>

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Department of Agriculture and Food \$12,600 ongoing in FY 2025 and \$4,300 one-time in FY 2025 from the General Fund for enforcement personnel and drafting administrative rules, which the Department can absorb. Enactment of this legislation could also cost the Department of Agriculture and Food \$4,500 ongoing in FY 2025 from dedicated credits for enforcement personnel. To the extent that violators appeal civil fines or the Department of Agriculture and Food seeks restraining orders, injunctions, or animal seizure, this legislation could increase Attorney General costs; this aggregate amount is unknown.

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>Net All Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$(14,600)</b>	<b>\$(10,300)</b>

**Local Government**

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

Enactment of this legislation could increase fine revenue to Local Governments by \$5,900 ongoing beginning in FY 2025 from dog breeder and animal care facility violations being charged as an infraction with a fine of \$750, assuming an 80% conviction and 80% collection rate.

**Individuals & Businesses**

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

Enactment of this legislation could cost businesses and individuals on average \$375 per violation in civil fines, which is estimated to be \$4,500 in aggregate. Additionally, businesses and individuals charged with an infraction could pay up to \$1,100 per case for an aggregated cost of \$8,200 in fines and surcharge fees beginning in FY 2025, assuming an 80% conviction and 80% collection rate.

**Regulatory Impact**

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

Enactment of this legislation could result in a small 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.