



Fiscal Note

H.B. 531

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Laser Pointer 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.)	\$0	\$0	\$0

State Government

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

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

To the extent that more people are convicted as a result of this legislation and pay their financial obligation, this could increase state revenue per case in the following amounts: (1) General Fund up to \$1,450; (2) Court Security up to \$53.

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

To the extent that a case is filed in district court as a result of the charges in this legislation, it could cost the Courts up to \$790 per case from the General Fund. To the extent that offenders are sentenced to prison or probation it could cost the Department of Corrections \$120 per day per offender and \$12 per day per offender for supervision. It could also cost the Board of Pardons and Parole \$430 per hearing.

Net All Funds	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
	\$0	\$0	\$0

Local Government

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

Enactment of this legislation could increase revenue to local governments by up to \$380 per case for fines/fees. Local government entities could experience the following estimated expenditures: 1. Prosecutors - up to \$1,392 per case; 2. Public Defense - up to \$3,420 per case; 3. County Jails - unknown increase at about \$83 per day per offender in incarceration costs; 4. Local Justice Court - unknown increase.

Individuals & Businesses

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

To the extent that individuals violate provisions of this legislation, this could cost certain offenders up to \$1,500 per case, however the total amount is unknown.

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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