1	FALSIFICATION OR ALTERATION OF	
2	GOVERNMENT RECORD	
3	2003 GENERAL SESSION	
4	STATE OF UTAH	
5	Sponsor: Katherine M. Bryson	
6	This act modifies the Criminal Code by clarifying that falsification of a government	
7	record is a class B misdemeanor only if the offense does not constitute a fraud offense	
8	subject to a greater penalty.	
9	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:	
10	AMENDS:	
11	76-8-511 , as enacted by Chapter 196, Laws of Utah 1973	
12	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:	
13	Section 1. Section 76-8-511 is amended to read:	
14	76-8-511. Falsification or alteration of government record Penalty.	
15	A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if [he] under circumstances not amounting	
16	to an offense subject to a greater penalty under Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 5, Fraud, the person:	
17	(1) knowingly makes a false entry in or false alteration of anything belonging to,	
18	received, or kept by the government for information or record, or required by law to be kept for	
19	information of the government; [or]	
20	(2) presents or uses anything knowing it to be false and with a purpose that it be taken	
21	as a genuine part of information or records referred to in Subsection (1); or	
22	(3) intentionally and unlawfully destroys, conceals, or otherwise impairs the verity or	
23	availability of [any such thing] the information or records.	



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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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State Impact

It is estimated that provisions of this bill can be implemented with existing resources.

Individual and Business Impact

No significant fiscal impact.

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