



Fiscal Note
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Hunting 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.)	\$(60,500)	\$0	\$(60,500)

State Government

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

Revenues	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Fund	\$0	\$(60,500)	\$(60,500)
Commerce Service Account	\$0	\$(6,600)	\$(6,600)
New Account Created By Bill (FN Only)	\$0	\$656,900	\$656,900
Total Revenues	\$0	\$589,800	\$589,800

Enactment of this legislation could decrease revenue to the Commerce Service Account by \$67,100 ongoing beginning in FY 2026 due to fewer fines and renewal fees collected. This, along with the \$6,600 expenditure savings listed below, could reduce the year-end transfer from the Commerce Service Account to the General Fund by \$60,500 ongoing in FY 2026. The legislation could also generate an estimated \$656,900 ongoing in FY 2026 to the new Guide, Outfitter, and Spotter Fund from the new fees. To the extent that more people are convicted as a result of this bill and pay their financial obligation, this could increase revenue/case in the following amounts: (1) General Fund \$290; (2) Court Security \$38.

Expenditures	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Commerce Service Account	\$0	\$(6,600)	\$(6,600)
New Account Created By Bill (FN Only)	\$0	\$205,500	\$205,500
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$198,900	\$198,900

Enactment of this legislation could reduce the costs to the Commerce Service Account by \$6,600 ongoing beginning in FY 2026 due to the decrease in hunting guide case that Commerce would have to investigate. This legislation could also cost the Division of Wildlife Resources an estimated \$205,500 ongoing from the new Guide, Outfitter, and Spotter Fund for additional staff and resources, starting in FY 2026.

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Net All Funds	\$0	\$390,900	\$390,900

Local Government

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

Enactment of this bill could increase revenue to local governments by about \$350/case for fines/fees. Local government entities could experience the following estimated expenditures: 1. Prosecutors - \$812 per case; 2. Public Defense - \$975 per case; 3. County Jails - unknown increase at about \$83/day/offender in incarceration costs; 4. Local Justice Court - unknown increase.

Individuals & Businesses

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

Enactment of this legislation repeals the regulation of hunting guides and outfitters by the Division of Professional Licensing, which could result in this industry to no longer having to pay current fees and penalties, leading to an estimated cumulative cost reduction of \$67,100 per year. Enactment could also require an estimated 1,822 outfitters, guides, and spotters to pay new annual registration fees to the Division of Wildlife Resources, with an estimated cumulative total impact of \$656,900 per year on the industry. To the extent that individuals violate provisions of this bill, this could cost certain offenders about \$680/case, however the total amount is unknown.

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 explanations 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 explanation is not an appropriation. The Legislature decides appropriations separately.