

Fiscal Note H.B. 166 1st Sub. (Buff)

2025 General Session Trailer Registration and Uniform Fee Amendments by Chew, Scott H.



General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (revexp.)	\$0	\$(15,500)	\$(15,500)

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

Revenues	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Transportation Fund	\$0	\$157,000	\$157,000
Transportation Fund, One-time	\$0	\$709,000	\$787,500
Transportation Investment Fund of 2005	\$0	\$(242,000)	\$(242,000)
Transportation Investment Fund of 2005, One-time	\$0	\$306,000	\$185,000
Total Revenues	\$0	\$930,000	\$887,500

Enactment of this legislation could increase state tax revenues from registration fees by approximately \$930,000 in FY 2026 and \$887,500 in FY 2027. It is estimated that this bill will decrease state tax revenues by approximately \$85,000 per year beginning in FY2028. Impacts will be to the Transportation Investment Fund, Rural Transportation Infrastructure Fund and the Transportation Fund.

Expenditures	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Fund, One-time	\$0	\$15,500	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$15,500	\$0

Enactment of this legislation could cost the Tax Commission \$15,500 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2026 for programming changes.

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Net All Funds	\$0	\$914,500	\$887,500

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

Enactment of this bill could reduce local revenues from ad valorem/uniform fees by approximately \$85,000 in FY 2026, \$990,000 in FY 2027, and \$1.81 million in FY 2028.

Individuals & Businesses

Enactment of this bill allows the owner of certain types of trailers to obtain a lifetime registration and pay a one-time uniform fee in lieu of ad valorem tax. Annual ad valorem tax on commercial intrastate trailers currently ranges from \$9 to about \$14,000 depending on the trailer's value. The one-time uniform fee in lieu of ad valorem tax in this bill is \$150. Owners who choose to pay the one-time registration fee will pay more in a single year but may save money over time if they own the trailer for at least 4 years. Some owners who choose the one-time uniform fee in lieu of ad valorem tax could save money in one year, with some owners saving up to \$13,850. Other owners may need to own the trailer for multiple years to anticipate saving using the one-time fees. Impacts will vary by owner, with only owners who anticipate savings choosing the one-time registration and uniform fees. In total, it is estimated that owners of these vehicles will pay approximately \$845,000 more in FY 2026, \$102,500 less in FY 2027, and \$1.895 million less in FY 2028.

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

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This bill does not create a new program or significantly expand an existing program.

Notes on Notes

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