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# **Revised Fiscal Note**

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Bill Topic:	PROCESSING OF MU	INICIPAL SOLID WASTE		
Summary of Fiscal Impact:		☐ State Transfer☐ TABOR Refund	□ Local Government     □ Statutory Public Entity	
	The bill modifies laws around processing solid waste. It increases state and local expenditures, and may impact state revenue, beginning in FY 2024-25.			
Appropriation Summary:	For FY 2024-25, the bill requires an appropriation of \$208,000 to the Office of Economic Development and International Trade.			
Fiscal Note Status:		cal note reflects the reengrossed bill, as amended by the House Energy nt Committee. It has been updated to reflect new information.		

# Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 24-150

		Budget Year FY 2024-25	Out Year FY 2025-26
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$208,000	-
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$31,200	-

### **Summary of Legislation**

Starting January 1, 2025, the bill prohibits units that combust municipal solid waste from being eligible for any state incentives, with some exceptions. The bill clarifies that these units do not meet state-set standards for recycling, clean energy, and other established programs. The bill also specifies that pyrolysis and gasification processes from incineration systems can be regulated by municipalities and boards of county commissioners.

The bill also specifies that synthetic gas produced by the pyrolysis of waste materials is no longer considered an eligible energy resources under state renewable energy standards, and methane from the pyrolysis of waste is not considered recovered methane or a clean heat resource for clean heat plants.

#### **State Revenue**

The bill increases General Fund revenue from income and sales taxes by an indeterminate amount. Beginning January 1, 2025, the bill makes combustion units ineligible for any state "incentive" for which they would otherwise qualify. This may affect eligibility for tax expenditures including, but not limited to: the advanced industry investment credit; the enterprise zone investment tax credit; the enterprise zone research and experimental activities credit; the plastic recycling investment credit; and the sales and use tax exemptions for components used in the production of electricity from a renewable energy source, for energy used for industrial and manufacturing purposes and for residential heat, light, and power, and for property used in space flight. The amount by which revenue increases depends on how the restriction in the bill is implemented. The potential increase affects income and sales tax revenue, which is subject to TABOR.

### **State Expenditures**

The bill increases state expenditures in the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) by \$208,000 in FY 2024-25 only, paid from the General Fund. It also minimally increases workload in the CDPHE.

Office of Economic Development and International Trade. The bill affects eligible applicant pools for at least 10 existing tax incentive programs. As such, OEDIT requires \$208,000 in FY 2024-25 only to contract a consultant to review all businesses currently receiving an incentive through affected programs to ensure compliance under the new requirements. This estimate assumes 1,040 hours of a contractor is required at \$200 per hour. Workload will also minimally increase to update the application process for each affected program to ensure compliance with the new law.

**Department of Public Health and Environment.** Workload will increase to provide compliance assistance, perform inspections, and manage enforcement issues. The extent of this workload impact is expected to be minimal, as the fiscal note assumes that there are few combustion units in operation that are covered by the bill.

#### **Local Government**

To the extent local governments operate combustion or pyrolysis facilities, costs may increase to shift or adjust waste disposal methods. The fiscal note assumes these impacts will be minimal as not many operate these facilities currently.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Colorado Energy Office Counties Higher Education

Local Affairs Municipalities Public Health and Environment

Regulatory Agencies Revenue

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the <u>General Assembly website</u>.