

SB 25-031: SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT WIRELESS SERVICES

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Fiscal note status: The revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee. It was recommended by the Cell Phone Connectivity Interim Study Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires emergency alert systems to make alerts in one or more additional languages and expands the scope of the Colorado Broadband Office to include access to wireless service.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis beginning in FY 2027-28:

Minimal State Workload

Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

| | Budget Year | Out Year |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Type of Impact | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 |
| State Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Expenditures | \$0 | \$0 |
| Transferred Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in State FTE | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE |

Summary of Legislation

The bill specifies requirements for issuing emergency alerts, including the requirement that alerts be made in predominant minority languages, beginning July 1, 2027. The existing 911 Services Enterprise may offer grants to counties and municipalities to offset their costs in complying with the new requirements.

The Colorado Broadband Office in the Office of Information Technology (OIT) offers grants, technical assistance, and other coordinating services to promote broadband access in the state. The bill expands the office's scope to include supporting grants for wireless service.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases state workload in multiple agencies beginning in FY 2027-28.

Department of Regulatory Agencies

The bill increases workload in the 911 Services Enterprise to the extent that it awards grants to alerting authorities for language and accessibility services. Any expenditures for this purpose will be prioritized by the enterprise board within existing resources.

Office of Information Technology

The bill may increase workload in OIT to provide technical assistance to grant applicants for wireless services. This can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government

The bill increases expenditures for local governments to comply with the new emergency alert requirements, including issuing alerts in one or more additional languages. These expenditures will be offset in any local government that receives a grant from the 911 Services Enterprise.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology Public Safety Regulatory Agencies