



# Fiscal Note

## Legislative Council Staff

Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

### HB 26-1073: LIMITATIONS ON BILLS INTRODUCED BY GA MEMBERS

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill allows a state legislator to introduce no more than three bills in any legislative session of the General Assembly.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures

**Appropriations.** For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a reduction in appropriations to the Legislative Department of \$772,309.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	-\$987,955	-\$987,955
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	-10.0 FTE	-10.0 FTE

**Table 1A**  
**State Expenditures**

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>Budget Year</b> <b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Out Year</b> <b>FY 2027-28</b>
General Fund	-\$772,309	-\$772,309
Cash Funds	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0
Centrally Appropriated	-\$215,646	-\$215,646
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>-\$987,955</b>	<b>-\$987,955</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>-10.0 FTE</b>	<b>-10.0 FTE</b>

## **Summary of Legislation**

Under current legislative rules, an individual member of the General Assembly may introduce no more than five bills in a legislative session. Starting with the 2027 legislative session, the bill allows a member to introduce no more than three bills, with limited exceptions.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill reduces expenditures in the Legislative Department by \$987,955 and 10.0 FTE starting with FY 2026-27. These General Fund cost savings are summarized in Table 2 and discussed below.

**Table 2**  
**State Expenditures**  
**Legislative Department**

<b>Cost Component</b>	<b>Budget Year</b> <b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Out Year</b> <b>FY 2027-28</b>
Personal Services	-\$759,509	-\$759,509
Operating Expenses	-\$12,800	-\$12,800
Centrally Appropriated Costs	-\$215,646	-\$215,646
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>-\$987,955</b>	<b>-\$987,955</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>-10.0 FTE</b>	<b>-10.0 FTE</b>

## **Legislative Department**

The state legislature maintains a permanent staff of nonpartisan employees, including economists, budget analysts, research analysts, fiscal analysts, auditors, attorneys, computer programmers, and administrative staff, spread across six service agencies. The bill reduces the number of bills that may be introduced by a legislator. Service agency workload is anticipated to decrease by an amount equivalent to approximately 10.0 FTE; however, the actual reduction in workload and the specific service agencies impacted will depend on how restrictive the process is for members to request permission to introduce more than three bills.

If the state legislature considers fewer bills each year, drafting, analysis, and committee work are all reduced simultaneously; however, there is not a direct correlation between the number of bills considered and the workload of each service agency. For example, Legislative Council Staff provides many services besides staffing committees of reference or writing fiscal notes. The office prepares quarterly economic and tax revenue forecasts, provides staff support and research for legislators and interim committees, and writes the Blue Book voter guide for all referred and initiated ballot measures.

## **Office of Legislative Legal Services**

The Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) will have a staff reduction of 7.0 FTE. Reducing the number of allowable bills by 200 each session will eliminate the need for 3 staff attorneys, 3 legislative editors, and 1 publication editor.

## **Legislative Council Staff**

Legislative Council Staff (LCS) will have a staff reduction of 3.0 FTE. Reducing the number of bills in each session eliminates the need for 3 fiscal analysts. The reduction in bills may also reduce the need for committee staff, IT personnel who support legislative committees, and other session-related staff; however, these impacts depend on how the General Assembly manages the remaining session workload. Any additional reductions will be addressed through the annual budget process.

## **Centrally Appropriated Costs**

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which may include employee insurance, supplemental employee retirement payments, indirect cost assessments, and other costs, are shown in Table 2 above.

## **Effective Date**

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

## **State Appropriations**

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For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a reduction in General Fund appropriations of \$772,309 to the Legislative Department, and a reduction of 10.0 FTE.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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