



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1149: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TESTIMONY REQUIRED OATH

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**Fiscal note status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill requires a person testifying before a legislative committee to provide the testimony under oath.

**Types of impacts.** The bill has no fiscal impact on state or local government.

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
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

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The bill requires a person testifying before a legislative committee to do so under oath that the testimony is true and accurate, and that knowingly making a false statement during testimony may constitute perjury and result in criminal prosecution. The oath is administered by the committee chair. The bill specifies that an oath is not required for legislators speaking at a committee, legislative staff testifying or presenting to a committee within the scope of their regular duties, or state agency personnel or other individuals giving a planned presentation such as a SMART Act hearing or JBC budget hearing.

## Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

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While the bill creates a new situation where a person could be charged with the existing criminal offense of perjury, the bill does not change the elements of this crime and it is assumed that individuals choosing to testify before legislative committees will do so truthfully. Thus, the bill will have no impact on the revenue, expenditures, or workload of any state agency or local government and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## 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 and Local Government Contacts

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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 [General Assembly website](#).