



# Fiscal Note

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### SB 26-034: AURARIA BOARD STUDENT & FACULTY PARTICIPATION

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill modifies membership and board qualifications for the Auraria Higher Education Center board of directors, student advisory committee, and faculty advisory committee.

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

- Institutions of higher education

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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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	\$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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Under current law, the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) Board of Directors has two nonvoting members who represent the AHEC student advisory committee and AHEC faculty advisory committee, respectively. The bill makes these advisory committee representatives voting members of the board. In addition, the bill:

- expands the faculty advisory committee from six to nine members, with one additional member representing each of the three constituent institutions; and
- repeals the requirement that the representative of the student advisory committee be a full-time student; and
- reduces the Colorado residency requirement for the representative of the student advisory committee from three years prior to the representative's election to one year.

The bill states that members of the board are fiduciaries of AHEC and requires that members of the board recuse themselves from a vote or executive session when they have a conflict of interest. The board may adopt a framework defining conflicts of interest for board members, and determining when a recusal is required.

## Background

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AHEC is made up of three constituent institutions: Metropolitan State University, the University of Colorado at Denver, and the Community College of Denver.

## Institutions of Higher Education

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The bill minimally impacts workload and costs for AHEC to modify procedures for the board of directors, expand the faculty advisory board, update materials with new eligibility requirements for the student advisory committee and ensure proper recusals for conflicts of interest. No change in appropriations is required.

## Effective Date

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The bill takes effect October 1, 2026.

## 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](#).