



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-038: COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill clarifies that Colorado State University shall comply with city and county laws related to noise or signage.

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

- Institutions of Higher Education
- 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

Under current law, the board of governors of the Colorado State University System (CSU) has the power to adopt regulations on their controlled lands that are not in conflict with the law. The bill specifies that the board must comply with any noise or sign ordinance imposed by the city or county where the university property is located, unless a waiver is granted by the city or county.

Institutions of Higher Education

The fiscal impact on CSU will depend on local noise and sign ordinances; CSU may incur costs to remediate signs or large event practices that are found to not be in compliance. For example, CSU is estimated to receive \$250,000 in revenue from recently installed billboards in Fort Collins and would incur expenses of \$170,000 if required by the city to remove them. To the extent municipalities and counties enforce current ordinances prohibiting billboards or other noise ordinances or do not grant a waiver as permitted by the bill, CSU will have a reduction in revenue and increased expenditures to comply. Any costs to comply are assumed to be addressed using institutional revenue sources.

Local Government

The bill may adjust workload for the City and County of Denver, the City of Fort Collins, and the City of Pueblo to enforce or clarify any noise or sign ordinances that apply to CSU properties. The fiscal note assumes that any workload is minimal.

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

Counties

Municipalities

Higher Education

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](#).