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Fiscal Note Memorandum

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Fiscal Assessment of L.005 to SB26-077

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment L.005 to SB26-077. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

Amendment L.005 removes all the substantive provisions of the introduced bill, other than the legislative declaration and definitions, and instead requires that:

- death certification professionals ensure they are aware of the most recent epilepsy-related death certification recommendations;
- the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) notify registered users of the Vital Events System of this requirement; and
- death certification professionals ensure that epilepsy is listed as a contributing cause on a death certificate when an individual's death is consistent with known or suspected sudden unexpected death in epilepsy.

In addition, the bill permits the CDPHE to provide online guidelines for clinicians and medical certifiers for death certificates regarding epilepsy-related deaths.



Fiscal Impact of Amendment

By removing the requirements to compile evidence-based information, conduct training, and undertake a public awareness campaign, the bill removes the estimated expenditure impacts identified in the fiscal note. Instead, the bill, as amended, will minimally increase state and local government workload, as outlined in the section below.

Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment

With Amendment L.005, the bill minimally increases state and local workload follows.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload within the CDPHE to notify registered users of the Vital Events System to be aware of the most recent epilepsy-related death certification recommendations, and to provide any online guidelines. This workload can be accomplished within existing resources.

Local Governments

Workload will increase in coroner offices to ensure they are aware of the latest epilepsy-related death certification recommendations and to ensure that death certificates identify epilepsy as a contributing cause when appropriate.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts with Amendment L.005

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year 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