



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1181: SUNSET BARBER & COSMETOLOGIST ACT

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill continues the Barber and Cosmetology Act, which is set to repeal on September 1, 2026. The program is continued until September 1, 2033.

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

- State Expenditures
- State Revenue

**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	\$1.9 million
State Expenditures	\$0	\$1.9 million
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$1.9 million
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	4.3 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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The bill continues the Barber and Cosmetology Act, which concerns the regulation of barbers and cosmetologists, until September 1, 2033. The bill also repeals the advisory committee under the act, adjusts definitions related to barbering and cosmetology, and specifies that certain services and providers are exempt from the act. The bill's provisions are based on recommendations in the [2025 sunset review](#) of the program.

## Background

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The Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) regulates barbers and cosmetologists through the Barber and Cosmetology Act, and requires them to obtain a license in order to provide services in Colorado. In FY 2023-24, a total of 71,060 individuals were licensed and 580 businesses registered under the act. Also, from FY 2019-20 until FY 2023-24, the division took 2,371 disciplinary actions against individuals and businesses regulated under the act.

## Continuing Program Impacts

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The DORA is expected to have annual revenue and expenditures of \$1.9 million and require staff of 4.3 FTE to oversee barber and cosmetology licensees and businesses, based on FY 2024-25 actual expenditures. If this bill is enacted, this current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2027-28. This continuing revenue is subject to the state TABOR limits.

If this bill is not enacted, the program will end one year after its repeal date on September 1, 2027, following a wind-down period. If allowed to repeal, state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2027-28 by the amounts shown in Table 1.

## State Expenditures

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The bill minimally increases workload in DORA to update materials and conduct outreach. The advisory committee has met three times since 2022; thus, repealing it has minimal impacts on the department's workload. No change in appropriations is required.

## 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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