



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1348: CHANGES TO BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE CASH FUND

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Fiscal note status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2026-27 Long Bill budget package.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill adds three facilities in the Department of Corrections to the list of facilities that are allowed to receive broadband infrastructure.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas in FY 2026-27 only:

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is required; see State Appropriations section.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (Cash Funds)	\$1,343,800	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill adds the Trinidad, Arkansas Valley, and Arrowhead Correctional Facilities in the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC) as facilities allowed to receive broadband infrastructure funding from the Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund. Additionally, the repeal date of the statute authorizing the deployment of broadband at facilities in the CDOC through the cash fund is extended by one year, from July 1, 2027, to July 1, 2028.

Background and Assumptions

[House Bill 24-1386](#) created the Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund and provided about \$4.5 million in funding to deploy broadband at five facilities in the CDOC. [Senate Bill 25-213](#) provided further funding of about \$850,000 for one more facility in the CDOC. According to the Joint Budget Committee Staff's [FY 2026-27 figure setting document](#) for the CDOC, actual expenditures for current projects was about \$1.3 million lower than the appropriated amount. The figure setting document indicates the intent to use this \$1.3 million for this bill and to appropriate about \$4.4 million from the cash fund for broadband installation in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the CDOC by about \$1.3 million in FY 2026-27 only. These costs, paid from the Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund, are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2
State Expenditures
Department of Corrections

Cost Component	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
Trinidad Correctional Facility	\$550,000	\$0
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	\$365,864	\$0
Arrowhead Correctional Facility	\$427,936	\$0
Total Costs	\$1,343,800	\$0

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

Based on the JBC staff figure setting document, the FY 2026-27 Long Bill is assumed to include sufficient appropriations from the Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund to the CDOC for broadband installation at the facilities added by this bill. Therefore, no appropriation is required in this bill.

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