



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1371: ADDING REPEAL DATES FOR CERTAIN HIGHER EDUC PROGRAMS

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Fiscal note status: The 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 a repeal date of June 30, 2028, for three higher education programs administered by the Department of Higher Education.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas beginning in FY 2028-29:

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28	Out Year FY 2028-29
State Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0	-\$1,073,688
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Reductions in State Expenditures are based on funding expected to be included in the FY 2026-27 Long bill for the programs. Actual expenditure reductions will vary.

Summary of Legislation

On June 30, 2028, the bill repeals the following limited purpose fee-for-service contract programs administered by the Department of Higher Education:

- the Improve Healthcare Access for Older Coloradans Program, created by [Senate Bill 23-031](#);
- the career, technical education, and apprenticeships alignment project, created by [Senate Bill 24-104](#); and
- the Creation of Career Pathways for Students Program, created by [House Bill 15-1274](#).

State Expenditures

By repealing these programs, the bill will reduce General Fund expenditures in the Department of Higher Education by an estimated \$1.07 million per year, beginning in FY 2028-29. This estimate reflects the total appropriations for these programs that are expected to be included in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill, as follows:

- \$974,848 for the Improve Healthcare Access for Older Coloradans program;
- \$55,360 for the career, technical education, and apprenticeships alignment project; and
- \$43,480 for the Career Pathways for Students program.

Actual reductions will depend on appropriations and expenditure decisions by the General Assembly and Department of Higher Education in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

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