



## Fiscal Note

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

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**Fiscal note status:** The fiscal note reflects the reengrossed 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, 2026, for two higher education fee-for-service requirements for the Department of Higher Education and repeals three other higher education programs on June 30, 2028.

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

- State Expenditures

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required. Reductions to spending in FY 2026-27 are included in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill, rather than this bill.

**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 (General Fund)	-\$2,625,534	-\$2,625,534	-\$3,699,222
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

## Summary of Legislation

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On June 30, 2026, the bill repeals the following limited purpose fee-for service contract programs administered by the Department of Higher Education (CDHE):

- the cybersecurity and distributed ledger technologies state funding and distribution requirement established by [Senate Bill 18-086](#); and
- the Food Systems Advisory Council contract requirement, created by [House Bill 19-1202](#).

On June 30, 2028, the bill similarly repeals the following programs:

- 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

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By repealing these programs, the bill will reduce General Fund expenditures in the Department of Higher Education by an estimated \$2.6 million per year in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28. In FY 2028-29, expenditures will decrease by an estimated \$3.7 million.

Beginning in FY 2026-27, the reduction includes \$2,550,000 for cybersecurity and distributed ledger technologies and \$75,534 for the Food Systems Advisory Council. These reductions have been accounted for in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill.

Beginning in FY 2027-28 and future years, the following reductions in expenditures will occur, based on current funding for these programs included in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill:

- \$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.

## Effective Date

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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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Joint Budget Committee Staff

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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](#).