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Fiscal Note Memorandum

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Fiscal Assessment of L.001 to SB26-101

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment L.001 to Senate Bill 26-101. 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.001 strikes everything below the enacting clause and authorizes the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to expend money from the Community Impact Cash Fund for grants to local governments for municipal solid waste landfill methane emission reduction projects. The bill requires the Environmental Justice Advisory Board in the department to prioritize local governments over private entities in the distribution of these funds. Local governments must use awarded grants as supplemental funding, rather than exclusionary funding for the identified projects.

Fiscal Impact of Amendment

Amendment L.001 eliminates the requirement for CDPHE to conduct extensive rulemaking, collect data, prepare documentation, and contract with a financial advisor in the assessment of a local government's financial instability. As such, the amendment decreases state expenditures in the CDPHE to an absorbable, minimal workload impact.



Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment

As amended, the bill minimally increases workload in the CDPHE and may impact local government revenue and expenditures. These impacts are summarized in Table 1 and described below.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts with Amendment L.001

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

Department of Public Health and Environment

The bill permits the CDPHE to distribute money from the Community Impact Cash Fund to local governments to meet solid waste landfill methane emission reduction benchmarks. Because the bill expands the allowable uses of existing grant funds, but does not require specific awards or appropriate additional funding, the fiscal note cannot estimate the amount or timing of grants that may be awarded to counties; however, any awards are assumed to shift expenditures within existing cash funds, and overall state expenditures are not expected to increase.

Local Government

Beginning in FY 2026-27, the bill impacts local government revenue and expenditures. Revenue will increase if counties receive funding from the state for projects related to methane emission reduction, and project expenditures will shift from local funds to awarded state funds.