



# Fiscal Note

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### SB 26-154: MODIFY CO CHANNEL AUTH BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** This bill removes the requirement that appointees to the Colorado Channel Authority Board be members of the General Assembly.

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

- State Expenditures

**Appropriations.** For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a reduction in appropriations of \$1,446 to the Legislative Department.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28	Out Year FY 2028-29	Out Year FY 2029-30
State Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	-\$1,446	-\$2,893	-\$4,339	-\$5,785
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

**Table 1A  
State Expenditures**

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2028-29</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2029-30</b>
General Fund	-\$1,369	-\$2,738	-\$4,107	-\$5,476
Cash Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Centrally Appropriated	-\$77	-\$154	-\$232	-\$309
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>-\$1,446</b>	<b>-\$2,892</b>	<b>-\$4,339</b>	<b>-\$5,785</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.0 FTE</b>	<b>0.0 FTE</b>	<b>0.0 FTE</b>	<b>0.0 FTE</b>

## Summary of Legislation

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This bill removes the requirement that appointees to the Colorado Channel Authority Board be members of the General Assembly.

## Background

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Non-legislative member of the Colorado Channel Authority Board do not receive compensation from the state, while legislative members do. Legislators only receive compensation to attend meetings during the interim. Typically, four interim meetings are held each year in May, June, September, and December.

## Assumptions

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This fiscal note assumes that all current legislative members of the Colorado Channel Authority Board will be replaced by nonlegislative members at the conclusion of their terms. There are currently four legislative members of the board, with two members' terms expiring in early 2027 in FY 2026-27 and two members' terms expiring in late 2028 / early 2029 in FY 2028-29.

Appointment of non-legislator members is assumed to phase in over time based on the expiring legislator terms, resulting in a decrease in legislator reimbursements for 4 meetings in FY 2026-27, 8 meetings in FY 2027-28, 12 meetings in FY 2028-29, and 16 meetings in FY 2029-30 and future years.

## **State Expenditures**

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The bill decreases costs in the Legislative Department by \$1,446 in FY 2026-27, \$2,892 in FY 2027-28, \$4,339 in FY 2028-29, and \$5,785 in FY 2029-30 and future years. Per member, per meeting costs are \$342, consisting of \$218 in per diem, \$124 in travel reimbursement, plus \$19.30 in centrally appropriated costs. Because current legislative members will be replaced as their terms expire, reductions occur over time starting in FY 2026-27, based on the assumed number of meetings described above.

## **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 Appropriations**

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For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a decrease in General Fund appropriations of \$1,446 to the Legislative Department.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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