Fiscal Note

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SB 26-101: LOCAL GOV LANDFILL METHANE EMISSION REDUCTION REGS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill expands the allowable use of grant funds in the Community Impact Cash Fund for municipal solid waste landfill methane emission reduction projects.

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

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
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

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Summary of Legislation

The bill authorizes the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to award grants from the Community Impact Cash Fund for municipal solid waste landfill methane emission reduction projects in disproportionately impacted communities. The bill requires the Environmental Justice Advisory Board in the CDPHE to prioritize local governments over private entities in the distribution of these funds. Awarded entities must use grants as supplemental funding, rather than exclusionary funding, for the identified projects.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in the CDPHE to conduct rulemaking and adjust grant distributions under the Community Impact Cash Fund. 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; 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 may impact 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.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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