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# *Fiscal Note Memorandum*

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## **Fiscal Assessment of L.002 to HB26-1256**

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment L.002 to House Bill 26-1256. 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**

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Amendment L.002 removes the requirement that the Department of Corrections (CDOC) provide individuals released from prison to a metropolitan area with fixed-route public transit system with a 30-day pass or equivalent subsidy.

### **Fiscal Impact of Amendment**

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By removing this requirement, Amendment L.002 reduces costs by an estimated \$148,000 in FY 2026-27 and \$300,000 in FY 2027-28.

### **Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment**

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With Amendment L.002, the bill increases General Fund expenditures in the CDOC by \$141,000 in FY 2026-27 and \$280,000 in FY 2027-28 and ongoing; however, they do not require an appropriation due to the underspending of the dress-out line item. Costs are shown in Table 1 and discussed below.



**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts with Amendment L.002**

<b>Type of Impact</b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2027-28</b>
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$141,038	\$281,974
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

### **State Expenditures**

The CDOC will provide \$100 as a release allowance to approximately 6,077 offenders per year. Costs in FY 2026-27 are prorated for a half-year impact based on the January 1, 2027, effective date. According to the CDOC Supplemental Budget request, the department has underspent their dress out line item by about \$400,000 per year over the last five fiscal years. Because the CDOC currently underspends its dress-out line item, and since the reengrossed version of the [FY 2026-27 Long Bill](#) maintains the current dress-out line item appropriation, no additional appropriations are required.

No change in appropriations is required for changes to the Colorado Offender Identification Program, or for a minimal workload increase to collect and report data on release allowances and identification issuance.