



# Fiscal Note

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### SB 26-186: UPDATE WORKERS' COMP STATUTES ALLOW ELEC FILING

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**Fiscal note status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Technology Committee.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill updates the Workers’ Compensation Act to address technology upgrades, clean up outdated language, and divert certain funding.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on a one-time basis:

- Minimal State Workload
- State Diversion

**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

## Summary of Legislation

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This bill updates the Workers' Compensation Act to account for recent technology upgrades by the Division of Workers' Compensation in the Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) regarding electronic reporting capability. The system upgrades include the:

- electronic data filing system for claim information;
- proof of workers' compensation coverage system; and
- internal claim management system.

To address the upgrades, the bill expands the definition of terms such as "mailed" and "served" to include electronic filing.

The bill also directs certain penalties and death benefits to the Colorado Uninsured Employer Fund created in [Senate Bill 17-1119](#) rather than the Subsequent Injury Fund.

Finally, the bill cleans up outdated language.

## State Diversion

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The bill diverts funding from the Subsequent Injury Fund to the Colorado Uninsured Employer Fund. Funding is dependent on penalty and benefit revenue and has not been estimated.

## State Expenditures

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CDLE will have a minimal increase in workload to update any materials to conform to the bill's changes and to direct penalties and death benefits to the Colorado Uninsured Employer Fund. This can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## 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 and Local Government Contacts

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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](#).