



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-190: RELEASE INFO ABOUT PEACE OFFICER USE OF FORCE

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill clarifies timelines for releasing recordings of incidents involving peace officer use of force that results in death.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under existing law, all video and audio recordings depicting an incident of peace officer misconduct that resulted in death must be provided to the victim's family upon request. The bill clarifies that the recordings depicting an incident of a peace officer's use of force that resulted in death must be provided to the victim's family regardless of whether there is a complaint of peace officer misconduct for the incident and that law enforcement agency must exercise reasonable diligence to identify the victim's family. A family member may decline to receive the recordings.

The bill requires the public release of incident recordings after they are released to the victim's family—including from body-worn cameras and dash cameras. Recordings may not be released before they are offered and provided to the family and 72 hours has elapsed.

When releasing recordings, the recording must begin when the officer who used force responds to the call and end 30 minutes after that officer is released from the scene.

The bill also sets a 24-hour deadline for the victim's family to be informed of the composition of the multi-agency team charged with the investigation.

Background

[Senate Bill 20-217](#) required increased use of body-worn cameras and [House Bill 21-1250](#) clarified provisions related to the release of the footage and applied multi-agency review protocols for peace officer-involved shootings investigations into any incident where a peace officer's use of force causes death. Because these requirements exist under current law, the bill is not anticipated to generate additional training requirements or change the number of revocations processed by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board in the Department of Law,

State Expenditures

For state law enforcement agencies, workload will minimally increase to process additional recordings for a limited number of cases involving use of force resulting in death, as well as to provide investigation notifications in these cases. No change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

Similar to the state, workload will minimally increase for local law enforcement agencies to provide incident recordings without exception and to provide investigation notifications.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Public Safety
Judicial	Sheriffs
Municipalities	State Law Enforcement Agencies
Police Chiefs	