



# Fiscal Note

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### SB 26-016: PROHIBIT DISCHARGE PREPRODUCTION PLASTIC MATERIALS

**Prime Sponsors:**

Sen. Cutter; Wallace  
Rep. Smith; Lukens

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**Bill Outcome:** Signed into Law  
**Drafting number:** LLS 26-0155

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note  
**Date:** June 2, 2026

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill prohibits the discharge of plastic pellets and other preproduction plastic materials through land application or into state waters, wastewater, storm water runoff, or other runoff.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis beginning in FY 2027-28:

- Minimal State Workload

**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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The bill prohibits a person from discharging plastic pellets or other preproduction plastic materials from a facility through land application or into state waters, wastewater, storm water runoff, or other runoff. The bill excludes sewage treatment facilities.

Under current law, the Water Quality Control Commission in the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) may issue a permit for the discharge of pollutants into state waters under certain circumstances. The bill prohibits the CDPHE from issuing a permit for the discharge of plastic pellets or other preproduction plastic materials into state waters.

## State Expenditures

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Beginning in FY 2027-28, the bill may increase workload in the CDPHE to respond to inquiries and complaints. This workload is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 30, 2026, and takes effect on August 12, 2027, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Law

Public Health and Environment

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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](#).