



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1279: PUBLIC UTILITY NOTICE TO REAL PROPERTY OWNER

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Bill Outcome: Postponed Indefinitely

Drafting number: LLS 26-0784

Version: Final Fiscal Note

Date: June 2, 2026

Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Energy and Environment Committee on March 12, 2026; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill would have required a public utility to provide at least 90 days' notice to landowners before beginning the construction or extension of a new facility line, plant or system on a landowners' property, and to hold at least one in-person public meeting.

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

- 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

The bill requires a public utility to provide at least 90 days' notice to landowners before beginning the construction or extension of a new facility, line, plant, or system that requires the use of a landowners' property. The public utility is required to hold at least one in-person public meeting between 30 and 60 days after providing notice. Sufficient notice means a letter containing specified information sent by certified mail to the landowner, and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the area of the property.

Local Government

To the extent municipally owned utilities are constructing on private property, the bill increases expenditures for certified mail, newspaper notices, and public hearings.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed. It applies to public utility construction or extension projects commenced on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

Contacts

Counties

Regulatory Agencies

Municipal Utilities