



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

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
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Version: Final Fiscal Note
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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted 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 The bill updates the Workers’ Compensation Act to address technology upgrades, clean up outdated language, and divert certain funding.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

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Finally, the bill cleans up outdated language.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

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

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

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 2, 2026, and takes effect on August 12, 2026, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Labor

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](#).