

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 24, 2026
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1324 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 6, lines 5 and 6, strike "(4) by certified mail OR
2 EMAIL." and substitute "(4). ~~by certified mail.~~".

3 Page 12, line 14, strike "**Excise tax on renewal**" and substitute
4 "**Renewal**".

5 Page 12, line 17, strike "excise tax" and substitute "~~excise tax~~
6 ADDITIONAL FEE".

7 Page 12, line 22, strike "excise tax" and substitute "~~excise tax~~
8 ADDITIONAL FEE".

9 Page 12, after line 23 insert:

10 "SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-105, **amend**
11 (5)(a) as follows:

12 **12-20-105. Fee adjustments - division of professions and**
13 **occupations cash fund created - legal defense account created -**
14 **general fund transfer - definition - repeal.**

15 (5) (a) The ~~excise tax~~ FEE collected pursuant to section 12-20-104
16 shall be credited to the legal defense account, which account is ~~hereby~~
17 created within the division of professions and occupations cash fund. The
18 ~~excise tax~~ FEE is the sole source of funding for the account, and no other
19 fee or portion of a fee collected by a regulator and credited to the division
20 of professions and occupations cash fund shall be deposited in or
21 transferred to the account. The account shall be used to supplement
22 ~~revenues~~ REVENUE received by the division but shall only be used for the
23 purpose of paying legal expenses incurred by a regulator. Upon a

1 determination of the need of a regulator for additional ~~revenues~~ REVENUE
2 for the payment of legal expenses, the director may authorize the
3 allocation of ~~revenues~~ REVENUE from the legal defense account to a
4 regulator for legal expenses.

5 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-211,
6 **recreate and reenact, with amendments,** (1) as follows:

7 **12-120-211. Qualifications for engineer-interns.**

8 (1) (a) AN APPLICANT MAY QUALIFY FOR ENROLLMENT AS AN
9 ENGINEER-INTERN BY ENDORSEMENT IF THE APPLICANT IS ENROLLED IN
10 GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION REQUIRING QUALIFICATIONS
11 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THOSE CURRENTLY REQUIRED OF
12 APPLICANTS UNDER THIS PART 2 OR IF, AT THE TIME OF INITIAL
13 ENROLLMENT IN THE OTHER JURISDICTION, THE APPLICANT MET THE
14 REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT THEN IN EXISTENCE UNDER COLORADO
15 LAW.

16 (b) UPON COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL BY
17 THE BOARD, AN APPLICANT QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)
18 OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENROLLED AS AN ENGINEER-INTERN IF THE
19 APPLICANT IS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-120-210.

20 **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-213,
21 **recreate and reenact, with amendments,** (1) as follows:

22 **12-120-213. Qualifications for professional engineer.**

23 (1) (a) AN APPLICANT MAY QUALIFY FOR LICENSING AS A
24 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT IF THE APPLICANT IS LICENSED
25 IN GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION REQUIRING QUALIFICATIONS
26 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THOSE CURRENTLY REQUIRED OF
27 APPLICANTS UNDER THIS PART 2 OR IF, AT THE TIME OF INITIAL LICENSURE
28 IN THE OTHER JURISDICTION, THE APPLICANT MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
29 LICENSURE THEN IN EXISTENCE UNDER COLORADO LAW.

30 (b) UPON COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL BY
31 THE BOARD, AN APPLICANT QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)
32 OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE LICENSED AS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER IF THE
33 APPLICANT IS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-120-212.

34 **SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-215,
35 **recreate and reenact, with amendments,** (1)(a)(III) and (1)(b)(III) as
36 follows:

37 **12-120-215. Fees - disposition.**

38 (1) Pursuant to section 12-20-105, the board shall charge and
39 collect fees for the following:

40 (a) With respect to professional engineers:

41 (III) APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT;

42 (b) With respect to engineer-interns:

43 (III) APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT BY ENDORSEMENT.

1 **SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-311,
2 **recreate and reenact, with amendments,** (1) as follows:

3 **12-120-311. Qualifications for land surveyor-interns.**

4 (1) (a) AN APPLICANT MAY QUALIFY FOR ENROLLMENT AS A LAND
5 SURVEYOR-INTERM BY ENDORSEMENT IF THE APPLICANT IS ENROLLED IN
6 GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION REQUIRING QUALIFICATIONS
7 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THOSE CURRENTLY REQUIRED OF
8 APPLICANTS UNDER THIS PART 3 OR IF, AT THE TIME OF INITIAL
9 ENROLLMENT IN THE OTHER JURISDICTION, THE APPLICANT MET THE
10 REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT THEN IN EXISTENCE UNDER COLORADO
11 LAW.

12 (b) UPON COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL BY
13 THE BOARD, AN APPLICANT QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)
14 OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENROLLED AS A LAND SURVEYOR-INTERM IF THE
15 APPLICANT IS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-120-310.

16 **SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-313,
17 **recreate and reenact, with amendments,** (1) as follows:

18 **12-120-313. Qualifications for professional land surveyor.**

19 (1) (a) AN APPLICANT MAY QUALIFY FOR LICENSING AS A
20 PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR BY ENDORSEMENT AND EXAMINATION IF
21 THE APPLICANT PASSES THE APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION AS ADOPTED BY
22 THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-120-104 (3)(b) AND THE
23 EXAMINATION PERTAINING TO COLORADO LAW.

24 (b) TO BE ADMITTED TO AN EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO
25 SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AN APPLICANT MUST BE LICENSED IN
26 GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION REQUIRING QUALIFICATIONS
27 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THOSE CURRENTLY REQUIRED OF
28 APPLICANTS UNDER THIS PART 3 OR, AT THE TIME OF INITIAL LICENSURE IN
29 THE OTHER JURISDICTION, MUST HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
30 LICENSURE THEN IN EXISTENCE UNDER COLORADO LAW.

31 (c) UPON PASSING THE APPROPRIATE EXAMINATIONS, AN
32 APPLICANT QUALIFIED FOR LICENSING BY ENDORSEMENT AND
33 EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL BE LICENSED AS
34 A PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR IF THE APPLICANT IS OTHERWISE
35 QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-120-312.

36 **SECTION 30.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-315,
37 **recreate and reenact, with amendments,** (1)(a)(III) and (1)(b)(III) as
38 follows:

39 **12-120-315. Fees - disposition.**

40 (1) Pursuant to section 12-20-105, the board shall charge and
41 collect fees for the following:

42 (a) With respect to professional land surveyors:

43 (III) APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT AND

- 1 EXAMINATION;
- 2 (b) With respect to land surveyor-interns:
- 3 (III) APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT AS A LAND
- 4 SURVEYOR-INTERM BY ENDORSEMENT."

- 5 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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