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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY

Summary of Fiscal Impact: [X] State Revenue [ ] State Transfer [ ] Local Government
[X] State Expenditure [ ] TABOR Refund [ ] Statutory Public Entity

The bill would have required a covered foreign government that owns or obtains a real property interest in Colorado to register with the Secretary of State. It would have increased state expenditures on an ongoing basis and may increase revenue.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill would have required an appropriation of \$164,097 to the Secretary of State.

Fiscal Note Status: The final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was deemed lost in the House on May 9, 2024; therefore, the impact identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1238

Table with 4 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2024-25, and Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds, Centrally Appropriated, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts.

## Summary of Legislation

Beginning on March 1, 2025, the bill requires a covered foreign government that owns or obtains a real property interest in Colorado to register with the Secretary of State (SOS). A covered foreign government includes any country classified as a state sponsor of terrorism by the United States Department of State. The SOS may create rules for implementation.

## State Revenue

Colorado law requires legislative service agency review of measures which create or increase any fee collected by a state agency. Under current law, the SOS is authorized to adjust fees so that the revenue generated approximates its direct and indirect program costs. The SOS is primarily funded through business filing fees. To cover the costs described in the State Expenditures section below, fees may need to be raised to cover all or some of the costs of this bill. The fees affected and the actual amount of fee charges will be set administratively by the SOS based on cash fund balance, total program costs, and the estimated number of professional activities subject to fees. This revenue is subject to TABOR.

## State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in SOS by approximately \$170,000 in FY 2024-25 and \$30,000 in FY 2025-26 and future years, paid from the Department of State Cash Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

**Table 2**  
**Expenditures Under HB 24-1238**

	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>FY 2025-26</b>
<b>Department of State</b>		
Personal Services	\$33,907	\$23,485
Operating Expenses	\$640	\$384
Capital Outlay Costs	\$6,670	-
Computer Programming	\$122,880	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>1</sup>	\$8,969	\$5,676
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$173,066</b>	<b>\$29,545</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.5 FTE</b>	<b>0.3 FTE</b>

<sup>1</sup> Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

