



Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **PROHIBIT LANDSCAPING PRACTICES FOR WATER CONSERVATION**

Summary of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
Fiscal Impact:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill restricts the installation or planting of nonfunctional turf, artificial turf, and invasive plant species. The bill increases state agency workload and may increase local revenue and expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Beginning January 1, 2025, the bill prohibits local governments or home owners' associations from installing, planting, or placing nonfunctional turf, artificial turf, or invasive plant species on any commercial, institutional, or industrial property or transportation corridor. Further, the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) must not use prohibited landscaping in construction and renovation projects on state facilities. The bill does not apply to artificial turf on athletic fields of play.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in the Community Development Office in the Department of Local Affairs to update reference materials provided to local governments. The DPA will also have minimal workload to modify the internal policy and technical assistance provided by the Office of the State Architect.

Local Governments

The bill may increase local government workload and costs in several ways. First, local governments will need to update ordinances and other regulations to reflect the prohibition on artificial turf, and will be required to respond to complaints, investigate potential violations, and take enforcement actions. Second, when undertaking future landscaping projects, local governments may have higher costs to pay for the installation and maintenance of alternative surfaces at their facilities. Some costs to local governments may be offset by implementing and enforcing new fines or fees related to the bill's restrictions.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Local Affairs

Personnel

Regulatory Agencies

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: leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes.