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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

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

The bill requires the Office of the State Architect to develop a floodplain management program. It increases state and local expenditures beginning in FY 2024-25.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill requires an appropriation of \$49,383 to the Department of Personnel and Administration.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Capital Development Committee.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 24-179**

		Budget Year FY 2024-25	Out Year FY 2025-26
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$49,383	\$53,392
	Centrally Appropriated	\$13,457	\$16,820
	Total Expenditures	\$62,840	\$70,212
	Total FTE	0.8 FTE	1.0 FTE
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$7,407	\$8,009

Summary of Legislation

The bill directs the Office of the State Architect (OSA) in the Department of Personnel and Administration and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources to develop a floodplain management program on state-owned land in counties or municipalities that do not participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program.

Background

In 2021, FEMA informed the state that it was out of compliance with National Flood Insurance Program standards and it requested that the state develop an action plan.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures by about \$60,000 in FY 2024-25 and \$70,000 in subsequent years, paid from the General Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and described below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 24-179

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Department of Personnel and Administration		
Personal Services	\$41,689	\$52,112
Operating Expenses	\$1,024	\$1,280
Capital Outlay Costs	\$6,670	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹	\$13,457	\$16,820
Total Cost	\$62,840	\$70,212
Total FTE	0.8 FTE	1.0 FTE

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Department of Personnel and Administration. OSA requires 1.0 FTE to develop policies for affected state properties, coordinate with the CWCB, inspect projects, and liaise with state agencies that own or lease buildings in affected areas. Standard operating and capital outlay costs are included, and costs are prorated in FY 2024-25 for the bill's effective date.

Department of Natural Resources. The bill increases workload in the CWCB to coordinate with OSA and to provide data on floodplains. This can be accomplished within existing resources.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Local Government

Workload may increase for local governments to coordinate with OSA on any local flood management regulations. This workload is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$49,383 to the Department of Personnel and Administration, and 0.8 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources

Personnel

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](#).