

HB 25-1025: STOCKPILE OF ESSENTIAL MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill expands the authority of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to distribute personal protective equipment to state and local government employees who are responding to emergency circumstances other than declared disaster emergencies.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

| | Budget Year | Out Year |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Type of Impact | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 |
| 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

Under current law, the state maintains a stockpile of essential materials, including personal protective equipment (PPE), that the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) may distribute in response to a Governor-declared disaster emergency. The division may distribute materials to state agencies, schools, local public health agencies, hospitals, health care providers, or any individual or entity in need.

This bill authorizes the division to distribute essential materials from the stockpile for circumstances other than a Governor-declared disaster emergency, or if their distribution will enhance the ability of a needing entity to respond to current or future emergencies. The division is not required to consult with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment when making the decision to distribute materials from the stockpile. The bill also expands the definition of eligible recipients to include nonprofit and faith-based organizations. Beginning with the 2027 legislative session, the DPS must include information about distributions from the stockpile in the department's annual SMART Act hearing presentation.

State Expenditure

The bill expands the circumstance under which the DPS may distribute PPE to entities in need and the kinds of eligible recipients. This will have no impact on workload or expenditures; however, the department will have a slight increase in workload to prepare additional information for presentation at the annual SMART Act hearing. This minimal workload increase does not require new appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Safety