



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1030: ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS IN BUILDING CODES

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires that amended or newly adopted building codes of a local government, school district, and the State Housing Board meet or exceed international accessibility standards. The Department of Public Safety must ensure certain updated codes meet the standards

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

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government
- School Districts

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year 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

The bill requires that certain building codes adopted or amended after January 1, 2026, meet or exceed the accessibility standards adopted by the International Code Council. Specifically, the bill applies to building codes adopted by a city or county, or by the State Housing Board in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) or the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for buildings and facilities that fall under their jurisdiction. Relatedly, the bill requires that the Division of Fire Prevention and Control ensure that the local codes meet or exceed these accessibility standards when reviewing construction plans for public schools, district colleges and certain health facilities.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload for DOLA and the DPS to ensure that building codes for structures under their jurisdiction meet or exceed the accessibility standards referenced in the bill. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control will also need to check that the appropriate codes are used when reviewing construction plans. In many cases, this work aligns with current practices. Thus, any increase in workload is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

Beginning with 2026, workload and costs will increase for local governments when updating or amending their building codes to ensure they comply with international accessibility standards. School districts and junior district colleges will need to ensure that all building contracts adhere to these standards before having plans and site inspections by the state.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect January 1, 2026, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Local Affairs
Municipalities	Public Safety

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](#).