



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1113: LIMIT TURF IN NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill expands the current prohibition on nonfunctional turf to include residential property used for apartment or condominium housing.

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

- Minimal Workload
- Local Government

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

Under current law, a local government is prohibited from using nonfunctional turf or invasive plants in any new or redeveloped government property beginning January 1, 2026. This bill expands the prohibition to include residential property used for apartment or condominium housing. No later than January 1, 2028, local governments must enact or amend ordinances to limit the installation of nonfunctional turf in for all residential real property.

State Expenditures

The Division of Local Government in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) will have a minimal workload increase to respond to requests for technical assistance, helping local governments to assess compliance, organizing information presentations, and communicating best practices in collaboration with other state agencies. The division must also update documents and instruction materials in the division's land development code template. These efforts do not require new appropriations.

Local Government

Local governments will have an increase in workload to update codes and ordinances and to incorporate the expanded prohibition into planning documents and the development approval processes for apartment or condominium housing. Workload will also increase to update planning and development documents and to enforce the prohibition on nonfunctional turf on any new residential development.

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

Local Affairs

Natural Resources

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](#).