



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1137: ADOPT A SHELTER PET ACCOUNT COMMUNITY CATS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill establishes the Trap-Neuter-Return Grant Program administered by the Pet Overpopulation Authority.

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

- Minimal State Workload
- Statutory Public Entity

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 establishes the Trap-Neuter-Return Grant Program administered by the Pet Overpopulation Authority. The new grant program is funded using existing revenue to the Adopt a Shelter Pet Account, which receives donations from the sale of the "Adopt a Shelter Pet" special license plate and an income tax check off. Grants may be provided to an animal welfare facility, which includes a pet animal facility, pet animal rescue, or spay and neuter organization. The bill also specifies that 70 percent of grants must be used for facilities that are located in a county with a population under 200,000.

The bill specifies that at least 20 percent of grant funding issued by the authority must be for the new grant program. Money awarded to an eligible facility may be used for:

- trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating, and ear-tipping a community cat;
- veterinary care for community cats;
- education and outreach to promote the program;
- training for community cat caretakers and animal control personnel; and
- veterinary materials in spay and neuter clinics and mobile clinic support.

Additionally, the bill changes some of the requirements for the Board of Directors for the Pet Overpopulation Authority and requires the board to annually publish information about grant recipients.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in the Department of Agriculture to make additional appointments to the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Authority's board of directors.

Statutory Public Entity

The Pet Overpopulation Authority is a statutory public entity and not subject to administrative direction by any state agency. The bill directs the Pet Overpopulation Authority to issue grants for a new purpose, within its existing revenue to the Pet Overpopulation Fund. This will reduce grants available for existing spay and neuter programs and other pet overpopulation initiatives, and increase funding on Trap-Neuter-Release programs targeting community cats. The exact shift in grants will depend on how many entities apply for funding, the total amount of grants issued, and decisions by the authority board.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture

Revenue

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Treasury

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](#).