



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1166: EFFORTS TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill addresses food waste through education and food donations.**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Revenue
- Minimal State Workload

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 addresses food waste through education and food donations, as described below.

The Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) operates the Colorado Green Business Network, a voluntary program that promotes sustainability in the private sector. The bill expands the scope of the program to include training on food waste reduction.

The bill increases the donation and resale of food by:

- allowing retail food establishments to sell chilled or frozen food at a discount to individuals eligible for food assistance;
- allowing retail food establishments to sell or donate food online;
- encouraging grocery stores to replace “sell by” dates with “best if used or frozen by” dates; and
- expanding the recipients of donated food, such that the donation qualifies for immunity from civil or criminal liability.

State Revenue and Expenditures

Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Green Business Network can include food waste prevention and reduction strategies and provide other guidance within existing appropriations.

Judicial Department

To the extent that the expanded liability immunity results in fewer cases filed with trial courts in the Judicial Department, state revenue from filing fees, which is subject to TABOR, and state expenditures will decrease. The number of such cases is expected to be small and any revenue or workload decrease will 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 and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

Public Health and Environment

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](#).