



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1198: REGIONAL PLANNING ROUNDTABLE COMMISSION

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill creates the Regional Planning Roundtable Commission in the Department of Local Affairs to assist local governments with statutory housing, land use, or other planning requirements.

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

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required. The Housing Needs Planning Technical Assistance Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Local Affairs.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

| Type of Impact | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| State Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Expenditures (Cash Funds) | \$83,195 | \$85,027 |
| Transferred Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in State FTE | 0.9 FTE | 1.0 FTE |

**Table 1A
State Expenditures**

| Fund Source | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| Cash Funds | \$66,553 | \$66,536 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Centrally Appropriated | \$16,642 | \$18,491 |
| Total Expenditures | \$83,195 | \$85,027 |
| Total FTE | 0.9 FTE | 1.0 FTE |

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the 15-member Regional Planning Roundtable Commission in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to assist local governments with statutory housing, land use, or other planning requirements. The commission consists of representatives from local governments, state agencies, and individuals with expertise in affordable housing, climate and environmental issues, and tourism. Members serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses. The bill requires the commission to meet at least four times each year and hold the first meeting no later than December 31, 2025. By December 31, 2027, and each year thereafter, the commission must report to the general assembly on assistance the commission has provided to local governments.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Local Affairs by about \$83,000 in FY 2025-26 and \$85,000 in FY 2026-27. These costs, paid from the Housing Needs Planning Technical Assistance Fund, are summarized in Table 2 and discussed below. The bill also minimally affects workload in various other agencies.

**Table 2
State Expenditures
Department of Local Affairs**

| Cost Component | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Personal Services | \$58,731 | \$65,256 |
| Operating Expenses | \$1,152 | \$1,280 |
| Capital Outlay Costs | \$6,670 | \$0 |
| Centrally Appropriated Costs | \$16,642 | \$18,491 |
| Total Costs | \$83,195 | \$85,027 |
| Total FTE | 0.9 FTE | 1.0 FTE |

Department of Local Affairs

The DOLA requires 1.0 FTE beginning in FY 2025-26 for a staff member to coordinate the formation of the commission, plan and facilitate commission meetings, act as a liaison between the commission and department staff, and prepare and finalize an annual report. Personal services include standard operating costs and capital outlay and are prorated to reflect an August 2025 start date.

Workload may increase for other staff in the DOLA to assist with commission activities and help prepare the annual report. Any additional workload can be accomplished with existing resources.

Governor’s Office

Workload will minimally increase for the Governor’s Office of Boards and Commissions to make the required appointment under the bill. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Other Agency Impacts

Workload will minimally increase for representatives of the Department of Natural Resources, the Colorado Energy Office, and the Colorado Department of Transportation to appoint board members, participate in the commission, and travel to commission meetings.

Centrally Appropriated Costs

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which may include employee insurance, supplemental employee retirement payments, leased space, and indirect cost assessments, are shown in the expenditure table(s) above.

Local Government

The bill may increase workload and expenditures for any local government with staff serving on the commission. Local governments may also choose to collaborate with the commission on revising planning frameworks or accessing state and federal resources and technical assistance for complying with planning requirements.

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

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Colorado Energy Office | Local Affairs |
| Governor | Natural Resources |
| Governor's Office | Public Health and Environment |
| Counties | Transportation |

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](#).