



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1224: REVISED UNIFORM UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT MODS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill modifies the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act in the Department of the Treasury.

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

- Minimal State Revenue
- Minimal State 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

The bill modifies the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (RUUPA) under the Department of the Treasury. Specifically, it:

- clarifies rules for the handling of legacy preneed contracts;
- clarifies that virtual currency is presumed unclaimed after 3 years;
- requires liquidation of virtual currency within 30 days unless the administrator is notified;
- clarifies when tax-deferred retirement accounts are presumed abandoned;
- reduces record retention and enforcement periods from 10 years to 6 years;
- limits claims for reimbursement to 2 years, in certain cases;
- allows the sale of thinly traded securities below market price;
- removes certain local government exemptions;
- allows the administrator to transfer property to a local government if the local government owns the property;
- lowers maximum recovery fees for third-party claim assistance to 10 percent; and
- clarifies that the unclaimed property administrator may require a claimant to provide any documents that are necessary to establish ownership, and that these documents are confidential.

Background

The RUUPA directs the Department of the Treasury to collect property presumed abandoned by the State of Colorado and return it to its rightful owner through an advertising and claims processing [program](#).

State Revenue

Starting in FY 2025-26, the bill may minimally increase state revenue from the liquidation of unclaimed cryptocurrency and additional foreclosure overbids remaining with the state rather than being paid to recovery agents. Other changes in the bill may impact how long the state maintains the unclaimed property.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2025-26, the bill minimally increases workload in the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), as described below.

Department of the Treasury

Workload in the Department of the Treasury will minimally increase to update policies, procedures, and materials related to the RUUPA, and implement new standards for claims filed through the program. No change in appropriations is required.

Department of Regulatory Agencies

Workload in the Division of Insurance in DORA may minimally increase to update rules regarding preneed funeral contracts between sellers and buyers. The department may also require legal services, provided by the Department of Law, related to rulemaking. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government

Current law includes an exemption from RUUPA for local governments that meet certain conditions. By repealing the exemption, some local governments may see changes in their workload to align with state processes. Revenue may increase if local governments recover additional funds from unclaimed foreclosure overbids, and if the Department of Treasury transfers unclaimed property directly to local governments. The number of local governments that meet the current exemption is limited; therefore, these impacts are expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Law

Treasury

Regulatory Agencies