



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1280: ADVANCED LEAK DETECTION TECHNOLOGY RULES

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules on natural gas pipeline leak detection by November 1, 2025.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas in FY 2025-26 only:

- 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

Under current law, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies must adopt rules regarding the use of advanced leak detection technology to meet the need for pipeline safety and protection of the environment. The bill requires the rules to be in place by November 1, 2025.

Background

[Senate Bill 21-108](#) required the Pipeline Safety Program's rules to address various gas pipeline safety-related issues, including the use of advanced leak detection technology.

State Expenditures

The bill accelerates a rulemaking deadline which may require adjustments to PUC workflow; however, no change in appropriations is required as this effort is already underway and resources are in place from SB 21-108 to accomplish the effort.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Law

Regulatory Agencies

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](#).