



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1298: JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE COMMISSIONS

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill establishes the Judicial Performance Commission for the 23rd Judicial District.

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

- 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 establishes the 23rd Judicial District Commission on Judicial Performance on December 1, 2025, and outlines the initial terms for attorneys and non-attorneys serving on the commission. Prior to this date, the bill requires interim evaluations on the performance of judges in the 23rd district to be completed by the 18th Judicial Performance Commission.

Background

House Bill 20-1026 created the 23rd Judicial District effective January 7, 2025. It is comprised of Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln counties.

District commissions evaluate district and county judges.

The Office of Judicial Performance Evaluation (OJPE) oversees the judicial performance evaluation system. The office is supported by the Judicial Performance Cash Fund, which is funded by docket fees and covers the costs of surveying attorneys and non-attorneys who have appeared before the judges and justices being evaluated for retention.

State Expenditures

Beginning mid-FY 2025-26, workload will increase for the OJPE to oversee performance evaluations for the 23rd Judicial District. While district commissioners are volunteers, they are permitted to claim reimbursement for travel expenses; these costs can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Additionally, workload will minimally increase for the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions to make the required appointment under the bill.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

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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](#).