



Fiscal Note

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SB 25-009: RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL COURT ORDERS

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill which was recommended by the American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires various state agencies to recognize and enforce tribal court orders, arrest warrants, and behavioral health commitment orders.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas:

- 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 requires state courts, law enforcement, hospitals, behavioral health facilities, and health care providers to recognize and enforce tribal court orders, arrest warrants, and behavioral health commitment orders.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2025-26, workload to various state agencies—such as the Behavioral Health Administration, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and other agencies that hire law enforcement officers—will increase to update policies and coordinate with tribal governments. Workload to coordinate with tribal governments is assumed to be minimal; therefore, no appropriations are required.

Local Government

Similar to the state, workload to local law enforcement agencies—such as municipal police departments and county sheriffs—may increase to update policies and work with tribal governments. This increase in workload is assumed to 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

Behavioral Health Administration	Municipalities
Counties	Natural Resources
District Attorneys	Public Health and Environment
Higher Education	Public Safety
Human Services	Revenue
Judicial	Sheriffs

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](#).