



Fiscal Note

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SB 25-055: YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Representative Hugh McKean Colorado Youth Advisory Council Review Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill adds youth members to the Environmental Justice Advisory Board and requires the Colorado Energy Office to develop best practices for clean energy in schools.

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

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is required. The Community Impact Cash Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

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)	\$2,521	\$2,521
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 that one voting member of the Environmental Justice Advisory Board in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) be a youth and adds a nonvoting youth member. The Governor's Office must appoint the youth members by September 15, 2025.

The bill also requires the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) to develop best practices for adopting and financing clean energy resources in schools by December 31, 2025. This information must be posted and kept updated on the CEO website.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures from the Community Impact Cash Fund in the CDPHE by approximately \$2,500 beginning in FY 2025-26. The bill also increases workload in the CEO and the Governor's Office.

Department of Public Health and Environment

CDPHE requires \$2,521 annually to add one new member to the Environmental Justice Advisory Board. This estimate is based on the costs required for current members to attend the quarterly board meetings and includes all travel, lodging, and stipend costs.

Colorado Energy Office

Workload will increase for the CEO to develop best practices for the adoption and financing of clean energy resources in schools, and to update the resource periodically. This is expected to take less than 100 hours of staff time initially, and can be accomplished within existing resources.

Governor's Office

Workload will minimally increase for the Governor's Office to appoint two youth members to the board.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

No appropriation is required for the Department of Public Health and Environment as the Community Impact Cash Fund is continuously appropriated to the department.

State and Local Government Contacts

Colorado Energy Office

Governor

Public Health and Environment

Governor's Office