



Fiscal Note

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SB 25-142: CHANGES TO WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE BOARD

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill modifies the composition of the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board and makes a statutory definition of wildland urban interface (WUI).

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

- State Expenditures
- State Transfers
- Local Government

Appropriations. The bill requires an appropriation of \$25,200 to the Department of Public Safety.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact¹	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$25,200	\$25,200
Transferred Funds ²	\$25,200	\$25,200
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

¹ Fund sources for these impacts are shown in the tables below.

² This transfer is made through an appropriation from the General Fund.

**Table 1A
State Expenditures**

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Cash Funds	\$25,200	\$25,200
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0
Centrally Appropriated	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$25,200	\$25,200
Total FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

**Table 1B
State Transfers**

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
General Fund	-\$25,200	-\$25,200
Cash Funds	\$25,200	\$25,200
Net Transfer	\$0	\$0

Summary of Legislation

The bill changes the number and composition of the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board in the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and establishes a statutory definition of wildland-urban interface (WUI) to replace the statewide definition established by the board.

No later than July 1, 2026, counties must create a WUI map that adheres to the statutory definition and submit a copy to the board. The bill also extends the current July 1, 2025, deadline for the board to adopt all codes until January 1, 2027.

Background

The Wildfire Resiliency Code Board was created by [Senate Bill 23-166](#) to adopt statewide building codes and standards to reduce the wildfire risk to people and property. The board meets monthly in different parts of the state.

State Transfers

Starting in FY 2025-26, \$25,200 per year should be transferred from the General Fund to the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board Cash Fund to cover the increase in costs for the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board described below. This transfer is made through an appropriation from the General Fund, as noted in the State Appropriations section.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the DPS by \$25,200 starting in FY 2025-26, paid from the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board Cash Fund. The bill both adds and removes members of the board, with a net gain of three additional voting board members that will require expense reimbursements for travel, estimated at \$8,400 per member annually.

Local Government

County governments will have an increased workload and expense to create WUI maps that adhere to the bill's statutory definitions. The exact increase will vary by jurisdiction.

State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires the following appropriations:

- an appropriation of \$25,200 from the General Fund to the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board Cash Fund; and
- an appropriation of \$25,200 from the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board Cash Fund to the Department of Public Safety.

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

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