



Fiscal Note

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SB 25-170: DNA & SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT BACKLOG TESTING & DATA

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill codifies a footnote in the Department of Public Safety budget concerning the use of money for DNA testing into state statute.

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

The bill codifies into state statute a budget footnote amended in the most recent Department of Public Safety (CDPS) supplemental appropriations bill, [Senate Bill 25-105](#), concerning appropriations for certain forensic testing by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Background

The CBI received a General Fund appropriation through [HB 24-1197](#) for DNA testing and reimbursement. Footnote 107a for this appropriation required the CDPS to provide a progress report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2024. This appropriation was given roll-forward spending authority through FY 2024-25 by [footnote add-on 107a](#) to the FY 2024-25 Long Bill, which also allowed appropriations to be spent on district attorney reimbursements. [SB 25-105](#) provided roll-forward spending authority through FY 2025-26, and clarified in footnote 107b that the appropriation be spent to accelerate testing of the backlog of sexual assault kits through the use of contract labs, and required the CDPS to provide detailed updates on its progress.

State Expenditures

The bill does not increase state expenditures for the CDPS relative to current law since FY 2025-26 spending authority for the original \$3.0 million appropriation was provided through prior legislation. Additionally, it is assumed that any administrative effort to comply with the requirements codified by this bill will be paid using the original appropriation. However, given that the progress report and specifications regarding use of the appropriation are already included in law through SB 25-105, no change in workload or costs is expected.

Effective Date

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

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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](#).