



Fiscal Note

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BILL 6: YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill adds two youth members to the Environmental Justice Advisory Board and creates an annual event for youth to discuss environmental matters.

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

- State Revenue
- State Expenditures

Appropriations. For FY 2025-26, the bill requires an appropriation of \$20,242 to the Colorado Energy Office.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact ¹	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$24,626	\$39,626
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.2 FTE	0.2 FTE

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

**Table 1A
State Expenditures**

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2024-25	Out Year FY 2025-26
General Fund	\$20,242	\$35,242
Cash Funds	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0
Centrally Appropriated	\$4,384	\$4,384
Total Expenditures	\$24,626	\$39,626
Total FTE	0.2 FTE	0.2 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill adds two youth members to the Environmental Justice Advisory Board in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The Governor’s Office must appoint members by September 15, 2025.

The bill also requires the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) to host an annual conference on environmental matters for youth by December 31, 2026, and each year thereafter. The CEO may use gifts, grants, and donations to cover event costs.

State Revenue

The bill potentially increases state revenue to the CEO from gifts, grants, or donations for the youth event; however, no sources have been identified at this time. Gifts, grants, and donations are exempt from TABOR revenue limits.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the CEO by approximately \$25,000 in FY 2025-26 and \$40,000 in FY 2026-27 and ongoing. These costs, paid from the General Fund, are summarized in Table 2 and discussed below. The bill also minimally affects workload in the Governor’s Office.

Table 2
State Expenditures
Colorado Energy Office

Cost Component	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
Personal Services	\$20,242	\$20,242
Conference Costs	\$0	\$15,000
Centrally Appropriated Costs	\$4,384	\$4,384
Total Costs	\$24,626	\$39,626
Total FTE	0.2 FTE	0.2 FTE

Staff

Beginning in FY 2025-26, the CEO requires 0.2 FTE to coordinate the annual youth event, the first of which must take place on or before December 30, 2026. This includes managing logistics, speaker recruitment, marketing, event staff trainings, informational sessions, and event setup. The FTE will also perform outreach to youth, schools, and youth coordinators, as well as collaborate with relevant state agencies.

Conference Costs

Beginning in FY 2026-27, \$15,000 will be required annually for facility rental, food, printing, and marketing materials. This is an estimate, as actual costs will depend on logistical factors determined by the FTE coordinating the event, such as the number of youth in attendance, location, and marketing strategies. Any additional resources beyond this amount will be requested through the annual budgeting process.

Other Agency Impacts

Workload will minimally increase for the Governor’s Office to appoint two youth members to the Board. This increase is minimal and can be accomplished within existing resources.

Centrally Appropriated Costs

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which may include employee insurance, supplemental employee retirement payments, leased space, and indirect cost assessments, are shown in the expenditure table(s) above.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$20,242 to the Colorado Energy Office, and 0.2 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Colorado Energy Office

Governor's Office

Public Health and Environment

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.