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# Fiscal Note

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**Prime Sponsors:**

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**Bill Status:** Bill Request  
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**Bill Topic:** **PROHIBIT LANDSCAPING PRACTICES FOR WATER CONSERVATION**

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill restricts the installation or planting of nonfunctional turf, artificial turf, and invasive plant species. The bill state agency workload and may increase local revenue and expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee.

## Summary of Legislation

Beginning January 1, 2025, the bill prohibits local governments or home owners' associations from installing, planting, or placing nonfunctional turf, artificial turf, or invasive plant species on any commercial, institutional, or industrial property. Further, the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) must not use prohibited landscaping in construction and renovation projects on state facilities.

## State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in the Community Development Office in the Department of Local Affairs to update reference materials provided to local governments and in the Colorado HOA Information and Resource Center in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to respond to questions and complaints from homeowners and homeowners' associations. The DPA will also have minimal workload to modify the internal policy and technical assistance provided by the Office of the State Architect.

## **Local Governments**

The bill may increase local governments workload and costs in several ways. First, local governments will need to update ordinance and other regulations to reflect the prohibition on artificial turf, and will be required to respond to complaints, investigate potential violations, and take enforcement actions. Second, when undertaking future landscaping projects, local governments may have higher costs to pay for the installation and maintenance of alternative surfaces at their facilities. Some costs to local governments may be offset by implementing and enforcing new fines or fees related to the bill's restrictions.

## **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**

Counties  
Personnel

Local Affairs  
Regulatory Agencies

Municipalities  
Special District Association