



Fiscal Note

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BILL 9: BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES REQUIREMENTS

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill specifies that backflow device inspection, testing, or repair does not require plumbing occupational licensure from the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

No fiscal impact. This bill has no fiscal impact on state or local government.

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 specifies that inspection, testing, or repair of backflow prevention devices does not require plumbing occupational licensure from the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

Background

Backflow prevention devices are designed to protect clean water lines from wastewater contamination. [House Bill 24-1344](#) continued plumbing industry regulation and as part of the sunset process made several changes to plumbing occupational licensure. One change was to require plumbing licensure for all work on backflow prevention devices, including inspection, testing and repair. Prior to this change, licensure was only required for the installation or removal of backflow prevention devices.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The changes made by the bill regarding occupational licensure and scope of practice do not change state or local government revenue and expenditures, as the updated licensing requirements in HB 24-1344 have not yet been fully implemented. This bill returns licensing requirements for work involving backflow prevention devices to those in effect prior to HB 24-1344. Thus, this bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

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

Regulatory Agencies

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](#).