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Fiscal Note Memorandum

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Fiscal Assessment of L.001 to SB 26-019

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment L.001 to Senate Bill 26-019. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

Amendment L.001 makes the following changes to SB 26-019:

- clarifies ECC strategic plans, scopes of work, and agreements;
- removes the requirement that the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) review, approve, and propose changes to an ECC strategic plan and scope of work;
- extends the deadline for rules to be adopted by CDEC; and
- removes the requirement that CDEC fulfill certain duties if an ECC is unable to and instead specifies that CDEC rules must address how to handle early childhood services if an area of the state does not have an ECC that can fulfill its duties.

Fiscal Impact of Amendment

Amendment L.001 eliminates the \$112,947 state expenditure increase for the CDEC that is identified in the initial fiscal note published on January 27, 2026.



Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment

With Amendment L.001, the bill increases workload for CDEC to support the consolidation of local early childhood entities in areas of the state where an ECC does not currently act as a local coordinating organization, ensure updates to ECC strategic plans, scopes of work, and agreements with CDEC, and update rules to align with the bill's requirements. No change in appropriations is required.

As discussed in the initial fiscal note, the bill will also impact local government workload for Adams, Clear Creek, Denver, Gilpin and Jefferson counties to shift duties to ECCs, as these areas are currently served by local coordinating organizations that are not also ECCs.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts with Amendment L.001

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

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SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

SB26-019 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 6, strike lines 21 through 27 and substitute:
 - 2 "(c) THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN MAY INCLUDE:
 - 3 (I) THE MANNER IN WHICH THE COUNCIL WILL FACILITATE ACCESS
 - 4 TO EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND HOLISTIC
 - 5 SERVICES THAT INCLUDE FOOD, CASH ASSISTANCE, HEALTH CARE, AND
 - 6 COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-5-101,
 - 7 INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL "FAMILY FIRST
 - 8 PREVENTION SERVICES ACT OF 2018"; AND
 - 9 (II) THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIES FOR IDENTIFYING AND SECURING,".
- 10 Page 10, strike lines 11 through 19.
- 11 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 12 Page 10, line 22, strike "STRATEGIC PLANS" and substitute
- 13 "AGREEMENTS".
- 14 Page 11, line 3, strike the second "AND" and substitute "AND, WHERE
- 15 FEASIBLE,".
- 16 Page 13, line 13, strike "JANUARY" and substitute "JULY".
- 17 Page 14, strike line 27.
- 18 Page 15, strike lines 1 through 24.
- 19 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 20 Page 16, line 6, after "ISSUES." add "THE RULES MUST ALSO ADDRESS
- 21 HOW, FOR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE FOR WHICH A COUNCIL IS NOT
- 22 ESTABLISHED, OR FOR WHICH AN EXISTING COUNCIL IS NOT FULLY
- 23 CAPABLE OF IMPLEMENTING ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC
- 24 PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ENSURE, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT
- 25 POSSIBLE, CONTINUITY OF THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES REQUIRED
- 26 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2 FOR THE AREA, UNTIL A COUNCIL IS
- 27 ESTABLISHED OR AN EXISTING COUNCIL IS FULLY CAPABLE OF
- 28 IMPLEMENTING ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN.".
- 29 Page 17, lines 11 and 12 strike "SCOPE OF WORK, ACCOUNTABILITY
- 30 METRICS," and substitute "AGREEMENT".

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