



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1067: DISEASED LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY FUND

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill expands the allowable uses of funding out of the Diseased Livestock Indemnity Cash Fund and renames it the Livestock Health Preparedness, Response and Diseased Livestock Indemnity Fund.

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

- Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
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

Under current law, livestock owners may receive compensation from the Diseased Livestock Indemnity Fund after their herd is required to be sold for slaughter or destroyed because it was exposed to a contagious disease. The bill expands the allowable uses of the money in this fund to include preparing and responding to the following:

- infectious or contagious diseases that pose a threat to livestock; and,
- biological or chemical contaminants of animals that pose a threat to livestock.

The bill also renames the existing fund the Livestock Health Preparedness, Response, and Diseased Livestock Indemnity Fund.

State Expenditures

Workload and expenditures in the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) will increase to the extent that additional funds are dispersed for the purposes outlined in the bill. This increase is expected to be minimal. The Livestock Health Preparedness, Response, and Diseased Livestock Indemnity Fund is continuously appropriated to the department, and no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

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

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