



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1205: CO STATE FOREST SERVICE GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill updates references to the federal agencies with whom the Colorado State Forest Service may collaborate for watershed protection and forest health projects.

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

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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**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

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## Summary of Legislation

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Current law requires the Colorado State Forest Service to collaborate with other governments and agencies to recommend the use of money for watershed protection and forest health projects. The Forest Service is currently required to apply principles of “Good Neighbor Authority” programs between themselves and the United State Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The bill clarifies the list of federal agencies to include the United States Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, and any agency within the Interior or Agriculture Departments. The bill also allows the Colorado State Forest Service to enter into projects that improve outdoor recreation opportunities.

## Background

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The United States Forest Service’ [Good Neighbor Authority](#) program allows the federal government to enter into agreements with state level forest services for forest health projects.

## Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

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The bill clarifies the current practice for the Colorado State Forest Service to enter into agreements with the federal government and updates definitions to more accurately reflect which federal departments manage Good Neighbor Authority programs. Because this update does not impact the revenues or expenditures of the State Forest Service, or any other state or local agency, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## Effective Date

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The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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State Forest Service

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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](#).