



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1229: SUPPORTING THE HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill authorizes the Health Disparities and Community Grant Program to fund programs that support the human-animal bond.

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

- Minimal State Workload

**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

## Summary of Legislation

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This bill adds the human-animal bond to the definition of the “social determinants of health” under Colorado’s Health Disparities and Community Grant Program. The bill defines the human-animal bond as the mutually beneficial relations between a person and a pet animal in their care and custody. By including this relationship in the social determinants of health definition, the bill authorizes the grant program to fund programs that support the human-animal bond.

## State Expenditures

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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) administers the Health Disparities and Community Grant Program. The bill expands the types of grants proposals the CDPHE can consider when awarding funding, which may decrease the amount of grants awarded to other organizations. The General Assembly may, at its discretion, increase the amount of money for the grant program to increase available funding for new types of grants and limit this potential impact. Any administrative changes to the program can be implemented within existing resources and therefore no change in appropriation is required.

## Effective Date

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

## Departmental Difference

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The CDPHE estimates that the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$25,627 in FY 2026-27 to fund 0.3 FTE to update grant documentation, develop guidance materials, and support and assess potential new applicants. This fiscal note assumes these tasks are consistent with the routine administrative work the CDPHE already performs, and does not require additional appropriations.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Public Health and Environment

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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](#).