



# Fiscal Note

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### SB 26-098: STATE & LOCAL NOISE ABATEMENT AUTHORITY

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill clarifies the exceptions to statewide standards for noise level limits and authorizes local jurisdictions to adopt standards above those limits.

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

- 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

## Summary of Legislation

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The bill clarifies the exceptions to statewide standards for noise level limits to include the use of property:

- owned or controlled by the state or a political subdivision of the state;
- pursuant to a permit or license issued by a local government that addresses sound emitted; and
- owned or controlled by a nonprofit entity for a cultural, entertainment, athletic, or patriotic event.

The bill does not preempt or limit the authority of a political subdivision having jurisdiction to regulate noise abatement or offer exemptions.

## Local Government

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The bill may increase the workload for local governments to change their ordinances or to process noise hardship permits to allow noise levels above those allowed under state law.

## 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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Counties

Public Health and Environment

Municipalities

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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](#).