



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.

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

This bill allows the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to award grants through the Colorado's Health Disparities and Community Grant Program to organizations that support the human-animal bond as a social determinant of health. The bill defines the human-animal bond as the mutually beneficial relationship between a person and a pet animal in the person's care and custody.

Grants for this purpose may only be awarded if the General Assembly provides additional funding specifically for this use.

State Expenditures

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) administers the Health Disparities and Community Grant Program. Funding for the grant program, both generally and for the human-animal bond specifically, may be set at the discretion of the General Assembly. If additional funding for this new purpose allowed by this bill is provided by the General Assembly, there will be increased expenditures on grant awards and administrative work to award grant funding for this purpose. However, no change in appropriation is required.

Effective Date

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

Departmental Difference

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

Public Health and Environment

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](#).