



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1371: ADDING REPEAL DATES FOR CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill adds a repeal date of June 30, 2026, for two higher education fee-for-service requirements for the Department of Higher Education and repeals three other higher education programs on June 30, 2028.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas beginning in FY 2028-29:

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is required. Reductions to spending in FY 2026-27 are included in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill, rather than this bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28	Out Year FY 2028-29
State Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	-\$2,625,534	-\$2,625,534	-\$3,699,222
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

On June 30, 2026, the bill repeals the following limited purpose fee-for service contract programs administered by the Department of Higher Education (CDHE):

- the cybersecurity and distributed ledger technologies state funding and distribution requirement established by [Senate Bill 18-086](#); and
- the Food Systems Advisory Council contract requirement, created by [House Bill 19-1202](#).

On June 30, 2028, the bill similarly repeals the following programs:

- the Improve Healthcare Access for Older Coloradans Program, created by [Senate Bill 23-031](#);
- the career, technical education, and apprenticeships alignment project, created by [Senate Bill 24-104](#); and
- the Creation of Career Pathways for Students Program, created by [House Bill 15-1274](#).

State Expenditures

By repealing these programs, the bill will reduce General Fund expenditures in the Department of Higher Education by an estimated \$2.6 million per year in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28. In FY 2028-29, expenditures will decrease by an estimated \$3.7 million.

Beginning in FY 2026-27, the reduction includes \$2,550,000 for cybersecurity and distributed ledger technologies and \$75,534 for the Food Systems Advisory Council. These reductions have been accounted for in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill.

Beginning in FY 2027-28 and future years, the following reductions in expenditures will occur, based on current funding for these programs included in the FY 2026-27 Long Bill:

- \$974,848 for the Improve Healthcare Access for Older Coloradans program;
- \$55,360 for the career, technical education, and apprenticeships alignment project; and
- \$43,480 for the Career Pathways for Students program.

Effective Date

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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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](#).