



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1055: MY COLORADO CARD PILOT PROGRAM

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill creates the My Colorado Card Pilot Program in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to increase youth access to cultural, arts, recreational, or extracurricular facilities.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas from FY 2026-27 through FY 2031-32:

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

Appropriations. For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$230,811 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$247,366	\$80,846
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in State Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.8 FTE	0.8 FTE

Fund sources for these impacts are shown in the table below.

Table 1A
State Expenditures

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
General Fund	\$230,811	\$64,291
Cash Funds	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0
Centrally Appropriated	\$16,555	\$16,555
Total Expenditures	\$247,366	\$80,846
Total FTE	0.8 FTE	0.8 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the My Colorado Card Pilot Program in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to improve access to cultural, arts, recreational, or extracurricular facilities for youth in grades 6 to 12. In creating the program, the department is tasked with the following:

- develop a My Colorado Card for participants;
- select communities to participate in the pilot program;
- coordinate with communities to identify youth participants and facilitate access to facilities;
- coordinate with organizations to provide technical assistance; and
- coordinate with state agencies and local governments, as needed.

The bill requires that CDPHE select pilot communities by December 1, 2026. Additionally, it must evaluate the pilot program annually to assess youth participation, geographic diversity, indicators of youth engagement in the program, and barriers to facility access. The department must report its findings to the legislature.

Assumptions

This fiscal note assumes that CDPHE will utilize the existing My Colorado app to include a new digital card for participants and will coordinate with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to develop the card.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Public Health and Environment by approximately \$247,000 in FY 2026-27, and \$77,000 in FY 2027-28 and through FY 2031-32. These costs, paid from the General Fund, are summarized in Table 2 and discussed below.

Table 2
State Expenditures
Department of Public Health and Environment

Cost Component	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
Personal Services	\$53,267	\$53,267
Operating Expenses	\$1,024	\$1,024
Capital Outlay Costs	\$7,000	\$0
My Colorado Card Development	\$169,520	\$10,000
Centrally Appropriated Costs	\$16,555	\$16,555
Total Costs	\$247,366	\$80,846
Total FTE	0.8 FTE	0.8 FTE

Staff

CDPHE requires 0.8 FTE Public Health and Community Outreach Specialist beginning in FY 2026-27 through FY 2031-32. Staff will conduct community outreach, provide technical assistance to potential pilot communities, and collect program data. Standard operating and capital outlay costs are included.

My Colorado Card Development

CDPHE will develop a digital card to be used by youth participating in the program and will utilize the existing MyColorado app to house the digital card. In FY 2026-27, this requires 1,040 hours of computer programming services, billed at about \$163 per hour by the Office of Information Technology.

The digital card will require ongoing maintenance by OIT at an estimated \$10,000 in FY 2027-28 through FY 2031-32.

Centrally Appropriated Costs

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which may include employee insurance, supplemental employee retirement payments, indirect cost assessments, and other costs, are shown in Table 2 above.

Local Government

Local governments may assume increased costs associated with participating in the pilot program to increase access to community facilities and operate the pilot program.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$230,811 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and 0.8 FTE. Of this amount, \$169,520 is reappropriated to the Office of Information Technology.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology

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