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STATE OF COLORADO

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**HOUSE BILL 26-1140**

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**House Committees**  
State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE**  
102         **COUNCIL FACILITATE A LIMITED NUMBER OF LOCAL**  
103         **GOVERNMENT IMPACT HEARINGS FOR CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE**  
104         **MEASURES DURING A REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill allows the speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate (legislative leadership) to

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

each select up to 5 legislative measures to have a local government impact hearing during a regular legislative session. A local government impact hearing is a dedicated time that is at least one hour and not more than 2 hours at the beginning of a scheduled committee hearing for a legislative measure during which one or more local governments or organizations that represent local governments may present testimony to the committee regarding the potential effects of the legislative measure on local governments within the state.

If a member of legislative leadership selects a legislative measure to have a local government impact hearing, the member must:

- Determine which committee of reference will hold the local government impact hearing if the legislative measure is assigned to more than one committee of reference; and
- Notify the chair of the applicable committee of reference and the staff of the legislative council that the legislative measure will have a local government impact hearing.

If a member of the legislative leadership selects a legislative measure to have a local government impact hearing, the staff of the legislative council is required to include the local government impact hearing on the calendar as part of the regularly scheduled legislative hearing for the legislative measure in the applicable committee of reference.

During the local government impact hearing, one or more local governments or statewide organizations that represents local governments may provide testimony regarding the impact of the legislative measure on local governments for the duration of the local government impact hearing without other limitations on the length of testimony.

The bill requires the director of research of the legislative council to develop procedures for the implementation of local government impact hearings.

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1     *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2             **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 2-2-328 as  
3 follows:

4             **2-2-328. Committees of reference - local government impact**  
5             **hearing - legislative measures - definitions.**

6             (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
7             REQUIRES:

8             (a) "LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP" MEANS THE SPEAKER OF THE

1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE MINORITY  
3 LEADER OF THE SENATE.

4 (b) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY,  
5 OR MUNICIPALITY.

6 (c) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT HEARING" MEANS A DEDICATED  
7 TIME THAT IS AT LEAST ONE HOUR AND NOT MORE THAN TWO HOURS AT  
8 THE BEGINNING OF A SCHEDULED COMMITTEE HEARING FOR A LEGISLATIVE  
9 MEASURE DURING WHICH ONE OR MORE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR  
10 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY  
11 PRESENT TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE POTENTIAL  
12 EFFECTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEASURE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN  
13 THE STATE.

14 (2) (a) COMMENCING WITH THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
15 SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DURING EACH REGULAR  
16 LEGISLATIVE SESSION THEREAFTER, THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
17 COUNCIL SHALL FACILITATE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT HEARING ON  
18 ANY LEGISLATIVE MEASURE SELECTED TO HAVE SUCH A HEARING BY A  
19 MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

20 (b) EACH MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP MAY SELECT  
21 UP TO FIVE LEGISLATIVE MEASURES DURING A REGULAR LEGISLATIVE  
22 SESSION TO HAVE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT HEARING IN THE  
23 MEMBER'S RESPECTIVE CHAMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A MEMBER  
24 OF THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP MAY SELECT A LEGISLATIVE MEASURE TO  
25 HAVE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT HEARING BASED ON THE MEMBER'S  
26 PREFERENCE OR IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST RECEIVED BY THE MEMBER  
27 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (II) NOTIFY THE CHAIR OF THE APPLICABLE COMMITTEE OF  
13 REFERENCE AND THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, PRIOR TO THE  
14 SCHEDULED LEGISLATIVE HEARING IN THE APPLICABLE COMMITTEE OF  
15 REFERENCE, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE MEASURE WILL HAVE A LOCAL  
16 GOVERNMENT IMPACT HEARING.

17 (d) IF THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RECEIVES  
18 NOTIFICATION FROM A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP  
19 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION, THE STAFF OF THE  
20 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT  
21 HEARING, INCLUDING THE LENGTH OF THE HEARING, ON THE CALENDAR AS  
22 PART OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED LEGISLATIVE HEARING FOR THE  
23 LEGISLATIVE MEASURE IN THE APPLICABLE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

24 (3) (a) THE CHAIR OF THE APPLICABLE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
25 OF REFERENCE SHALL DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
26 IMPACT HEARING, SO LONG AS THE SCHEDULED LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
27 IMPACT HEARING IS AT LEAST ONE HOUR AND NOT MORE THAN TWO

1 HOURS.

2 (b) DURING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT HEARING, ANY  
3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS  
4 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY PROVIDE TESTIMONY REGARDING THE IMPACT  
5 OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEASURE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE  
6 DURATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT HEARING WITHOUT OTHER  
7 LIMITATIONS ON THE LENGTH OF TESTIMONY.

8 (c) WHEN THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
9 IMPACT HEARING HAS EXPIRED OR WHEN ALL OF THE LOCAL  
10 GOVERNMENTS OR STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT LOCAL  
11 GOVERNMENTS ARE FINISHED WITH THEIR TESTIMONY, WHICHEVER  
12 OCCURS FIRST, THE COMMITTEE SHALL PROCEED WITH REGULAR PUBLIC  
13 TESTIMONY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE MEASURE, AND THE CHAIR OF THE  
14 COMMITTEE MAY IMPOSE TIME LIMITATIONS OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON  
15 SUCH TESTIMONY THAT ARE IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF THE COMMITTEE'S  
16 BUSINESS.

17 (d) ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT  
18 REPRESENTS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY  
19 REGARDING THE SAME LEGISLATIVE MEASURE DURING THE REGULAR  
20 PUBLIC TESTIMONY PERIOD FOR THE COMMITTEE.

21 (4) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2026, AND NO LATER THAN  
22 DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF  
23 THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP AND MEMORIALIZE IN A  
24 LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,  
25 PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

26 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
27 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1       ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
2       12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
3       referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
4       state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
5       within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
6       unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7       November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8       official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.