



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1194: SUNSET COMBATIVE SPORTS OFFICE & COMMISSION

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill continues the Office of Combative Sports and Colorado Combative Sports Commission, which are set to repeal on September 1, 2026. The programs are continued until September 1, 2037.

Types of impacts. The bill impacts the following areas through FY 2036-37 from both continuing an existing program scheduled to repeal and making changes to that program:

- State Expenditures
- State Revenue

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	\$86,000
State Expenditures	\$0	\$86,000
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$86,000
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.3 FTE

These impacts result from continuing a program scheduled to repeal and reflect the extension of current revenue and spending levels. The changes to the program in the bill can be accomplished within current appropriations.

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the regulation of combative sports through the Office of Combative Sports, including the Colorado Combative Sports Commission, until September 1, 2037. In addition, the bill:

- changes the name of the “Colorado Professional Boxing Safety Act” to the “Colorado Combative Sports Safety Act”;
- clarifies who may participate on the commission, and establishes that all seven members of the commission are voting members;
- directs the Office of Combative Sports to gather safety data related to combative sports and requires the commission to consider this data during rulemaking;
- requires the commission to identify the combative sports to which the Colorado Combative Sports Safety Act applies;
- allows the office to take disciplinary action against a licensee or license applicant for failing to respond to a letter regarding a complaint against the licensee or applicant within the required response time; and,
- prohibits a promoter or matchmaker from having a financial interest in the management of a combative sports participant.

Background

The Colorado Professional Boxing Safety Act is the regulatory framework for combative sports in Colorado. The act is administered by the Office of Combative Sports in the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). The seven-member Colorado Combative Sports Commission develops rules to regulate combative sports matches that take place in the state.

In FY 2023-24, 1,744 individuals were licensed under the act, including 837 participants, 835 corners, 24 promoters, and 48 officials. In addition, permits were awarded to 41 combative sports events. The office also received 14 complaints, which resulted in no disciplinary actions.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the [sunset review](#) for the program, the program is expected to have annual expenditures of \$86,000 and 0.3 FTE to continue regulating and issuing licenses and permits for combative sports. This continuing impact is based on FY 2023-24 expenditures, and it is assumed that DORA generates revenue sufficient to cover these costs. If this bill is enacted,

current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2026-27. This continuing revenue is subject to the state TABOR limits.

If this bill is not enacted, the program will end one year after its repeal date on September 1, 2026, following a wind-down period. If allowed to repeal, state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2027-28 by the amounts shown in Table 1.

State Expenditures

Workload will minimally increase in DORA to conduct rulemaking, education, and outreach concerning the new policies around combative sports. No 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.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies