



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-037: MODIFICATION OF BOND HEARING OFFICER PROCESS

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Fiscal note status: This revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires the State Court Administrator to evaluate bond hearing officers.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation 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

Under current law, certain judicial districts are eligible to utilize centralized bond hearing offices to conduct weekend and holiday bond hearings. The bill requires the State Court Administrator to annually evaluate bond hearing officers with input from the district attorney's office, the regional public defender, court staff, and other interested court users. The evaluation process must ensure that input is solicited from each judicial district in which a weekend bond hearing officer presides.

Background

Table 2 presents the three bond hearing offices and participating judicial districts.

Table 2
Judicial Districts Utilizing Bond Hearing Offices

Bond Hearing Office 1	Bond Hearing Office 2	Bond Hearing Office 3
5 th Judicial District	3 rd Judicial District	6 th Judicial District
9 th Judicial District	7 th Judicial District	8 th Judicial District
12 th Judicial District	11 th Judicial District	22 nd Judicial District
14 th Judicial District	13 th Judicial District	
21 st Judicial District	15 th Judicial District	
	16 th Judicial District	

State and Local Expenditures

Starting in FY 2026-27, the bill increases workload in the Judicial Department to perform the required evaluations and for district attorneys and public defenders offices to provide input. Due to the minimal number of bond hearing offices, workload to perform evaluations can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

District Attorneys
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