



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1055: MY COLORADO CARD PILOT PROGRAM

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Summary Information

Overview. Conditional upon the receipt of sufficient gifts, grants, or donations, the bill creates the Colorado Youth Opportunity 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 conditionally affects the following areas from FY 2026-27 through FY 2031-32:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditures
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required. Gifts, grants, and donations received by the Department of Public Health and Environment can be spent without an appropriation.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$247,366	\$80,846
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 tables below. State revenue from gifts, grants, and donations is shown here as a budget year impact for informational purposes. The timing of this revenue and associated expenditures may vary and could occur through FY 2031-32.

**Table 1A
State Revenue**

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Cash Funds (Gifts, Grants, and Donations)	\$247,366	\$80,846
Total Revenue	\$247,366	\$80,846

**Table 1A
State Expenditures**

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Cash Funds (Gifts, Grants, and Donations)	\$230,811	\$64,291
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

Conditional upon the receipt of sufficient gifts, grants, and donations, the bill creates the Colorado Youth Opportunity 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 Colorado Youth Opportunity 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 use 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 Revenue

The bill is expected to increase state revenue to CDPHE by about \$250,000 from gifts, grants, or donations in FY 2026-27 and \$80,000 in future years through September 1, 2031; however, no sources of funding have been identified. The program is subject to repeal, pending a sunset review, September 1, 2031, so revenue may be received in future budget years until this date. Gifts, grants, and donations are exempt from TABOR revenue limits.

State Expenditures

Conditional on the receipt of sufficient gifts, grants, and donations, the bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Public Health and Environment by approximately \$247,000 in FY 2026-27, and about \$81,000 in FY 2027-28 and subsequent years through FY 2031-32, contingent on receipt of sufficient revenue. Actual expenditures will depend on the timing and amount of any gifts, grants, and donations received. These costs 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 use 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 that participate in the pilot program may have increased costs to provide free access to community facilities.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology

Public Health and Environment

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](#).