



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1331: MODIFY 2026 INTERIM COMMITTEES

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill suspends or repeals certain interim committees.

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

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a reduction in General Fund appropriations of \$396,469 to the Legislative Department.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	-\$396,469	-\$19,582
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	-3.3 FTE	-0.1 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill prohibits certain year-round and interim committees from meeting during the 2026 interim; prohibits the Legislative Council from approving an interim committee or task force for the 2026 interim; prohibits legislators from collecting per diem or expense reimbursement for certain interim committee meetings; and permanently repeals the Statewide Health Care Review Committee and the Legislative Emergency, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Committee. These provisions are detailed below.

Committees Suspended During the 2026 Interim

The following committees are prohibited from meeting during the 2026 interim and are relieved of their reporting requirements, as applicable:

- the American Indian Affairs Interim Committee;
- the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee;
- the Legislation Inside Advisory Council Review Committee;
- the Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Tax Policy;
- the Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems;
- the Legislative Oversight Committee for Colorado Jail Standards;
- the Pension Review Commission and Subcommittee;
- the Sales and Use Tax Simplification Task Force (repeals July 1, 2026, under current law);
- the Transportation Legislation Review Committee; and
- the Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee.

Limits on Committees Meeting in the 2026 Interim

The Legislative Council may not prioritize any interim committees or approve any task forces for the 2026 interim; however, the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council may approve an interim committee by resolution. Interim committees that are permitted to meet during the 2026 interim are limited to five bill draft requests and three bill recommendations.

Legislative members of the Tax Policy Tax Force and the Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems are not required to attend task force meetings during the 2026 interim and those who attend cannot receive per diem and expense reimbursement. In addition, the Capital Development Committee is prohibited from traveling.

Member Compensation

Members appointed to statutorily created interim committees are not entitled to per diem and travel expenses for attendance during the 2026 interim.

Repealed Committees

The bill permanently repeals the Statewide Health Care Review Committee and the Legislative Emergency, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Committee.

Background

[Senate Bill 25-199](#) similarly restricted 2025 interim activities. For the 2026 interim, the following committees and task forces will continue to meet:

- Black Coloradan Racial Equity Study
- Capital Development Committee
- Capitol Building Advisory Committee
- Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws
- Colorado Youth Advisory Council Committee
- Committee on Legal Services
- Executive Committee of the Legislative Council
- Joint Budget Committee
- Joint Technology Committee
- Legislative Audit Committee
- Legislative Council
- Statutory Revision Committee

Pending the passage of [Senate Bill 26-089](#), the Wildfire Matters Review Committee may also meet during the 2026 interim.

State Expenditures

The bill decreases state General Fund expenditures in the Legislative Department by about \$400,000 in FY 2026-27 and \$20,000 in FY 2027-28 and ongoing.

Table 2
State Expenditures
Legislative Department

Cost Component	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
Personal Services	-\$243,543	-\$6,711
Operating Expenses	-\$256	\$0
Legislator Reimbursement and Per Diem	-\$126,971	-\$5,735
Travel Costs	-\$25,699	-\$7,136
Total Costs	-\$396,469	-\$19,582
Total FTE	-3.3 FTE	-0.1 FTE

Staffing Costs

The bill reduces the required staffing in the Legislative Department by 3.3 FTE in FY 2026-27 and 0.1 FTE in FY 2027-28 as a result of the suspension or repeal of certain interim committees. This includes a reduction of Legislative Council Staff (LCS) support for meetings and committee research (1.9 FTE), and Office of Legislative Legal Services Staff (OLLS) to draft legislation (1.4 FTE) and associated operating expenses. In FY 2027-28 and ongoing, the bill reduces LCS staff by 0.1 FTE. Personal services expenditure reductions reflect the staff appropriated for each interim committee. As detailed in Tables 2A and 2B, suspending some committees will only reduce per diem and legislator reimbursement, but not personal services, as legislative service agencies have not received appropriations to staff those committees.

Legislator Reimbursement and Per Diem

Legislator reimbursements and per diem for committee activities are expected to decrease by \$127,000 in FY 2026-27 and \$5,700 in FY 2027-28 and ongoing. Reductions are based on a per diem of \$121.85 for each legislator in FY 2026-27 and \$237.54 for FY 2027-28, and travel and expense reimbursements of \$124 per member per meeting at the capitol and \$219 for meetings not at the capitol.

Travel Costs

The limitation on Capital Development Committee travel and repeal of the Statewide Health Care Review Committee reduces travel costs for committee members and legislative staff by about \$26,000 in FY 2026-27 and \$7,000 in FY 2027-28 and ongoing.

Legislative Council Approved Interim Committees

The bill’s restriction on interim committees approved by Legislative Council is not anticipated to reduce expenditures. As introduced, [House Bill 26-1333](#), the Legislative Appropriation Bill, does not include funding for new interim committees.

**Table 2A
Cost Reduction by Committee FY 2026-27**

Committee	Staff & Operating	Per Diem & Expenses	Travel	Committee Total	FTE Change
American Indian Affairs Interim Comm.	-\$30,521	-\$7,006	-\$5,980	-\$43,507	-0.4 FTE
Capital Development Comm.	\$0	-\$7,311	-\$7,583	-\$14,894	0.0 FTE
CO Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Comm.	\$0	-\$2,360	\$0	-\$2,360	0.0 FTE
CO Youth Advisory Committee	\$0	-\$2,360	\$0	-\$2,360	0.0 FTE
Legislation Inside Advisory Council	-\$36,368	-\$3,540	\$0	-\$39,908	-0.5 FTE
Legislative Emergency Preparedness Comm.	\$0	-\$944	\$0	-\$944	0.0 FTE
Leg. Oversight Comm. Concerning Tax Policy	-\$65,904	-\$5,663	\$0	-\$71,567	-0.9 FTE
Leg. Oversight Comm. for Colorado Jail Standards	-\$36,618	-\$4,247	\$0	-\$40,865	-0.5 FTE
Pension Review Commission	\$0	-\$9,439	\$0	-\$9,439	0.0 FTE
Pension Review Subcommittee	\$0	-\$3,776	\$0	-\$3,776	0.0 FTE
Statewide Health Care Review Comm.	-\$6,711	-\$2,239	-\$7,136	-\$16,086	-0.1 FTE
Transportation Legislation Review Comm.	\$0	-\$31,147	\$0	-\$31,147	0.0 FTE
Treatment of Persons w/ BHD in the CJ System	-\$37,156	-\$4,247	\$0	-\$41,403	-0.5 FTE
Treatment of Persons w/ BHD in the CJ System TF	\$0	-\$25,295	\$0	-\$25,295	0.0 FTE
Water Resources and Agricultural Review	-\$30,521	-\$17,397	-\$5,000	-\$52,918	-0.4 FTE
Total	-\$243,799	-\$126,971	-\$25,699	-\$396,469	-3.3 FTE

Table 2B
Cost Reduction by Committee FY 2027-28

Committee	Staff & Operating	Per Diem & Expenses	Travel	Committee Total	FTE Change
Legislative Emergency Preparedness Comm.	\$0	-\$1,369	\$0	-\$1,369	0.0 FTE
Statewide Health Care Review	-\$6,711	-\$4,366	-\$7,136	-\$18,213	-0.1 FTE
Total	-\$6,711	-\$5,735	-\$7,136	-\$19,582	-0.1 FTE

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 the following reductions in General Fund appropriations:

- \$161,162 from Legislative Council Staff, with 1.9 FTE;
- \$108,336 from the Office of Legislative Legal Services, with 1.4 FTE; and
- \$126,971 from the General Assembly.

State and Local Government Contacts

Legislative Department