



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1420: WIND ENERGY FACILITIES LIGHT-MITIGATING TECH

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill creates requirements for approvals and extensions of time for light-mitigating technology at wind-powered energy generation facilities.

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

- Local Government

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	\$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, the owner or operator of a wind-powered energy generation facility is required to install light-mitigating technology designed to detect aircraft, and to obtain approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval before installing the technology. The bill requires owners and operators to also obtain approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and any other applicable federal agency.

Under current law, an owner or operator can request from a local government an extension of up to 24 months to install the technology. The bill requires this extension to be at least 24 months, and requires a local government to grant an extension if approval from federal agencies is delayed.

Local Government

Workload may increase for local governments to process additional extensions if the bill—by requiring approvals from additional federal agencies—increases the number of delays for project approvals. The bill may also decrease revenue to local governments that impose fewer civil penalties on owners and operators as a result of requiring the extension to be at least 24 months.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Municipalities

Local Affairs

Regulatory Agencies

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](#).