



# Fiscal Note

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### SB 26-192: PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY DUES APPEALS PROCESS

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill clarifies the authority of an advisory board to direct an appeals process regarding dues paid by producers as part of the Producer Responsibility Recycling Program.

**No fiscal impact.** The bill has no fiscal impact on state or local governments.

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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**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

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The bill clarifies existing law that authorizes the Producer Responsibility Program for Statewide Recycling Advisory Board in the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to hold administrative hearings whereby producers may contest dues assessed against them as part of the Producer Responsibility Recycling Program. After conducting a hearing, the board provides written recommendations to the CDPHE as to whether the dues assessed against the producer should be adjusted, and the CDPHE must approve or reject the board's recommendations within 45 days. The CDPHE's determination is a final agency action, subject to judicial review.

## Background

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[House Bill 22-1355](#) established the Producer Responsibility Recycling Program for paper and packaging materials. In 2023, the CDPHE designated [Circular Action Alliance](#) as the Producer Responsibility Organization in charge of implementing the recycling program. As of January 2026, producers are required to pay annual producer responsibility dues to fund the program, paid to the designated organization.

## Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

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The bill clarifies the authority of the board and the CDPHE to direct the appeals process and make determinations regarding dues paid by producers as part of the Producer Responsibility Recycling Program. This results in no change to state or local government revenue or expenditures. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## Effective Date

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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

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Judicial

Public Health and Environment

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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](#).