



Fiscal Note
Legislative Council Staff
Nonpartisan Services for Colorado’s Legislature

SB 26-162: SENSITIVE TEST RESULTS IN HEALTH CARE

Prime Sponsors:

Sen. Frizell; Mullica
Rep. Hartsook; Hamrick

Fiscal Analyst:

Julia Group, 303-866-4720
julia.group@coleg.gov

Bill Outcome: Postponed Indefinitely
Drafting Number: LLS 26-0722

Version: Final Fiscal Note
Date: June 26, 2026

Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill. The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Health and Human Services Committee on May 8, 2026; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill would have required a delay of three business days before test results related to cancer could be released to a patient’s electronic health record or patient portal, unless a provider authorized an earlier release.

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

- Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation was 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

Starting July 1, 2027, this bill prohibits the immediate release of certain sensitive test results to a patient's electronic health record or patient portal and requires a delay of three business days after the results are finalized. Sensitive test results are defined as certain pathology, radiology, or genetic tests related to cancer. Exceptions to the delay are permitted if the provider authorizes earlier release.

A person who administers and controls the electronic health record has to implement these requirements. However, failing to comply with the requirements does not subject an individual to liability or disciplinary action.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to provide outreach and information to health care licensees. Workload may also increase from a rise in complaints. These workload impacts are expected to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Effective Date

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

Health Care Policy and Financing

Public Health and Environment

Higher Education

Regulatory Agencies

Human Services

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](#).