



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 25-1166: EFFORTS TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

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**Prime Sponsors:**

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**Bill Outcome:** Signed into Law**Drafting number:** LLS 25-0655**Version:** Final Fiscal Note**Date:** August 11, 2025**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill addresses food waste through education and food donations.**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Revenue
- Minimal State Workload

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

<b>Type of Impact</b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2025-26</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2026-27</b>
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

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## Summary of Legislation

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The bill addresses food waste through education and food donations, as described below.

The Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) operates the Colorado Green Business Network, a voluntary program that promotes sustainability in the private sector. The bill expands the scope of the program to include training on food waste reduction.

The bill increases the donation and resale of food by:

- allowing retail food establishments to sell chilled or frozen food at a discount to individuals eligible for food assistance;
- allowing retail food establishments to sell or donate food online;
- encouraging grocery stores to replace “sell by” dates with “best if used or frozen by” dates; and
- expanding the recipients of donated food, such that the donation qualifies for immunity from civil or criminal liability.

## State Revenue and Expenditures

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### Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Green Business Network can include food waste prevention and reduction strategies and provide other guidance within existing appropriations.

### Judicial Department

To the extent that the expanded liability immunity results in fewer cases filed with trial courts in the Judicial Department, state revenue from filing fees, which is subject to TABOR, and state expenditures will decrease. The number of such cases is expected to be small and any revenue or workload decrease will be minimal.

## Effective Date

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The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 18, 2025 and took effect on August 6, 2025.

## 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](#).