



# Fiscal Note

## Legislative Council Staff

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### SB 25-199: SUSPEND LEGISLATIVE INTERIM ACTIVITIES

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**Fiscal note status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill directs the Legislative Council not to prioritize any interim committee or task forces, and suspends the activity and reporting requirements of several committees, during the 2025 interim.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas primarily in FY 2025-26, with impacts to COYAC continuing in future fiscal years:

- State Expenditures

**Appropriations.** For FY 2025-26, the bill requires a reduction in appropriations of \$312,807 from the Legislative Department.

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

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund) <sup>1</sup>	-\$357,807	-\$82,677
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	-3.4 FTE	-0.4 FTE

<sup>1</sup> State expenditures reflect total expenditure reductions under the bill; however, some reductions are already included in the Legislative Appropriations Bill. See State Appropriations section,

## Summary of Legislation

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The bill directs the Legislative Council not to prioritize any interim committee or task forces for the 2025 interim. The bill also suspends all meetings, trips, bill recommendations, and reporting requirements during the 2025 interim for the following committees:

- Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee;
- Legislative Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Committee;
- Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Colorado Jail Standards;
- Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Tax Policy and Task Force;
- Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems;
- Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee;
- Pension Review Committee and Subcommittee;
- Sales and Use Tax Simplification Task Force; and
- Statewide Healthcare Review Committee.

In addition, the bill limits the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) and the COYAC Review Committee to meeting only once during the 2025 interim, not meeting in 2026, and prohibits COYAC from contracting with a third-party facilitator. COYAC's current contract is extended one month to August 1, 2025.

## Background

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The following committees are not impacted by this legislation and will meet in the 2025 interim:

- Artificial Intelligence Impact Task Force
- Black Coloradan Racial Equity Study
- Capital Development Committee
- Capitol Building Advisory Committee
- Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws
- Committee on Legal Services
- Executive Committee of the Legislative Council
- Joint Budget Committee
- Joint Technology Committee
- Legislative Audit Committee
- Legislative Council
- Statutory Revision Committee
- Transportation Legislation Review Committee
- Water Resources Review Committee
- Wildfire Matters Review Committee

## State Expenditures

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The bill decreases state General Fund expenditures in the Legislative Department by about \$358,000 in FY 2025-26 and \$83,000 in FY 2026-27. Ongoing impacts are a reduction related to the COYAC committee, including a \$50,000 reduction from the discontinuation of a third-party facilitator contract for COYAC. Expenditure reductions are summarized in Table 2 and discussed below.

**Table 2**  
**State Expenditures**  
**Legislative Department**

<b>Cost Component<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2025-26</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2026-27</b>
Personal Services	-\$240,465	-\$27,022
Operating Expenses	-\$782	\$0
Capital Outlay	-\$2,000	\$0
Legislator Reimbursement and Per Diem	-\$62,424	-\$5,655
Travel Costs	-\$7,136	\$0
COYAC Contract	-\$45,000	-\$50,000
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>-\$357,807</b>	<b>-\$82,677</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>-3.4 FTE</b>	<b>-0.4 FTE</b>

<sup>1</sup> Additional detail for staffing costs (personal services, operating and capital outlay) and legislator reimbursement/per diem are shown in Tables 3 and 4 below.

### Staffing Costs

The bill reduces the required staffing in the Legislative Department by 3.4 FTE in FY 2025-26 and 0.4 FTE in FY 2026-27 as a result of the suspension of certain interim committees. This includes a reduction of LCS staff support for meetings and committee research (1.9 FTE), and OLLS staff to draft legislation (1.5 FTE). Personal services expenditure reductions reflect the staff appropriated for each interim committee. As detailed in Tables 3 and 4, suspending some committees will only reduce per diem and legislator reimbursement, but not personal services, as the agencies have not received appropriations to staff those committees. Reductions to operating expenses and capital outlay costs for OLLS are also identified above.

### Legislator Reimbursement and Per Diem

Legislator reimbursements for committee activates are expected to decrease by about \$62,000 in FY 2025-26 and \$5,700 in FY 2026-27. Reductions are based on a per diem of \$111.95 for each legislator and travel reimbursements of \$124 per member per meeting at the capitol and \$219 for meetings not at the capitol.

### Travel Costs

The suspension of the Statewide Healthcare Review Committee reduces travel costs for committee members and legislative staff by about \$7,000 in FY 2025-26 only.

### COYAC Contract

The bill reduces COYAC contract costs by \$45,000 in FY 2025-26, \$50,000 in FY 2026-27 and similar amounts ongoing. The current contract for a third-party facilitator for COYAC is \$50,000 per year. The bill extends the current contract one month into FY 2025-26 at a cost of \$5,000, and then prohibits future contract facilitation.

**Table 3  
 FY 2025-26 Committee Expenditure Reductions**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Staff Costs</b>	<b>Per Diem/ Reimburse</b>	<b>FTE</b>
Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight	\$0	-\$2,459	0.0 FTE
Colorado Youth Advisory Council Review Committee	-\$27,022	-\$2,459	-0.4 FTE
Colorado Youth Advisory Council	\$0	-\$983	0.0 FTE
Legislative Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery	\$0	-\$983	0.0 FTE
Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Colorado Jail Standards	-\$36,618	-\$4,425	-0.5 FTE
Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Tax Policy and Task Force	-\$65,904	-\$7,376	-0.9 FTE
Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems	-\$37,426	-\$8,851	-0.5 FTE
Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders	-\$38,618	-\$14,751	-0.5 FTE
Pension Review Commission	\$0	-\$9,834	0.0 FTE
Pension Review Subcommittee	\$0	-\$3,934	0.0 FTE
Sales and Use Tax Simplification Task Force	-\$30,948	-\$3,934	-0.5 FTE
Statewide Healthcare Review Committee	-\$6,711	-\$2,437	-0.1 FTE
<b>FY 2025-26 Totals</b>	<b>\$243,247</b>	<b>\$62,424</b>	<b>3.4 FTE</b>

**Table 4  
 FY 2026-27 Committee Expenditure Reductions**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Staff Costs</b>	<b>Per Diem/ Reimburse</b>	<b>FTE</b>
Colorado Youth Advisory Council Review Committee	-\$27,022	-\$3,688	-0.4 FTE
Colorado Youth Advisory Council	\$0	-\$1,967	0.0 FTE
<b>FY 2026-27 Totals</b>	<b>\$27,022</b>	<b>\$5,655</b>	<b>-0.4 FTE</b>

**Effective Date**

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

## **State Appropriations**

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For FY 2025-26, the bill requires the following General Fund appropriation reductions totaling \$312,807 to the Legislative Department:

- \$137,042 to Legislative Council Staff and 1.9 FTE;
- \$113,341 to the Office of Legislative Legal Services and 1.5 FTE; and
- \$62,424 to the General Assembly for legislator per diem and reimbursement.

The Legislative Appropriations Bill currently includes a reduction of \$45,000 for the COYAC third-party facilitator in FY 2025-26; therefore, that expenditure reduction is not required to be included in this bill.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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