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Fiscal Note Memorandum

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Fiscal Assessment of L.004 to SB26-077

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment L.004 to SB26-077. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

Amendment L.004 removes all the substantive provisions of the introduced bill, other than the legislative declaration and definitions, and instead requires that:

- death certification professionals ensure they are aware of the most recent epilepsy-related death certification recommendations;
- the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) notify registered users of the Vital Events System of this requirement; and
- death certification professionals ensure that epilepsy is listed as a contributing cause on a death certificate when an individual's death is consistent with known or suspected sudden unexpected death in epilepsy.

Fiscal Impact of Amendment

By removing the requirements to compile evidence-based information, conduct training, and undertake a public awareness campaign, the bill removes the estimated expenditure impacts identified in the fiscal note. Instead, the bill, as amended, will minimally increase state and local government workload, as outlined in the section below.



Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment

With Amendment L.004, the bill minimally increases state and local workload follows.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload within the CDPHE to notify registered users of the Vital Events System to be aware of the most recent epilepsy-related death certification recommendations. This workload can be accomplished within existing resources.

Local Governments

Workload will increase in coroner offices to ensure they are aware of the latest epilepsy-related death certification recommendations and to ensure that death certificates identify epilepsy as a contributing cause when appropriate.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts with Amendment L.004

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
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

SB077_L.004

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB26-077 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, line 6, strike "INVESTIGATION" and substitute
2 "CERTIFICATION".

3 Page 4, strike lines 13 through 27.

4 Strike Page 5.

5 Page 6, strike lines 1 through 20 and substitute:

6 **"25-60-104. Epilepsy-related mortality awareness and**
7 **training.**

8 (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027, A DEATH CERTIFICATION
9 PROFESSIONAL SHALL ENSURE THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THE MOST
10 RECENT EPILEPSY-RELATED DEATH CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS
11 FROM A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION
12 ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE MEDICAL PRACTICE FOCUS OR FROM
13 THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

14 (2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2027, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
15 ELECTRONICALLY NOTIFY ALL REGISTERED USERS OF THE COLORADO
16 VITAL EVENTS SYSTEM OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
17 SECTION.

18 **25-60-105. Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy -**
19 **identification.**

20 IF A DEATH CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL DETERMINES THAT THE
21 CAUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH IS CONSISTENT WITH KNOWN OR
22 SUSPECTED SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY, THE DEATH
23 CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL SHALL ENSURE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S
24 DEATH CERTIFICATE IDENTIFIES EPILEPSY AS A CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OR
25 A SUSPECTED CAUSE OF DEATH CONSISTENT WITH THE MOST RECENT
26 EPILEPSY-RELATED DEATH CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A
27 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATED
28 WITH THE DEATH CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL'S MEDICAL PRACTICE
29 FOCUS OR FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS."

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