



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-077: EPILEPSY-RELATED MORTALITY AWARENESS

Prime Sponsors:

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law

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Version: Final Fiscal Note

Date: June 8, 2026

Fiscal note status: This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires death certification professionals to be aware of epilepsy-related mortality and to list it as a cause of death on a death certificate.

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

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is 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 FTE | 0 FTE |

Summary of Legislation

The bill 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 medical certifier 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.

In addition, the bill permits the CDPHE to provide online guidelines for clinicians and medical certifiers for death certificates regarding epilepsy-related deaths.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload for the CDPHE to notify registered users of the Vital Events System of the most recent epilepsy-related death certification recommendations, and to provide any online guidelines regarding epilepsy-related deaths. This workload can be accomplished within existing resources.

Local Government

The bill increases workload for local governments that employ death investigators, such as county coroner offices, for this staff to ensure they are aware of the current recommendations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 20, 2026, and takes effect on August 12, 2026, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Health and Environment