



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

SB 25-309: AUTHORIZE LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS

Prime Sponsors:

Sen. Simpson
Rep. Brown; Bradfield

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
Drafting number: LLS 25-1070

Version: Final Fiscal Note
Date: June 23, 2025

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill permits the Director of Legislative Council Staff to enter into agreements to place legislative policy fellows on staff.

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

- Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill authorizes the Legislative Council Committee to approve agreements between the Legislative Council Staff (LCS) director and nonpartisan organizations to place nonpartisan legislative policy fellows in LCS. Any agreement approved by the committee must ensure that the director retains supervisory authority over fellows, and also specify that any work created during the fellowship remains the property of the General Assembly.

State Expenditures

Should the Legislative Council Committee choose to approve agreements with nonprofit organizations to place a policy fellow within LCS, workload will increase. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) will be created specifying the terms of the fellowship, assigning supervisory roles to existing LCS employees, and providing other details concerning the fellowship experience and required deliverables. This fiscal note assumes that any MOU entered into by LCS will not include compensation for the policy fellows to be paid by the Legislative Department. Any compensation or other financial support for policy fellows will be the exclusive responsibility of the partnering nonprofit organization. No appropriations are required.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 30, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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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](#).