



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-273: HOSPITALS RETAIN BLOOD DRAWS FOR INVESTIGATIONS

Prime Sponsors:

Sen. Roberts
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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
Drafting number: LLS 25-0448

Version: Final Fiscal Note
Date: July 16, 2025

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires health care facilities to retain blood draws or admission blood samples when a law enforcement officer serves a retention form to an attending physician or health care facility.

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

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

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 requires licensed or certified health care facilities to retain blood draws or admission blood samples received from law enforcement officers or coroners conducting an inquest after the service of a retention form to an attending physician or health care facility. Law enforcement agencies may develop forms, which must contain certain information about the sample, and forms must be completed and submitted by officers within 24 hours after the individual from which the sample is collected is presented to an initial receiving health care facility. Facilities are required to retain samples for 14 days from the date the retention form is submitted. The retention requirement applies to labeled admission blood tubes.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload for state law enforcement agencies to create a retention form and to update any policies regarding blood samples submitted to health care facilities. Because the bill does not modify the Department of Public Health and Environment's regulatory responsibilities or authority, no new workload is expected for that agency.

Local Government

The bill minimally increases workload for local law enforcement agencies to create a retention form and to update any policies regarding blood samples submitted to health care facilities.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 2, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

District Attorneys	Police Chiefs
Health Care Policy and Financing	Public Health and Environment
Human Services	Public Safety
Judicial	Sheriffs
Law	