



Fiscal Note

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SB 25B-005: REALLOCATE DNR WOLF FUNDING TO HEALTH INSURANCE ENTERPRISE

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill reduces appropriations to the Department of Natural Resources for gray wolf reintroduction and transfers that amount to the Health Insurance Affordability Cash Fund.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas in FY 2025-26:

- State Expenditures
- State Transfers

Appropriations. For the current FY 2025-26, the bill includes a reduction in appropriations to the Department of Natural Resources of \$264,268.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Current Year FY 2025-26	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	-\$264,268	\$264,268	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$264,268	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Fund sources are shown in the tables below.

**Table 1A
State Transfers**

Fund Source	Current Year FY 2025-26	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
General Fund	-\$264,268	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance Affordability Cash Fund	\$264,268	\$0	\$0
Net Transfer	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Table 1B
State Expenditures**

Fund Source	Current Year FY 2025-26	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
General Fund	-\$264,268	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance Affordability Cash Fund	\$0	\$264,268	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Centrally Appropriated	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

In the current FY 2025-26, the bill reduces General Fund appropriations to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) in the Department of Natural Resources by \$264,268, and transfers that amount to the Health Insurance Affordability Cash Fund in the Division of Insurance in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). The bill prohibits CPW from using any General Fund appropriation, or taking any other action, to acquire or reintroduce gray wolves in FY 2025-26.

State Transfers

On September 1, 2025, the bill transfers \$264,268 from the General Fund to the Health Insurance Affordability Cash Fund.

State Expenditures

In FY 2025-26, the bill reduces expenditures in the CPW by \$264,268 for all expenses related to acquiring additional grey wolves. The fiscal note assumes the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise in DORA will use this money in FY 2026-27 to support the various programs operated by the enterprise. The Health Insurance Affordability Cash Fund is continuously appropriated to DORA, so the exact timing of when this money will be spent may differ from this fiscal note estimate.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources

Treasury

Regulatory Agencies

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](#).