

HB 25-1113: LIMIT TURF IN NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Prime Sponsors:

Rep. Smith; McCormick

Sen. Roberts

Bill Outcome: Signed into Law

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill expands the current prohibition on nonfunctional turf to include certain residential properties with more than 12 dwelling units.

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

Minimal Workload

Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	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

Under current law, a local government is prohibited from using nonfunctional turf or invasive plants in any new or redeveloped government property beginning January 1, 2026. This bill expands the prohibition to include residential property with 12 or more dwelling units. No later than January 1, 2028, local governments must enact or amend ordinances to limit the installation of nonfunctional turf for these residential developments.

State Expenditures

The Division of Local Government in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) will have a minimal workload increase to respond to requests for technical assistance, helping local governments to assess compliance, organizing information presentations, and communicating best practices in collaboration with other state agencies. The division must also update documents and instruction materials in the division's land development code template. These efforts do not require new appropriations.

Local Government

Local governments will have an increase in workload to update codes and ordinances and to incorporate the expanded prohibition into planning documents and the development approval processes for apartment or condominium housing and redevelopment projects. Workload will also increase to update planning and development documents and to enforce the prohibition on nonfunctional turf on some residential development.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 20, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Local Affairs Natural Resources