



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1234: UTILITY CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill prohibits utilities from selling customer data and limits when they can disconnect services.

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 Department of Human Services determines eligibility for the Colorado Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), which allows individuals to receive assistance payments for their utility bills from the state's nonprofit partner, Energy Outreach Colorado. The bill specifies that, if the department denies an application for insufficient documentation, it must allow the applicant an opportunity to correct or complete the application. It must notify the applicant's utility that the application is under review, which triggers a disconnection hold on the applicant's utility service. This only applies to investor-owned utilities.

The bill also prohibits the department from requiring citizenship or immigration status information on the application, and from sharing any such information with federal law enforcement agencies unless required by law or a court order.

State Expenditures

The bill may increase workload in the Department of Human Services to update forms or procedures for the LEAP program. The bill requirements regarding incomplete applications are consistent with current practices, and any change in workload is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Human Services
Law

Municipalities
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](#).