



Fiscal Note

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SB 25-237: REPEAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH VOUCHER PROGRAM

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Sen. Amabile; Bridges
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Bill Outcome: Lost in the House**Drafting number:** LLS 25-0988**Version:** Final Fiscal Note**Date:** June 17, 2025

Fiscal note status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of the FY 2025-26 Long Bill budget package. This bill was lost in the House of Representatives on April 9, 2025; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill would have repealed the Rural Behavioral Health Voucher Program.

Types of impacts. The bill would have affected the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. For FY 2025-26, the bill would have required a reduction in appropriations of \$50,000 to the Behavioral Health Administration.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	-\$50,000	-\$50,000
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

This bill repeals the Rural Behavioral Health Voucher Program created by [Senate Bill 21-137](#). The program distributes \$50,000 annually in vouchers to nonprofit contractors offering behavioral health services. [House Bill 22-1278](#) placed the program under the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA).

State Expenditures

By repealing the voucher program, the bill reduces expenditures in the BHA by \$50,000 annually starting in FY 2025-26.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires and includes a reduction of \$50,000 in General Fund appropriations to the Behavioral Health Administration.

State and Local Government Contacts

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