



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-177: SUNSET CONTINUE EARLY CHILD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

Prime Sponsors:

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
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Version: Final Fiscal Note
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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill continues the Early Childhood Leadership Commission through September 1, 2030. It is currently scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2025.

Types of impacts. The bill only has impacts from continuing an existing advisory group scheduled to repeal, which will extend existing fiscal impacts through FY 2029-30 in the following areas:

- State Expenditures
- Local Government
- School Districts

Appropriations. For FY 2025-26, the bill requires an appropriation of \$311,041 to the Colorado Department of Early Childhood. This appropriation is included in the FY 2025-26 Long Bill, rather than this bill.

Table 1
Continuation of Current State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact ¹	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (Federal Funds)	\$311,041	\$311,041
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	1.4 FTE	1.4 FTE

¹ These impacts result from continuing a program scheduled to repeal and reflect the extension of current spending levels.

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) in the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) for five years, through September 1, 2030. It is currently scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2025.

Background

The Early Childhood Leadership Commission is the state's federally required state advisory council for early childhood and is charged with making recommendations related to early childhood policy in the state; assisting public and private agencies with coordinating services; developing standards, data, and workforce policies; and monitoring efforts related to early childhood access, engagement, and school readiness.

The [sunset report for the ECLC](#) is available on the Department of Regulatory Agencies website.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's estimated expenditures for FY 2025-26, the Department of Early Childhood is expected to have costs of \$311,041 to administer the commission, paid from federal Child Care Development Fund Grant funds. Expenditures include 1.4 FTE to support the ECLC, member per diem and travel, materials, and consulting support. If this bill is enacted, current expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2025-26.

If this bill is not enacted, the ECLC as currently constituted will end on September 1, 2025. If allowed to repeal, the expenditure of federal funds is expected to continue regardless of the bill's outcome, due to the federal requirement to have a child care advisory council. Without extension the current ECLC, the Department of Early Childhood or the Governor would likely convene an alternate child care advisory council.

Local Governments and School Districts

The bill continues workload for representatives of local governments and school districts who serve on the ECLC.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 5, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires an appropriation of \$311,041 of federal Child Care Development Fund money to the Department of Early Childhood, and 1.4 FTE. This funding to continue the ECLC is included in the Long Bill for FY 2025-26, rather than this bill.

State and Local Government Contacts

Early Childhood