



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-051: RTD OPERATING COSTS

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill, which is recommended by the Legislative Audit Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill amends the Regional Transportation District’s statutory definition of “operating costs” to mean all operating expenditures, excluding depreciation.

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

- Statutory Public Entity

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

Under current law, the Regional Transportation District (RTD) is required to calculate operating costs by including depreciation and excluding certain long-term planning costs. The bill changes the definition of "operating costs" to mean all operating expenditures, excluding depreciation.

Statutory Public Entity

The bill may reduce workload for RTD by allowing it to more easily report on cost-efficiency metrics required by statute. These new metrics may also affect revenue and expenditures on an ongoing basis. The fiscal note assumes any impacts will be minimal. It will be updated if further information becomes available.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 7, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regional Transportation District
Special District Association

State Auditor

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](#).