

SB 25-039: AG BUILDINGS EXEMPT FROM ENERGY USE REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsors:

Sen. Bridges; Pelton B. Rep. Martinez; Johnson

Bill Outcome: Signed into Law **Drafting number:** LLS 25-0159

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

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill clarifies which agricultural buildings are exempt from existing energy use reporting requirements under the Buildings Performance Program.

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

State Revenue

• Minimal State Workload

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, the owners of certain buildings are required to submit annual reports on energy benchmarking data to the Colorado Energy Office under the Building Performance Program. Buildings used for agricultural purposes are exempt from the reporting requirements. The bill clarifies which agricultural buildings qualify for the exemption.

State Revenue and Expenditures

The bill may result in some buildings no longer being covered by the Building Performance Program. This reduces state revenue and expenditures, as those building owners will no longer pay the \$100 fee and program staff will no longer incorporate those buildings into the program. This fee revenue accrues to the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the Colorado Energy Office, and is subject to TABOR. The number of buildings impacted by the bill is expected to be small and any change in state revenue or expenditures is minimal.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 28, 2025, and took effect on August 6, 2025.

State and Local Government Contacts

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