

#### SB 25-170: DNA & SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT BACKLOG TESTING & DATA

**Prime Sponsors:** 

Sen. Amabile; Kirkmeyer

Rep. Bird; Sirota

**Bill Outcome:** Signed into Law

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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint

**Budget Committee.** 

### **Summary Information**

Overview. The bill codifies a footnote in the Department of Public Safety budget concerning the use of money for DNA testing into state statute.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas for FY 2025-26 only:

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**

The bill codifies into state statute a budget footnote amended in the most recent Department of Public Safety (CDPS) supplemental appropriations bill, <u>Senate Bill 25-105</u>, concerning appropriations for certain forensic testing by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

# **Background**

The CBI received a General Fund appropriation though <u>HB 24-1197</u> for DNA testing and reimbursement. Footnote 107a for this appropriation required the CDPS to provide a progress report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2024. This appropriation was given roll-forward spending authority through FY 2024-25 by <u>footnote add-on 107a</u> to the FY 2024-25 Long Bill, which also allowed appropriations to be spent on district attorney reimbursements. <u>SB 25-105</u> provided roll-forward spending authority through FY 2025-26, and clarified in footnote 107b that the appropriation be spent to accelerate testing of the backlog of sexual assault kits through the use of contract labs, and required the CDPS to provide detailed updates on its progress.

# **State Expenditures**

The bill does not increase state expenditures for the CDPS relative to current law since FY 2025-26 spending authority for the original \$3.0 million appropriation was provided through prior legislation. Additionally, it is assumed that any administrative effort to comply with the requirements codified by this bill will be paid using the original appropriation. However, given that the progress report and specifications regarding use of the appropriation are already included in law through SB 25-105, no change in workload or costs is expected.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 26, 2025.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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