



Fiscal Note

Legislative Council Staff

Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

HB 25-1183: COLORIMETRIC FIELD DRUG TEST WORKING GROUP

Prime Sponsors:

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law**Drafting number:** LLS 25-0371**Version:** Final Fiscal Note**Date:** July 1, 2025

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

Summary Information

Overview. The bill creates a working group to study colorimetric field drug tests.

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

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. The bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$1,008 to the Legislative Department.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$1,008	\$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 requires the Director of Legislative Council Staff to use a request for proposals process to contract with a nonprofit organization that will voluntarily staff and facilitate a Colorimetric Field Drug Test Working Group. The working group will not be required to meet if a contract with a nonprofit is not established. The bill outlines the membership of the working group, and requires appointments to be made by July 1, 2025, and work to be accomplished over the course of three meetings between July and December.

Background

A colorimetric field drug test is a presumptive test that uses a chemical reagent which changes color depending on what substances are present in the sample.

State Expenditures

The bill increases General Fund expenditures by \$1,008 in FY 2025-26 only. It will also increase workload in the Legislative Department and in agencies involved in the working group.

General Assembly

Costs to the General Assembly will increase by \$1,008 for three members to attend three virtual meetings at a \$111.95 per diem rate. Travel reimbursement is not required as meetings will be virtual.

Legislative Council Staff

In FY 2025-26, Legislative Council Staff will issue a request for proposals. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Other Agency Impacts

Workload to the various agencies involved in the working group will increase to participate in the working group. The fiscal note assumes any expenses will be reimbursed by the individual agencies, and that this work and cost can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 2, 2025.

State Appropriations

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$1,008 to the Legislative Department.

State and Local Government Contacts

Legislative Service Agencies