

#### SB 25-131: REDUCING THE COST OF HOUSING

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## **Summary Information**

**Overview.** The bill specifies when a construction defect claim may be asserted and eases restrictions and requirements on landlords related to evictions of tenants and residential habitability.

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

Minimal State Workload

Local Government

Minimal State Revenue

**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 makes changes to housings-related statutes, including construction defects and landlord-tenant relationships. Notable among its many changes, this bill:

- specifies the conditions under which a construction defect claim may be asserted;
- repeals some warranty of habitability requirements and provisions that give tenants clearer pathways to seek remedies for violations;
- eases requirements for issuing notices of eviction and starting actions against mobile home park residents;
- removes protections for tenants who receive public benefits and for pets during a writ of restitution; and
- repeals lease terms that are prohibited under current law, such as source of income discrimination, waiver of a right to a jury trial, and certain fees.

Finally, the bill requires that any provision of any energy code adopted by local governments on or after January 1, 2026 be cost effective using existing energy efficiency standards as a base of comparison, and where economic benefits exceed the economic costs.

## **State Revenue and Expenditures**

The bill has an indeterminate, but minimal impact on the Judicial Department. The changes to requirements for court actions may affect the number of cases files in trial courts, though the overall impact of each provision is expected to be minimal, and no change in appropriations is required. Filing fees are subject to TABOR.

## **Local Government**

The bill increases expenditures in counties and municipalities to perform economic cost benefit analysis before amending or adopting any energy code. This cost has not been estimated, as it will vary by jurisdiction depending on the frequency and type of energy code updates.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties	Law
Judicial	Municipalities