

HB 25-1207: PET OWNERSHIP RESIDENTIAL HOUSING STRUCTURES

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill modifies certain housing laws regarding pet ownership.

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

• Minimal State Workload

• Statutory Public Entity

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 modifies laws regarding homeowner's insurance, publicly financed housing through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), and affordable housing development tax credits administered by the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA). Modifications are directed at allowing pets in housing, as described below.

Homeowner's Insurance

Current law prohibits insurers from taking certain actions based on the breed of dog a policy holder has. For the purposes of this provision, the bill expands the definition of homeowner's insurance to include policies insuring any residential structures, and policies insuring the contents of these structures.

Department of Local Affairs

The Division of Housing in DOLA administers programs that provide funding to housing development projects. The bill requires DOLA to ensure that entities receiving funding allow pets at developments, subject to reasonable conditions and applicable laws.

Colorado Housing Finance Authority

CHFA administers tax credits for affordable housing developments. The bill prohibits CHFA from allocating credits to developments unless the developments allow pets, subject to reasonable conditions and applicable laws.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally impacts state workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and the Department of Local Affairs as discussed below.

Department of Regulatory Agencies

The Division of Insurance in DORA regulates insurance carriers in the state. DORA may have an increase in workload to ensure carriers comply with the requirements of the bill, and to handle any complaints received from consumers. Overall, this increase is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Department of Local Affairs

DOLA will have an increase in workload to ensure developments receiving DOLA funding comply with the requirements of the bill. Overall, this increase is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Statutory Public Entity

The bill increases workload in the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority to ensure credits are not allocated to ineligible developments based on the requirements of the bill. The fiscal note assumes any workload increase is minimal.

Technical Note

The bill does not specify a timeframe for when the bill's requirements apply to allocation of affordable housing development tax credits. The fiscal note assumes that the bill applies to credits that may be allocated in the future after the effective date of the bill.

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

Colorado Housing and Finance Authority Regulatory Agencies

Local Affairs Revenue