

SB 25-181: SUNSET JUST TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsors:

Sen. Roberts; Winter F. Rep. Lieder; Lukens

Bill Outcome: Signed into Law **Drafting number:** LLS 25-0397

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

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill continues the Just Transition Advisory Committee for five years and modifies the committee's duties. It is currently scheduled to repeal September 1, 2025.

Types of impacts. The bill has impacts in the following areas through FY 2029-30 from both continuing an existing committee scheduled to repeal and making changes to the committee charge:

State Expenditures

Appropriations. The bill requires an appropriation of \$19,730 to the Department of Labor and Employment in FY 2025-26. This appropriation is included in the Long Bill for FY 2025-26, rather than in this bill.

Table 1
Continuation of Current State Fiscal Impacts

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact ¹	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	\$19,730	\$19,730
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	\$0	\$0

¹ These impacts result from continuing a program scheduled to repeal and reflect the extension of current spending levels.

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Just Transition Advisory Committee in the Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) until September 1, 2030. It is currently set to repeal on September 1, 2025.

The bill also updates the committee's duties to align with the ongoing work of the Office of Just Transition in CDLE, and adds two members to the committee representing coal transition workers.

Background

The Just Transition Advisory Committee supports the Office of Just Transition in CDLE, which was created in <u>House Bill 19-1314</u> to alleviate the effects of the coal-related facilities closures on local communities. The committee is responsible for creating an action plan and supporting the office in implementing the plan, which includes benefits and grants that are currently available or needed, and the options for funding any grants and benefits. It has 19 members and meets quarterly.

The <u>sunset report for the committee</u> is available on the Department of Regulatory Agencies website.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the recent estimates, the Department of Labor and Employment is expected to have expenditures of \$19,730 in FY 2025-26 to support the committee, including staff time and member travel reimbursement. If this bill is enacted, current expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2025-26, paid from the General Fund.

If this bill is not enacted, the task force will end on September 1, 2025, and state expenditures will decrease by \$19,730 starting in FY 2025-26.

The bill also continues minimal workload in the Department of Local Affairs, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, the Colorado Energy Office, and the Governor's Office, each of which have an ex officio member on the committee.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload for CDLE to add two additional members to the committee and ensure that the committee's work aligns with the modified duties specified in the bill. Any travel reimbursement costs for additional members are expected to be minimal. No change in appropriations is required.

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Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 31, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

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State and Local Government Contacts

Colorado Energy Office

Local Affairs

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