



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 26-1041: ELECTRONIC VEHICLE RECORDS

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**Fiscal note status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was requested by the Transportation Legislation Review Committee.

### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill allows the use of an electronic certificate of title in all vehicle transactions.

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

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
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

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Current law allows the use of electronic certificates of title in all vehicle transactions except for two instances: when either party is located outside Colorado or when the purchaser pays for a vehicle entirely with cash. The bill repeals these exceptions, allowing the use of electronic or paper certificates of title in all vehicle transactions.

## State Expenditures

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The bill may increase workload in the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the Department of Revenue to update technology and rules to allow for paper or electronic certificates for out-of-state parties and cash transactions. The DMV is already in the process of moving away from paper certificates of title to electronic titles. Because the bill is permissive (i.e. it authorizes but does not mandate electronic titling), it will eliminate a future barrier to eTitling in all situations when appropriate technology and rules are in place. If the bill mandated a timeline, it would have a measurable fiscal impact.

## Local Government

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County clerk offices may have a minimal workload impact to update documentation to reflect the changes in the bill.

## Effective Date

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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

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County Clerks

Revenue

Local Affairs

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).