



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1034: MOD TO STANDARDS FOR IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT

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Fiscal note status: This initial fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill modifies environmental standards and requirements for certain irrigation equipment.

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

- Minimal State Workload
- State Revenue

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

Under current law, irrigation controllers and sprinklers sold or leased after January 1, 2026 must adhere to certain environmental standards if they are not specifically excluded from the federal WaterSense Program. This bill repeals the environmental standards for irrigation controllers and the requirement that spray sprinkler bodies have a check valve. Additionally, instead of requiring that spray sprinkler bodies meet the efficiency criteria of the WaterSense Program, the bill modifies existing law to specify that spray sprinkler bodies must be certified to the program's specifications.

Background

House Bill 23-1161 expanded the list of appliances subject to Water and Energy Efficiency Standards in accordance with the federal WaterSense Program to include certain irrigation controllers and types of sprinklers. The WaterSense Program is voluntary and administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All products certified and bearing a WaterSense label must be independently certified, and manufacturers must obtain all WaterSense product certifications from an EPA licensed certifying body.

State Revenue and Expenditures

The bill may minimally alter workload in and revenue to the Judicial Department. The department may see a small decrease in civil filings regarding violations associated with irrigation controller standards. Additionally, the change in standards for spray sprinkler bodies may result in slightly more violation cases heard by trial courts and result in additional revenue from civil penalties. The net change in revenue and expenditures is expected to be minimal.

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

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