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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Bill Status: House Health, Insurance, and Environment

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BILL TOPIC: MEASURABLE GOALS DEADLINES CO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Increased workload. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required:	None.	
Future Year Impacts:	Increased workload.	

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the state's climate change staff person to include measurable goals with near-term, mid-term, and long-term deadlines to achieve those goals in a climate action plan or similar document. Achieving the goals will either reduce Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions or increase Colorado's adaptive capability to respond to climate change. The Governor or his designee must report annually to the General Assembly on the progress made in meeting the climate action plan goals, including whether the state is on track to meet the deadlines specified in the plan.

Background

House Bill 13-1293 directed the Governor to establish at least a part-time position with the term "climate change" in the title in order to assess climate change issues within the state. At a minimum, the duties of the position include the development and periodic update of a climate action plan including policy recommendations the state could use to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and collaboration with other entities regarding climate preparedness studies.

The climate change risk management specialist is located in the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The "Colorado Climate Plan, State Level Policies and Strategies to Mitigate and Adapt" was released in September 2015. The plan was developed collectively by the DNR, the Department of Public Health and Environment, the Colorado Energy Office, the Department of Agriculture, the

Department of Transportation, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, and the Department of Local Affairs. Each of these agencies are holding public engagement sessions over the next year on climate change issues specific to their sector.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase the workload of the climate change risk management specialist in the CWCB, as well as that of the other agencies that have participated in the development of the climate change plan, to develop and report on climate action goals. This workload increase will begin in FY 2016-17 and continue thereafter. These efforts are expected to be addressed within existing appropriations. The fiscal note assumes that agency costs to implement the new goals will be addressed during the annual budget process given that those costs cannot be quantified prior to setting the climate change goals and deadlines.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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