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Research Note

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House Bill 16-1460

Sponsors

***Representatives Becker K. &
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Senator Baumgardner***

Short Title

***Department of Agriculture
Authority to Sell and Buy
Property for Consolidation***

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 10, 2016.

Summary

The bill gives the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA), in consultation with the Office of the State Architect (OSA) within the Department of Personnel and Administration, the authority to sell and acquire real property specified in the bill. The bill directs the proceeds from the sale of the real property to be deposited in the Agriculture Management Fund and allows the proceeds to be spent for expenses related to CDA's ongoing office consolidation.

Background

During the 2013 legislative session, CDA was authorized to issue certificates of participation (COPs) to finance the purchase and retrofit of a new office building. The new building was intended to consolidate the department's Denver Metro offices in a single facility. The new CDA headquarters, located in Broomfield, houses all the divisions of the department, with the exception of the Colorado State Fair and the Inspection and Consumer Services Division. CDA plans to dispose of a warehouse and use the proceeds of this sale toward the acquisition of new property adjacent to the existing headquarters building. It also plans to submit a future capital request to construct a building on the newly acquired land to house the Inspection and Consumer Services Division.

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House Action

House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee (May 4, 2016). A representative from CDA testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.001, which made a technical change regarding the numbering of the bill. The bill was referred to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (May 5, 2016). The House adopted the House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee report. The House passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

House third reading (May 9, 2016). The House passed the bill on third reading with no additional amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Appropriations Committee (May 9, 2016). The bill was referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (May 9, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on second reading.

Senate third reading (May 10, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on third reading.