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SB17-109

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Donovan
Rep. Arndt

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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BILL TOPIC: INDUSTRIAL HEMP ANIMAL FEED

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2017-2018 | FY 2018-2019 |
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| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | Workload increase. See State Expenditures section. | |
| Appropriation Required: None. | | |
| Future Year Impacts: None. | | |

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to create a working group to study the feasibility of including hemp products in animal feed. The bill identifies the representation required of group members and requires that the group reach its conclusions and make any legislative recommendations by December 31, 2017.

Background

Industrial hemp means a plant of the genus Cannabis and any part of the plant, whether growing or not, containing a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of no more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis. The 2014 federal farm bill allows farmers in states with industrial hemp legislation to grow and harvest hemp in conjunction with their state departments of agriculture. The Colorado Department of Agriculture began administering a registration program for industrial hemp growers in 2014.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase workload for the Department of Agriculture, one or more institutions of higher education, the Department of Law, and any other state agency from which a group member is appointed to attend meetings and formulate legislative recommendations. No compensation is identified for the group and the fiscal note assumes that the Department of Agriculture will provide staffing support for the group. Any legal services provided by the Department of Law are expected to be minimal and within the current agency appropriation. All other workload can also be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 20, 2017, and takes effect August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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