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Bill Topic: RECOMMEND USE OF STATE'S LONG-TERM WORKS RESERVE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure (minimal), State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires the Works Allocation Committee to submit yearly recommendations on the use of the Colorado Long-Term Works Reserve. This bill increases state workload by a minimal amount on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Works Allocation Committee in the Department of Human Services (DHS) to submit yearly recommendations on the use of the Colorado Long-Term Works Reserve. The recommendations must be submitted to the Executive Director of the DHS, the Governor, and the Joint Budget Committee no later than August 31, 2018, and no later than June 30th in future years.

Background

Colorado Long-term Works Reserve. The DHS receives annual Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funding from the Federal Government to spend on programs that provides assistance to families. In FY 2017-18, Colorado received \$135.6 million in TANF funding, of which 94 percent is distributed to counties to fund county programs. Any unspent TANF funds at the county level can be placed in a county's TANF reserve. Any unspent TANF funds at the state level are put into the Colorado Long-term Works Reserve, which is annually appropriated by the General Assembly. State Reserve money may be spent on implementing long-term works programs, transferred to the Child Care Development Fund, or transferred to programs funded by Title XX of the Social Security Act. The Colorado Long-term Works Reserve is projected to have a balance of \$40.3 million at the start of FY 2018-19.

Works Allocation Committee. The Works Allocation Committee is housed within the DHS and is responsible for providing input on the allocation of TANF block grant to the counties and to track counties' TANF reserves and maintenance of effort obligations. The committee is comprised of members from the DHS and various counties.

State Expenditures

The DHS will see an increase in workload for the Works Allocation Committee to submit recommendations on the use of the Colorado Long-Term Works Reserve. It is unknown how these recommendations will influence future state spending from the reserve, as funding decisions are ultimately set by the General Assembly.

Local Government

The bill increases workload for county members of the Works Allocation Committee to submit recommendations on the use of the Colorado Long-Term Works Reserve. It is unknown how these recommendations will influence future allocations from the reserve to counties, as funding decisions are ultimately set by the General Assembly.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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