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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

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

This bill adds the duty to develop a Colorado climate leadership awards program to the current responsibilities of the climate change position. This bill creates an ongoing state workload increase for the Department of Natural Resources.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the person who holds the climate change position, currently located in the Colorado Water Conservation Board in the Department of Natural Resources, to develop a Colorado climate leadership awards program.

The award requirements must be based on objective scientific criteria and limited to organizations and individuals from Colorado. Applications will be considered for five different awards including:

- an organizational leadership award for adopting comprehensive greenhouse gas inventory and emission reduction goals;
an individual leadership award for engaging with peers and partners in response to climate change;
a supply chain leadership award for organizations adopting comprehensive greenhouse gas inventory and emission reduction goals in their supply chain;
a goal achievement award for organizations that publicly report and achieve greenhouse gas and emission reduction goals; and
an innovative partnership award for collaborations that set measurable goals for greenhouse gas reduction.

**State Revenue**

This bill may increase state revenue from gifts, grants, or donations but no source of funding has been identified. Because no cash fund has been identified for the deposit of such funds, the fiscal note assumes that any funds received will be deposited into the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund.

**State Expenditures**

The bill will increase the workload for the incumbent in the climate change position to develop the climate leadership awards program, seek gifts, grants, or donations, evaluate applications, and present the awards. This is expected to require approximately 120 hours of staff time per year and may be accomplished within existing appropriations. The bill is silent on whether the awards program requires an awards ceremony, or what form the awards will take, so no costs are assigned to those aspects. If the design of the program requires expenditures, the department may seek funding through the annual budget process.

**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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