

Summary of Legislation

Subject to the availability of gifts, grants, or donations, this bill requires the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to mark significant route segments and sites associated with the Old Spanish Trail.

Background

The Old Spanish Trail was pioneered by Mexican trader Antonio Armijo in 1829, and was a horse and burro pack route that connected Santa Fe and Los Angeles by way of Colorado, Utah, and Nevada. After 1848, use of the trail diminished as the California Trail and other trails became the primary routes to California.

Assumptions

The fiscal note assumes that signs will be placed at approximately 20 crossings in southwest Colorado, requiring 40 signs to be placed in both directions.

State Revenue

Beginning in FY 2018-19, revenue to the SHF may increase to the extent that CDOT receives gifts, grants, and donations to implement this bill. As of this writing, no gifts, grants, or donations have been identified. Gifts, grants, and donations are exempt from TABOR.

State Expenditures

In FY 2018-19, subject to the receipt of gifts, grants, or denotations, this bill will increase SHF expenditures in CDOT by \$8,000, or \$200 per sign for 40 signs. As funding from the SHF is continuously appropriated, no appropriation is required to expend gifts, grants, or donations received. Expenditures will increase by a minimal amount each year thereafter to maintain the signs; it is expected that sign maintenance will be accomplished within existing CDOT appropriations

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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