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Bill Topic: COLLECT LONG-TERM CLIMATE CHANGE DATA

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

This bill would have required the Department of Public Health and Environment to collect and report on data from greenhouse gas emission sources. This would have increased state expenditures through at least 2030.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2018-19, the bill requires an appropriation of \$770,420 to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 18-117

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total, Total FTE), and Transfers.

Summary of Legislation

Under Executive Order D2017-015, the Governor set statewide goals for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. This bill requires the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to promulgate rules by December 31, 2018, to require the submission of the best information available from greenhouse gas emission sources. The CDPHE is required to conduct a biannual, economy-wide inventory of greenhouse gases by sector, publicly release the findings on its website, and maintain the data through at least 2030. CDPHE will produce a comprehensive statewide inventory by December 30, 2019, for emissions in calendar year 2017 and every two years thereafter.

State Expenditures

This bill increases General Fund expenditures by \$790,296 and 1.4 FTE in FY 2018-19 and \$183,757 and 1.4 FTE in FY 2019-20 and thereafter. These costs are shown in Table 2 and explained below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 18-117

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Department of Public Health and Environment		
Personal Services	\$95,260	\$98,787
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay Costs	\$10,736	\$1,330
Computer Programming and Maintenance	\$664,424	\$63,442
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$19,876	\$20,198
FTE – Personal Services	1.4 FTE	1.4 FTE
Total Cost	\$790,296	\$183,757
Total FTE	1.4 FTE	1.4 FTE

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Rule promulgation. The CDPHE will have an increase in staffing in FY 2018-19 only to collect data, work with stakeholders and draft rules. Legal support from the Department of Law will be provided within the CDPHE legal services budget.

Reporting and data collection. The CDPHE will have an increase in staffing to collect and analyze additional greenhouse gas emissions data and support the development and implementation of a Colorado-specific greenhouse gas emissions online reporting tool. The Office of Information Technology will oversee the development of the tool which has an estimated cost of \$664,424 in FY 2018-19 and an ongoing maintenance cost of \$63,442 beginning in FY 2019-20.

Economy-wide inventory. The CDPHE currently prepares an inventory every five years. The CDPHE will have an increase in staffing to produce the report every two years.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$19,876 in FY 2018-19 and \$20,198 in FY 2019-20.

Local Government

To the extent that local governments will be required to provide additional data to the CDPHE, local government workload will increase.

Effective Date

This bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on February 13, 2018.

State Appropriations

The bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$770,420 and an allocation of 1.4 FTE. Of this amount, the Office of Information Technology requires \$664,424 in reappropriated funds.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology

Law

Public Health And Environment