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HB 20-1129

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Van Winkle; Froelich	Bill Status:	Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: BATTERY-CHARGED ELECTRIC FENCES

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill defines battery-charged fences and provides for limited regulation by local governments. The bill minimally increases local government workload.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill permits property owners to erect a battery-charged electric fence on property that is not zoned exclusively for residential use, among other limiting criteria. If a person wishes to install or use a battery-charged fence, the local government in which the property resides may perform an inspection to verify the fencing meets statutory definitions. The local government may not charge any permit or inspection fee for this verification, or otherwise prohibit or impose installation or operational requirements for battery-charged fencing used for security purposes.

Local Government

If deemed necessary, local governments are required to verify that installed fences meet statutory definitions. If local governments choose to exercise this authority, workload and related expenditures for verification will increase. The local government is not permitted to charge a fee for this verification.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Transportation and Local Government Committee on March 3, 2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

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