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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY LABELING

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

This bill encourages food manufacturers to label their food with elevated risk date and quality date labels. The bill establishes standards for such labels beginning on July 1, 2023. It will increase state workload beginning in FY 2020-21.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill encourages food manufacturers to label food with elevated risk dates and quality dates. Labels used on and after July 1, 2023, must meet specifications established in the bill or the food will be deemed to be misbranded. A retail food facility can donate food products that are not labeled according to this bill or after the food's quality date has passed. The Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is required to include information on its website that indicates the distinction between elevated risk dates and quality dates on food labels. The CDPHE may promulgate rules to add or exempt food products to or from the provisions, or otherwise modify the requirements.

State Expenditures

This bill will minimally increase workload for the Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability in the CDPHE to utilize available national resources to support the food industry's use of the voluntary food labeling. The division will make labeling information available on its website and confirm that labels meet the required specifications after July 1, 2023, as part of its manufactured and wholesale food inspection program. The workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2023, if no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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