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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: PEACE OFFICER STATUS FOR CERTAIN DOR EMPLOYEES

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

The bill gives peace officer status to certain investigators in the Department of Revenue. It will minimally increase state revenue, costs, and workload on an ongoing basis beginning in the current FY 2019-20.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill gives peace officer status to motor vehicle investigators and criminal tax enforcement special agents employed by the Department of Revenue (DOR). As such, these employees must be certified by the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board administered by the Department of Law (DOL).

Background

Motor Vehicle Investigations Unit. The Motor Vehicle Investigations Unit investigates and prevents fraud concerning the use of driver licenses, identification cards, motor vehicle titles and registrations, and other motor vehicle documents issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Criminal Investigation/Tax Enforcement Section. The Criminal Investigation/Tax Enforcement Section investigates and assists in the prosecution of individuals and corporations that attempt to evade taxes, willfully fail to file returns, submit false tax forms, and otherwise attempt to defraud taxpayers.

POST Board. The Colorado POST Board documents and manages the certification and training of all active and reserve peace officers working for Colorado law enforcement agencies. POST also provides continuing training on emerging issues, including anti-bias, DNA, and witness protection issues. POST is a unit of the Criminal Justice Section of the Colorado Attorney General's Office. There are currently over 13,000 certified peace officers in Colorado.

**State Revenue**

Beginning in the current FY 2019-20, the bill will minimally increase revenue to the POST Board Cash Fund in DOL. The certification exam costs \$200. This revenue is subject to TABOR.

**State Expenditures**

Beginning in the current FY 2019-20, the bill minimally increases costs in the DOR and workload in the DOL.

**Department of Revenue.** General Fund and Licensing Services Cash Fund expenditures in DOR will minimally increase to cover peace officer equipment and training for an estimated 14 employees. Some of these employees have previously completed this training and certification and equipment needs will vary. No change in appropriations is required.

**Department of Law.** Because the bill creates only a small number of new peace officers, the POST Board can accomplish their training through its existing schedule; no change in appropriations is required.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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