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**SB 20-025**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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| <b>Drafting Number:</b> | LLS 20-0088                          | <b>Date:</b>           | October 5, 2020                                   |
| <b>Prime Sponsors:</b>  | Sen. Garcia<br>Rep. Buentello; Esgar | <b>Bill Status:</b>    | Signed into Law                                   |
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**Bill Topic:** CONSERVANCY DISTRICT ART & BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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| <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 gives flood control conservancy districts the authority to participate in artistic and beautification projects on waterways, and deems such projects to be current expenses of the district. It increases local government expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill..

## Summary of Legislation

The bill gives flood control conservancy districts the authority to participate in artistic and beautification projects that improve waterways aesthetically, and to consider such projects current expenses of the district. It clarifies that expenditures on parks, recreational facilities, and riverfronts are also designated as current expenses of the district.

## Background

Colorado has four active flood control conservancy districts. Current law permits flood control conservancy districts to levy various assessments on properties that receive benefits from the district's work. This authority differentiates expenditures that are eligible to be financed through a construction fund assessment from those that are eligible to be financed through a maintenance fund assessment. Designating beautification and park projects as current expenses of the district clarifies that these costs can be financed through a maintenance fund assessment.

## Local Government

For flood control conservancy districts that choose to participate in artistic and beautification projects, expenditures and assessment revenue will increase on an ongoing basis.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 11, 2020, and it took effect on September 14, 2020.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Agriculture

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Natural Resources