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SB 20B-010

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Coram Rep. Arndt; Catlin	Bill Status:	Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: **BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE ACCESS ELECTRIC EASEMENT**

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

This bill expands the authority to install broadband facilities on an electric utility easement on real property to an electric generation and transmission cooperative electric association and to the Western Area Power Administration. The bill may minimally increase state revenue and state and local workload beginning in FY 2020-21.

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

**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.

Summary of Legislation

The bill would have expanded the definition of "electric utility" to include electric generation and transmission cooperative associations or the federal Western Area Power Administration within the U.S. Department of Energy as it relates to the installation of broadband facilities on real property subject to an electric easement.

Assumptions

This fiscal note assumes that a majority of transactions under this bill are between private or non-state entities.

State Revenue and Expenditures

To the extent that this bill increases civil case filings regarding easements, Judicial Department civil case filing revenue and trial court workload will increase. The fiscal note assumes that there will be minimal or very limited case filings under the bill and no change in appropriations is required. Civil case filing fees are subject to TABOR.

Local Government

Workload may increase for local governments that are commercial broadband suppliers or broadband affiliates. Only Longmont currently provides broadband services, while Fort Collins is currently building and implementing broadband services. To date, 40 Colorado counties and nearly 100 municipalities have authorized their local government to provide telecommunications services.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Finance Committee on November 30, 2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Information Technology	Judicial
Municipalities	Personnel	