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# Fiscal Note

**Drafting Number:** LLS 21-0601  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Pico

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**Bill Status:** House SCMVA  
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**Bill Topic:** **DISASTER EMERGENCY DURATION LIMITS**

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

This bill extends the maximum duration of a state of disaster emergency to 60 days, unless the General Assembly adopts a joint resolution that extends it. If a special session is called, state expenditures will increase.

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

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

## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a state of disaster emergency may continue for no longer than 30 days unless renewed by the Governor. This bill extends the maximum allowable duration of a state of disaster emergency to 60 days, unless the General Assembly adopts a joint resolution that extends it. The Governor cannot renew a state of disaster emergency but can submit a written request to the General Assembly which may extend a state of disaster emergency by joint resolution for periods up to 60 days for as long as it deems necessary. If the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor or General Assembly may call a special session to consider extending a state of disaster emergency.

## Background

Under current law, the Governor is authorized to declare a state of disaster emergency by executive order or proclamation if he finds a disaster has occurred or that a threat of a disaster is imminent. A state of disaster emergency is limited to 30 days, but can be renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time by joint resolution, after which the Governor must issue an executive order or proclamation ending a state of disaster emergency.

## State Expenditures

If the Governor or General Assembly convenes a special session to extend a disaster emergency, state General Fund expenditures will increase. Funds for special sessions are included annually in legislative appropriations, so no appropriation 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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