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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Woodrow Sen. Rodriguez	Bill Status:	House Business
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Bill Topic: REMEDIES IN CLASS ACTIONS CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" 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 amends the Colorado Consumer Protection Act to allow a successful plaintiff in a class action case to recover actual damages, injunctive relief allowed by law, and reasonable attorney fees and costs. It may minimally increase state revenue and expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

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State Revenue and Expenditures

This bill may minimally increase revenue and expenditures for trial courts in the Judicial Department from an increase in civil class action filings. Revenue from filing fees is subject to TABOR. The increase in expenditures can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

TABOR refunds. Under the December 2020 Legislative Council Staff Economic and Revenue Forecast, the state is not expected to collect revenue above the TABOR limit in either FY 2021-22 or FY 2022-23, and refund obligations are not anticipated for these years. This bill does not change these expectations concerning refunds to taxpayers.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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