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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Danielson Rep. Benavidez; McLachlan	Bill Status:	Senate Education
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Bill Topic: PROHIBIT AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill prohibits the use of American Indian mascots for any public school. The bill increases state revenue and school district expenditures.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

After June 1, 2022, the bill prohibits the use of American Indian mascots in any public school or institution of higher education. Public K12 schools must cease using such a mascot as of October 1, 2021. Failure to change the mascot results in a fine of \$25,000 for each month the mascot remains unchanged.

State Revenue

Starting in FY 2021-22, state revenue to the State Education Fund will increase if public schools do not change their mascot and pay a fine. The fiscal note assumes a high level of compliance, so any increase in revenue is assumed to be minimal. Fine revenue paid to the state is subject to TABOR.

School Districts

Expenditures in school districts will increase in order to update school signs, equipment, facilities, websites and other material to reflect a new mascot. The exact cost to a school will depend on the size of the school and the amount and type of materials that require updating.

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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