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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: MODIFY ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLORADO STATE FAIR

Summary of Fiscal Impact: [] State Revenue [] TABOR Refund
[X] State Expenditure [] Local Government
[] State Transfer [] Statutory Public Entity

This bill implements recommendations from the State Auditor's performance audit of the Colorado State Fair Authority. It increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The State Auditor completed a performance audit of the Colorado State Fair Authority (authority) in 2019. This bill includes recommendations from the audit that require legislation to implement. These recommendations include:

- clarifying that the Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the authority board, will appoint and employ a manager for the authority;
requiring the authority board to establish a process for approving industry displays; and
allowing the authority to collaborate with a state agency or industry representative in developing an industry display.

State Expenditures

Under current law, the authority, which is located within the Department of Agriculture, is required to include displays of specific industry categories of the state of Colorado at the state fair. According to the audit, many industry categories have been represented minimally or not at all. This bill will increase workload for the authority board to develop a process for approving industry displays and for authority staff to collaborate with state agencies and industry representative to develop more industry displays. This workload increase can be accomplished with existing appropriations. Moving the hiring responsibility of the authority manager from the board to the Commissioner of Agriculture can also be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 12, 2022, and takes effect August 9, 2022, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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