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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Weissman

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Bill Status: House SCMVA
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Bill Topic: **ELIMINATE REQUIREMENT THAT BILLS BE READ AT LENGTH**

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 |

Conditional upon voter approval, the resolution eliminates the requirement that each bill considered by the General Assembly be read at length. The bill increases expenditures in FY 2022-23 only.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The Colorado Constitution requires that each bill be read by title when introduced and read at length on two different days in each house. Reading of a bill at length may be dispensed with upon unanimous consent of the members present. This house concurrent resolution refers a constitutional amendment to voters at the November 2022 statewide election. If approved by a majority of the electors voting on the measure, the amendment eliminates the requirement that each bill considered by the General Assembly be read at length.

State Expenditures

Changing constitutional requirements concerning the reading of bills will not affect workload or costs within the General Assembly. As described below, referring a measure for voter approval impacts costs that are already accounted for through the annual budget process.

Election expenditure impact—existing appropriations. This bill includes a referred measure that will appear before voters at the November 2022 general election. While no additional appropriation is required, certain election costs are incurred by the state when ballot measures are referred. These include reimbursing counties for increased election costs; publishing the text and title of the measure in newspapers across the state; and preparing and mailing the Blue Book.

Effective Date

If approved by voters at the November 2022 general election, the changes take effect upon proclamation of the Governor.

State and Local Government Contacts

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