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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **MODIFICATION TO COUNTY CORONERS' SALARIES**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill requires category II, III, and IV counties to increase their full-time county coroner salaries. Starting in FY 2023-24, the bill will increase local government expenditures.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill raises the salaries of full-time county coroners in category II, III, and IV counties, matching the salaries of county commissioners, treasurers, assessors, and clerks in those counties. The new salaries apply to coroners whose terms begin on or after January 1, 2023, and salaries must be adjusted for inflation every two years starting January 1, 2024. Additionally, the bill authorizes category II county coroners to work part-time with a salary adjustment by the county commission. In county categories III and IV, county coroners may work full-time with the county commission's approval.

Local Government

The bill increases county government expenditures by requiring them to pay higher salaries to their county coroners. Seven category II counties: Eagle, Fremont, Garfield, La Plata, Pitkin, Routt, and Summit will be immediately impacted as each of their county coroners are up for election/reelection this coming fall. Category III and IV counties will not be immediately impacted, but may be impacted in the future if county commissions determine that the county coroner should be a full-time position.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

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