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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Sonnenberg
Rep. Will

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Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: **ALLOW RURAL PUBLIC HEALTH-CARE ENTITY COOPERATION**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill would have authorized county public hospitals and health services districts, and their respective affiliates, to engage in certain collaborative activities. The bill may have decreased local government and special district expenditures on an ongoing basis beginning in the current FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation would have been required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

The bill authorizes a public hospital board of trustees or a board of a health services district in rural areas to engage its respective county public hospital or affiliate, or health service district or affiliate, in certain activities that might be characterized as anticompetitive, result in a monopoly, or displace competition, including:

- joint ventures;
- joint purchasing arrangements;
- joint negotiations with physicians, hospitals, and payers;
- leases; and
- agreements that involve delivery system network creation or operation.

Entities engaging in these activities are immune from any liability under federal and state antitrust law.

Local Governments and Special Districts

Certain county public hospitals and health services districts may experience cost savings due to participation in the cooperative activities authorized in the bill.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on February 22, 2022.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Health Care Policy and Financing
Information Technology	Law
Public Health and Environment	Regulatory Agencies
Special Districts	