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Final Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 23-0443 Date: September 7, 2023 **Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Young; Daugherty Bill Status: Signed into Law Sen. Exum Fiscal Analyst: Elizabeth Ramey | 303-866-3522 elizabeth.ramey@coleg.gov **Bill Topic: EMPLOYER NOTICE OF INCOME TAX CREDITS** Summary of ☐ TABOR Refund **Fiscal Impact:** ☐ State Transfer ☐ Statutory Public Entity The bill requires employers to notify their employees annually of the availability of certain federal and state tax credits. The bill increases state expenditures and workload in multiple agencies by a minimal amount, and potentially decreases state revenue from greater awareness of certain tax credits, starting in FY 2023-24. **Appropriation** No appropriation is required. **Summary: Fiscal Note** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

Current law requires employers to provide employees with an annual statement of total compensation paid and income tax withheld for the previous calendar year. This bill requires employers to also provide written notice of the availability of certain federal and state tax credits, including the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, at least once annually. The written notice may be provided electronically, including via email or text, must be in English and any other language the employer uses to communicate with employees, and must include any additional content as prescribed by the Department of Revenue.

State Revenue

Status:

By expanding awareness of the tax credits, the bill may result in more taxpayers claiming these credits, thereby reducing state General Fund revenue from income taxes. The impact depends on the actions of taxpayers and cannot be estimated. This bill does not affect eligibility for any tax credit.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2023-24, the bill increases workload in the Department of Revenue to develop a model notice and publish it on the department's website. In addition, the bill increases workload and expenditures in multiple state agencies, including institutions of higher education, to adjust current employee notification practices to meet the bill's requirements. These increases are expected to be minimal and can be accomplished with existing resources or handled through the annual budget process.

Local Government

Similar to the state impact above, the bill increases workload and costs for local governments to adjust current employee notification practices to meet the bill's requirements. The workload and cost increase is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 31, 2023, and it took effect August 7, 2023.

State and Local Government Contacts

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