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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Martinez Sen. Simpson	Bill Status:	House Energy & Environment
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Bill Topic: RURAL COUNTY MUNICIPAL ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING CODES

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill delays the implementation of existing building code requirements regarding energy efficiency for rural local governments. It decreases local government expenditures beginning in FY 2023-24.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Current law requires counties and municipalities to adopt certain energy efficiency standards when updating building codes. The bill delays the timeline by which rural counties and municipalities must comply with these requirements. Rural counties are defined as those with a population under 30,000 people, and the bill defines rural municipalities as those with a population under 10,000 people.

Current law allows rural counties to retain lower standards if they do not receive a grant from the Colorado Energy Office that significantly assists in energy code adoption and enforcement training. The bill establishes a similar provision for rural municipalities.

State Expenditures

By extending the deadline to adopt certain energy code requirements, the bill may delay some disbursements of grant funding from the Colorado Energy Office to rural counties and municipalities. The fiscal note assumes that no additional grant funding will become available because of this bill and that only the timing of state expenditures may be impacted.

Local Government

The bill decreases expenditures of rural counties and municipalities. Rural local governments that delay the adoption of stricter energy code requirements into their building codes will have decreased expenditures for subsequent renovations of public buildings and for building code enforcement. These savings may be partially offset by increased energy costs.

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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