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Final Fiscal Note

| Drafting Number: Prime Sponsors: | LLS 24-0333 Sen. Mullica; Marchman Rep. Bird | Date: Bill Status: Fiscal Analyst: | July 23, 2024 Signed into Law John Armstrong 303-866-6289 john.armstrong@coleg.gov | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Bill Topic: | MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA & REPORT | | | | |
| Summary of Fiscal Impact: | □ State Revenue ⊠ State Expenditure | □ State Transfer □ TABOR Refund | \boxtimes Local Government \square Statutory Public Entity | | |
| | The bill requires courts to collect and report an expanded set of eviction case data. The bill will increase state and local expenditures beginning in FY 2024-25. | | | | |
| Appropriation Summary: | For FY 2024-25, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$136,122 to the Judicial Department. | | | | |
| Fiscal Note Status: | The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill. | | | | |

Table 1State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 24-064

| | | Budget Year FY 2024-25 | Out Year FY 2025-26 |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue | | - | - |
| Expenditures | General Fund | \$136,122 | \$143,647 |
| | Centrally Appropriated | \$23,027 | \$25,585 |
| | Total Expenditures | \$159,149 | \$169,232 |
| | Total FTE | 0.9 FTE | 1.0 FTE |
| Transfers | | - | - |
| Other Budget Impacts | General Fund Reserve | \$20,418 | \$21,547 |

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Summary of Legislation

The bill both defines "residential eviction data" and requires courts to electronically collect these data for all eviction cases in each county beginning July 2024. Individual case-level eviction data must be delivered upon request so long as no personally identifiable information about a landlord or tenant is disclosed. The bill allows the Judicial Department to either accept the standard form for eviction complaints or do accept a different form if that different form meets statutory requirements.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Judicial Department by \$159,149 in FY 2024-25 and \$169,232 in FY 2025-26 and ongoing, paid from the General Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

| | | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|
| Judicial Department | | | |
| Personal Services | | \$128,067 | \$142,297 |
| Operating Expenses | | \$855 | \$950 |
| Capital Outlay Costs | | \$7,200 | \$400 |
| Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹ | | \$23,027 \$25 | |
| | Total Cost | \$159,149 | \$169,232 |
| | Total FTE | 0.9 FTE | 1.0 FTE |

Table 2 Expenditures Under SB 24-064

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Judicial Department. The Judicial Department requires a senior software engineer to complete the upgrades needed to compile eviction data and to respond to requests for individual cases on an ongoing basis, resulting in 1.0 FTE. Costs assume an August 2024 start date, and include standard operating and capital outlay costs.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

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Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Local Government

Similar to the state, expenditures to Denver County Court will increase to collect the required information outlined in the bill. The exact increase in costs is not known at this time but may require additional IT programming costs and staff costs, similar to the state. The fiscal note will be updated based on any information received.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 31, 2024.

State Appropriations

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$136,122 to the Judicial Department.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the <u>General Assembly website</u>.