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# Bill 4

## FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 19-0219  
**Prime Sponsors:**

**Date:** September 28, 2018  
**Bill Status:** Wildfire Matters Review  
Committee Bill Request  
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**Bill Topic:** COUNTY FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS JULY 4TH

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**Summary of  
Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue ( <i>minimal</i> ) | <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 permits a county to prohibit fireworks sales in unincorporated areas under certain circumstances. The bill may have a minimal impact on local government and state sales taxes, and on state fee revenue.

**Appropriation  
Summary:** None required.

**Fiscal Note  
Status:** This fiscal note reflects the interim bill draft requested by the Wildfire Matters Review Committee.

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### Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a county may prohibit or restrict the sale, use, and possession of fireworks in unincorporated areas of the county for up to one year, except between May 31 and July 5. Under this bill, if a county adopts a resolution that includes an express finding of high fire danger, based on competent evidence, the prohibition on the sale and use of fireworks may remain in effect during this period. Competent evidence of high fire danger may include predictions of future fire danger such as those issued by the National Interagency Coordination Center.

### State Revenue

In years when a county prohibits fireworks sales due to high fire danger, fee revenue to the Department of Public Safety and the Fireworks Licensing Cash Fund may fluctuate from historical levels. This change is conditional on future county resolutions of fire danger and is expected to be minimal. In years when arid conditions result in fireworks prohibitions in multiple locations, a small state sales tax revenue change can be anticipated.

### Local Government Impact

County governments must take additional action to adopt a separate resolution to maintain an annual prohibition on fireworks during the six week period from May 31 to July 5. Counties that preclude fireworks sales for an entire year may experience a decrease in related sales taxes.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties	Fire Chiefs	Local Affairs	Public Safety
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