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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: WILDFIRE RESISTANT MATERIALS NEW CONSTRUCTION

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
- State Expenditure (minimal)
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires each county and municipality that contains all or any portion of a high wildfire hazard area to enact an ordinance requiring that new structures located within the area be constructed using wildfire resistant materials. This bill will increase state workload and local expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires each county and municipality that contains all or any portion of a high wildfire hazard area to enact an ordinance by January 1, 2021, that requires new structures located within the area be constructed using wildfire resistant materials. This applies to the construction or renovation of any commercial or residential building located within a high wildfire hazard area. Under this bill, high wildfire hazard area means an area mapped by the Colorado State Forest Service as facing a substantial and recurring risk of exposure to severe wildfire hazards. This bill does not require counties or municipalities to adopt a new ordinance if they have adopted an ordinance or building code that offers comparable protection against wildfires.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2020-21, workload will increase in the Department of Local Affairs to provide technical assistance and advisory services related to ordinance language and existing building codes for local governments. This impact is expected to be minimal and can be achieved within existing resources.

**Local Government**

Under the bill, counties and municipalities that contain all or any portion of a high wildfire hazard area are required to enact a new ordinance unless they have adopted an ordinance or building code that offers comparable protection against wildfires. Expenditures and Workload will increase in local governments that have to enact a new ordinance to research, adopt, and enforce the new ordinance. The magnitude of the expenditures and workload will vary significantly based on current ordinances and the amount and nature of the high wildfire hazard area.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties            Local Affairs            Municipalities            Public Safety