BILL TOPIC: DESTRUCTIVE RODENT PEST RELEASE AUTH REQMTNS

NOTE: This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a person may not release destructive rodent pests into a county without prior approval of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission and the corresponding county commissioners. An exemption to this requirement allows rodent pests to be released into a county from which the animals were originally captured. This bill removes the exemption, and requires that individuals give prior notification to any conservation district in which the rodents are to be released.

Assessment

The bill does not place any additional requirements nor change the revenue or expenditures of any state agency. Conservation districts will now receive notification when a rodent pest is released in its jurisdiction; however, no additional requirements are placed on the districts and the bill will not change the workload, revenue, or expenditures of local governments. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on March 21, 2016.

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture  Colorado Counties  Local Affairs  Natural Resources

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: www.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes.