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**HB16-1042**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Arndt  
Sen. Sonnenberg

**Bill Status:** House Education

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**BILL TOPIC:** LIQUOR LICENSE EXEMPTION HIGHER ED BREWING PROGRAM

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill creates a liquor license exemption under the "Colorado Beer Code" and "Colorado Liquor Code" for state institutions of higher education engaging in manufacturing and tasting of 3.2 percent and full strength beer for teaching or research purposes. The manufactured beer cannot be sold or offered for sale and may only be tasted by qualified students, qualified employees, or expert tasters who are at least 21 years old.

**Background**

Of the state institutions of higher education, three offer brewing-related degree or certificate programs: Colorado State University (Fermentation Science and Technology), Metropolitan State University of Denver (Brewing Operations), and University of Northern Colorado (Brewing Laboratory Science). These institutions do not obtain liquor licenses for manufacturing and tasting beer as part of their education programs; this bill modifies statute to conform with current practice.

**Assessment**

As a result of the bill's exemption, the workload of both the Department of Revenue and the state institutions of higher education that engage in brewery activities for teaching and research purposes may slightly decrease. However, due to the small number of institutions that would otherwise require a liquor license, the bill does not impact state revenue or expenditures and thus, is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Higher Education

Revenue

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