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FISCAL NOTE

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

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BILL TOPIC: LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM ADJOINING STATE IN AIRPORT AUTHORITY

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2016-2017 | FY 2017-2018 |
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| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | Potential minimal workload increase. | |
| Appropriation Required: None. | | |
| Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal potential workload increase. | | |

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows a county or municipality from an adjoining state to be part of a public airport authority in Colorado by authorizing a Colorado county or two or more counties and municipalities to enter into an agreement to operate an airport jointly. The airport authority must be created in Colorado and must use a legal newspaper in Colorado for the posting of official publications. Members of the board must be Colorado taxpayers and resolutions of the authority must not violate the adjoining state's laws.

Background

Currently there are four active airport authorities where Colorado local governments have agreed to jointly operate an airport. These include the Greeley-Weld County airport authority, the Telluride Regional airport authority, the Grand Junction Regional airport authority, and the Arapahoe County public airport authority. All other state airports are operated by the individual county or municipality that they are located in. This analysis assumes that no new airport authorities will be created as a result of this bill, but existing airport authorities may choose to expand and include an adjoining state local government in the authority.

State Expenditures

This bill increases workload in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and the Department of Law as discussed below.

Department of Local Affairs. Workload will increase in the DOLA for each airport authority that chooses to enter into an agreement with a local government from an adjoining state. The DOLA will review the agreement and provide certification that the airport authority has been organized according to Colorado law. This increase in workload is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Department of Law. This bill minimally increases workload in the Department of Law which advises DOLA on matters related to airport authorities. For each agreement to expand an airport authority, Department of Law staff time will be needed to provide legal counsel to DOLA in its review of the agreement. This increase in workload can be accomplished within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

This bill increases workload and potentially reduces airport authority costs for Colorado local governments that are part of an expanded airport authority. This workload increase is for staff time to revise the airport contract, prepare a county resolution, hold public hearings, and to submit the required information to DOLA to request a new airport certificate. This workload increase is expected to be minimal.

Additionally, the new airport authority members will assume a portion of the airport costs, thus reducing the cost to the existing airport authority members. It is unknown how many of the existing airport authorized may choose to expand, how many adjoining state local governments may be a part of that expansion, or what the contractual agreement is, therefore no cost reduction estimate is provided.

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.

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