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**REVISED
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Rich; Roberts Sen. Woodward	Bill Status:	Senate Local Government
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Bill Topic: REMOVE FEE CAP ELEC INSPECTION LOC GOV HIGHER ED

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue (<i>minimal</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill removes the cap on the fees local governments and institutions of higher education can charge for electrical inspections. It creates a minimal workload increase for the Department of Regulatory Agencies and may increase revenue for local governments and institutions of higher education.

**Appropriation
Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note
Status:** This fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, local governments and institutions of higher education may only assess up to 15 percent more than the state's fees for electrical inspections. This bill allows local governments and institutions of higher education to assess fees for electrical inspections up to 15 percent more than the state's fees as they existed on January 1, 2014. The bill also applies the same fee structure to electric hot water heater inspections by local governments.

Background

The State Electrical Board, within the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), regulates electricians, apprentices, and electrical contractors in Colorado. The state, along with local governments and institutions of higher education, may conduct electrical inspections.

State residential electrical inspections in 2014 ranged from \$50 to \$200, with additional fees for living areas greater than 1,501 square feet or valued \$2,001 or above. Commercial fees are based on the valuation of installation, with base fees starting at \$67.

State Revenue

This bill will increase revenue for institutions of higher education that choose to raise their fees for electrical inspections. This revenue is not subject to TABOR.

State Expenditures

The State Electrical Board in DORA will have a minimal workload increase to conduct education and outreach. This increase can be accomplished within existing resources.

Local Governments

This bill will increase revenue for local governments that choose to raise their fees for electrical inspections, including electric hot water heaters. Currently 17 counties and 32 municipalities conduct inspections. Any fee change will vary by jurisdiction.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Higher Education	Information Technology
Municipalities	Personnel	Regulatory Agencies