### Bill Topic:
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER

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

The bill makes changes to state law related to alcohol consumption at the National Western Center. Conditional upon a local government ordinance, the bill increases state and local government workload.

### Appropriation Summary:
No appropriation is required.

### Fiscal Note Status:
This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

### Summary of Legislation
Under current law, it is illegal for a person to remove an alcohol beverage from a premises licensed to serve alcohol; however, a patron of the Colorado State Fair, or of an establishment within a common consumption area, may leave the licensed premises with an alcohol beverage, as long as the person does not leave the fairgrounds or common consumption area. The bill expands this exception to include the National Western Center, when and where authorized by ordinance by the City and County of Denver. Patrons may not remove alcohol from the National Western Center, nor can they bring in alcohol purchased outside the center.

### Comparable Crime Analysis
Legislative Council Staff is required to include certain information in the fiscal note for any bill that creates a new crime, changes the classification of an existing crime, or changes an element of an existing crime. This bill creates an exception to the current offense of removing alcohol from a licensed premises. Between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2018, there was one case in which a person was charged with that offense. Therefore, the fiscal note assumes that any decrease in case filings will be minimal. The bill is not expected to have a tangible impact on criminal justice-related revenue or expenditures at the state or local levels.
State Expenditures

The bill increases workload by a minimal amount for the Liquor Enforcement Division in the Department of Revenue to conduct education and enforcement related to the National Western Center. This increase is expected to occur for the first few years only. No change in appropriations is required.

Local Government Impact

Should the City and County of Denver to adopt an ordinance allowing for the consumption of alcohol during specific times and at certain areas within the National Western Center, workload will increase for Denver to implement and enforce the ordinance.

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  Judicial  Municipalities  Revenue

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: leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes.