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SB 20-069

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Garcia
Rep. Buentello

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **DISABLED VETERANS FREE STATE PARK ACCESS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows disabled veterans residing in Colorado to receive free transferrable annual state park passes. The bill increases state expenditures and decreases state revenue by a minimal amount on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows a disabled veteran who is a Colorado resident to receive a transferrable annual state park pass free of charge.

Background

Under current law, disabled veterans are allowed free entry to state parks if they have obtained a disabled veteran license plate from the Division of Motor Vehicles and are present in the vehicle when entering the park. The pass created by the bill provides a way for disabled veterans to use the benefit of free entry without having to obtain a special license plate or travel in a particular vehicle.

There are currently about 100,000 disabled veterans residing in Colorado. As of December 31, 2019, 53,316 vehicles were registered in Colorado with disabled veteran license plates.

State Revenue

The Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife (CPW) in the Department of Natural Resources will experience a minimal reduction in revenue as a result of the bill. To the extent that disabled veterans currently pay for entry to state parks, but would not do so if in possession of a transferrable annual park pass, CPW will lose revenue. Because the state park system is designated as an enterprise, revenue is not subject to state revenue limits under TABOR.

State Expenditures

Producing and distributing annual passes will create costs and workload for CPW, which can be accomplished without the need for a change in appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 11, 2020, and it took effect on September 14, 2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources