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Bill Topic: **CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT DAMAGES**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input 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

This bill clarifies the amounts that may be awarded in cases filed under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act. The bill may minimally increase state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that a plaintiff in an individual civil action under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act may be awarded damages equal to the sum of \$500 per violation. In a class action, any person who is found to have engaged in deceptive trade practice is liable in an amount equal to actual damages sustained. Injunctive relief and attorney fees may also be awarded.

State Expenditures

To the extent that more individuals file claims, workload for the trial courts in the Judicial Department may increase. However, this fiscal note assumes that these cases are infrequent, and any workload increase is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial Law

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.