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SB 20B-005

FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Sonnenberg, Rep. Holtorf

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Bill Status: Senate Finance
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Bill Topic: DISASTER EMERGENCY DURATION LIMIT

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill limits the duration of a state of disaster emergency declared by the Governor to 60 days unless action is taken by the General Assembly. If a special session is called, state expenditures will increase.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a state of disaster emergency may continue for no longer than 30 days unless renewed by the Governor. This bill limits the duration of a state of disaster emergency to no longer than 60 days unless the General Assembly adopts a joint resolution that:

- extends the duration of the state of disaster emergency; or
authorizes the Governor to extend the duration of the state of disaster emergency for a period or subject to conditions specified in the joint resolution

Background

The Governor is authorized to declare a state of disaster emergency by executive order or proclamation if he finds a disaster has occurred or that a threat of a disaster is imminent. A state of disaster emergency is limited to 30 days, but can be renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time by joint resolution after which the Governor must issue an executive order or proclamation ending a state of disaster emergency.

State Expenditures

If the Governor convenes a special session to extend a state of disaster emergency, state General Fund expenditures will increase. Funds for special sessions are included annually in legislative appropriations, so no appropriation is required.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

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