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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: 2020-21 GENERAL FUND TRANSFER SUPPORT DNR PROGRAMS

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

The bill transfers and appropriates a total of \$25.0 million to five programs in the Departments of Natural Resources and Local Affairs. It increases state expenditures on a one-time basis.

Appropriation Summary: The bill requires and includes appropriations of \$25.0 million.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 21-1326

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Current Year FY 2020-21, Budget Year FY 2021-22, Out Year FY 2022-23. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds, Total FTE, Total Expenditures), Transfers (General Fund, Cash Funds, Net Transfer), and TABOR Refund.

1 Expenditures and staffing are shown in FY 2020-21; these funds may be spent through FY 2023-24.

Summary of Legislation

The bill transfers a total of \$25.0 million from the General Fund to five programs in the Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Local Affairs (DOLA). These funds are appropriated for FY 2020-21 and are available to be spent through FY 2023-24. These transfers and appropriations are shown on Table 2.

Table 2
General Fund Transfers and Appropriations Under HB 21-1326

Program	Amount
Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund. \$14.0 million for infrastructure development projects, including planning and studies, and \$3.5 million for maintenance projects and 14.0 FTE of staffing at state parks in the DNR.	\$17,500,000
Wildlife Cash Fund. For Colorado Parks and Wildlife in the DNR to implement its State Wildlife Action Plan and for the conservation of native species.	\$3,500,000
Search and Rescue Fund. For the DOLA to support backcountry search and rescue efforts.	\$2,250,000
Outdoor Equity Fund. To implement the Outdoor Equity Grant Program in the DNR.	\$1,000,000
Colorado Avalanche Information Center Fund. To support backcountry avalanche safety programs in the DNR, which includes supporting 3.0 FTE.	\$750,000
	Total FTE 17.0 FTE
	Total Expenditures \$25,000,000

State Transfers

A total of \$25.0 million is transferred from the General Fund: \$22.75 million to four cash funds in DNR and \$2.25 million to one cash fund in the DOLA, as shown in Table 2. The transfers take place within three days of the bill's effective date, which is assumed to fall in the current FY 2020-21.

State Expenditures

State expenditures will increase by a total of \$25.0 million and 17.0 FTE between FY 2020-21 and FY 2023-24 for the purposes listed in Table 2. Of this total, \$22.75 million is in the DNR and \$2.25 million is in DOLA.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor or upon becoming law without his signature, except section 4 concerning the Outdoor Equity Fund takes effect only if House Bill 21-1318 becomes law.

State Appropriations

The bill includes the following appropriations totaling \$22,750,000 to the Department of Natural Resources for FY 2020-21, which may be spent through FY 2023-24, and an allocation of 17.0 FTE:

- \$750,000 from the Colorado Avalanche Information Center Fund, and 3.0 FTE;
- \$3,500,000 from the Wildlife Cash Fund;
- \$1,000,000 from the Outdoor Equity Fund; and
- \$17,500,000 from the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund, and 14.0 FTE.

In addition, the bill include an appropriation of \$2,250,000 from Search and Rescue Fund to the Department of Local Affairs for FY 2020-21, which may also be spent through FY 2023-24.

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources

Local Affairs