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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Ginal; Danielson Rep. Ortiz; Froelich	Bill Status:	Senate Business
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Bill Topic: OPEN CAPTION REQUIREMENT FOR MOVIE THEATERS

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 requires movie theaters to provide open movie captions. The bill increases state revenue and workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires any movie theater open to the public in Colorado to provide open movie captioning at all showings for each movie that is produced and offered with open captioning.

State Revenue and Expenditures

The bill minimally increases state revenue and workload, as described below.

Judicial Department. An individual with a disability could bring a civil suit against the owner or operator of a movie theater that violates this bill. The Judicial Department will see an increase in revenue from filing fees and workload associated with such suits, which are expected to be infrequent. The revenue increase is therefore expected to be minimal and the workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Department of Regulatory Agencies. The bill may increase workload related to investigating public accommodation complaints if affected parties choose to seek a remedy through the Colorado Civil Rights Division. This workload impact is minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology
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