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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Ginal; Danielson Rep. Ortiz; Froelich	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Postponed Indefinitely
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**Bill Topic:** OPEN CAPTION REQUIREMENT FOR MOVIE THEATERS

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**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 would have required movie theaters to provide open movie captions. The bill would have increased state revenue and workload on an ongoing basis.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation was required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

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## 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.

**TABOR refunds.** The bill increases state revenue subject to TABOR. For FY 2022-23, the March 2021 LCS forecast projects revenue to fall short of the TABOR limit by \$28.6 million, or 0.2 percent of the limit. If actual revenue exceeds the limit, the bill will increase the amount required to be refunded to taxpayers from the General Fund in FY 2023-24.

**Federal ARPA funds.** This bill increases state revenue, which may impact the state's flexibility in spending federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. For more information, see the LCS memo, titled "Legislative Changes and Flexibility in Use of American Rescue Plan Funds," available online at: <https://leg.colorado.gov/node/2211881>.

## Effective Date

This bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee on March 10, 2021.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology  
Law

Judicial  
Regulatory Agencies

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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](http://leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes).