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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **WILDLAND FIRE MITIGATION COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**

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

The bill requires that cooperative electric associations adopt wildfire mitigation plans and establishes rules for mediating vegetation in an association easement. The bill minimally increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires that a cooperative electric association adopt a wildland fire protection plan and details specified plan components. The association must file the wildland fire protection plan by June 1, 2022, and by October 1 every third year after 2022 with the Public Utilities Commission in the Department of Regulatory Agencies. The bill also sets rules for the control of vegetation outside of a power line facility easement held by a cooperative electric association. Finally, the bill specifies exemptions a cooperative electric association may have from liability for wildland fires.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in the Public Utilities Commission to receive wildfire protection plans from cooperative electric associations. The commission is not required to take any action in relation to these filings, and the workload change does not require new appropriations.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Public Safety

Regulatory Agencies