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Revised Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. McLachlan

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Bill Topic: NONTOXIC BULLET REPLACEMENT HUNTING PROGRAM

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

The bill creates a Nontoxic Bullet Pilot Program in Colorado Parks and Wildlife. It will increase state expenditures in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$31,200 to the Department of Natural Resources.

Fiscal Note Status: This revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources Committee.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1036

Table with 4 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2023-24, and Out Year FY 2024-25. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts.

## Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a two-year Nontoxic Bullet Pilot Program (program) in the Division of Parks and Wildlife (Colorado Parks and Wildlife, CPW) in the Department of Natural Resources. The bill directs CPW to work with one or more nongovernmental entities (NGE) to create and promote the program. The program will allow individuals who satisfy certain requirements to receive vouchers to offset the cost of purchasing non-lead bullets.

In addition, CPW and cooperating NGEs may develop educational materials about the program and offer public demonstrations and educational activities at range spaces. CPW must also designate a qualified entity to educate hunters about the benefits of hunting with nontoxic bullets and publicize the pilot program. The program is repealed July 1, 2026. CPW may promulgate rules to implement the program.

## State Expenditures

Costs from the CPW Cash Fund will increase by an estimated \$31,200 in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 only. The CPW requires a part-time, temporary employee to serve as the point person for the pilot program. The employee is expected to work approximately 1,040 hours per year at a rate of \$24 per hour, plus fringe benefits totaling \$6,240 per year.

## Effective Date

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

## State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$32,100 from the Wildlife Cash Fund to the Division of Parks and Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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