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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Martinez Sen. Simpson	Bill Status:	House Trans. & Local Govt.
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Bill Topic:	MODIFY RURAL COUNTY OFFICER SALARY CATEGORIES
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Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

For the purpose of setting the salaries of elected county officers, this bill reclassifies four counties. Reclassifying these counties increases county expenditures for officer salaries.

Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.
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Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.
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Summary of Legislation

The salary of county officers is set in statute and determined by the category of the county in which the officer serves (grouped as categories I through VI). Four subcategories, A through D were added to each category in 2015 for the purpose of adjusting county officer salaries. The statutory salary amounts are adjusted every two years for inflation and take effect for terms commencing after any change is made.

This bill reclassifies four counties with an accompanying percentage increase in salary:

- Archuleta County changes from category III-B to III-A (8 percent increase);
- Delta County changes from III B to III-A (8 percent increase);
- Saguache County changes from V-B to V-A (8 percent increase); and
- Summit County changes from II-A to I-A (18.5 percent increase for commissioners, treasurers, assessors, and clerks; 22.2 percent increase for surveyors; 23.5 percent increase for sheriffs; and 65.5 percent increase for coroners).

Local Government

The bill increases county government expenditures for salaries for the designated officials whose salary is set in state statute. The bill categorizes four counties into higher tiers, resulting in higher salaries for commissioners, sheriffs, treasurers, assessors, clerks, coroners, and surveyors in those counties. Salary increases for county offices will take effect as new individuals take elected office in either 2024 or 2026.

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

Counties	County Clerks	County Treasurers
District Attorneys	Information Technology	Judicial
Labor	Local Affairs	Revenue
Treasury		