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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Amabile; McCormick Sen. Jaquez Lewis	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Postponed Indefinitely
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**Bill Topic:** COUNTY AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT FIREARMS DISCHARGE

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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

The bill would have expanded the authority of a board of county commissioners to prohibit the discharge of firearms in unincorporated areas. If passed, the bill may have increased local expenditures on an ongoing basis.

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

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**Fiscal Note Status:** This final fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill. This bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Local Government and Housing Committee on May 4, 2023; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill expands the authority of a board of county commissioners to prohibit the discharge of firearms in unincorporated areas. The bill repeals the exemption in current law allowing the firing of guns on private property. Under current law, counties may prohibit firing of guns in designated areas with a minimum population density; this bill requires instead that designated areas have a minimum of 35 dwellings per square mile. A county ordinance may not prohibit the discharge of firearms in designated areas by peace officers, in indoor shooting galleries in private residences, at a qualifying sport shooting range, or by persons engaged in lawful hunting, livestock management, or a wildlife management activity.

## Local Government

If counties choose to prohibit the discharge of firearms in unincorporated areas, workload and costs may increase. New ordinances may lead to an increase in enforcement, and therefore the workload for law enforcement, courts, and district attorneys; however, this increase is expected to be minimal.

## 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

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