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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SUNSET CONTINUE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER

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

Sunset Bill. The bill continues the veterans one-stop center in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2023. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only the continuation of the program's current revenue and expenditures. The program is continued through September 1, 2030.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-154^1

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2023-24, Out Year FY 2024-25. Rows include New Impacts for Revenue, Expenditures, and Other Budget Impacts, all showing zero impact.

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^1 Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill, and the continuing impacts from extending the program beyond its current repeal date. Because the bill continues a program without making any changes, there are no new impacts. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the veterans one-stop center in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) for seven years, through September 1, 2030. The bill codifies “Western Region One Source” as the name of the center and establishes a deadline of December 31, 2023 for the department, in consultation with its advisory board, to complete an evaluation of the center’s effectiveness.

Background

The center is located in Grand Junction and serves as a location where veterans, service members, and their family members residing in the western portion of the state can access assistance and resources. The center is funded through appropriations from the General Assembly, revenue from leased space, and private donations.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's FY 2023-24 budget request, the DMVA is expected to have revenue of \$131,000 and expenditures of about \$366,000 to administer the veterans one-stop center program. If this bill is enacted, current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2024-25. This continuing revenue is subject to the state TABOR limit. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2024, following a wind-down period, and state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2024-25 by the amounts shown in Table 1, above.

State Expenditures

The bill sets a deadline of December 31, 2023 for the DMVA to consult with the center’s advisory board to develop procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of the center. While setting a deadline may increase workload in the department, because the requirement to consult is already in law it is assumed no additional resources are needed to fulfill this requirement.

Other Budget Impacts

TABOR refunds. The bill is expected to increase the amount of state revenue required to be refunded to taxpayers by the amounts shown in Table 1 above. This estimate assumes the December 2022 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. A forecast of state revenue subject to TABOR is not available beyond FY 2024-25. Because TABOR refunds are paid from the General Fund, increased cash fund revenue will reduce the amount of General Fund available to spend or save.

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Local Government

To the extent counties and municipalities on the Western Slope extend facility partnerships with the center, local government expenditures will continue.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 28, 2023, and takes effect on August 7, 2023, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties Military Affairs