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Revised Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SUNSET COLORADO FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Sunset Bill. This bill continues the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council in Colorado State University, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2023. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only the continuation of the advisory council's current expenditures. The council is continued through September 1, 2030.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$151,068 to the Department of Higher Education, for use by Colorado State University. See State Appropriations section.

Fiscal Note Status: This revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-159^1

Table with 4 columns: Impact Category, Sub-category, Budget Year FY 2023-24, and Out Year FY 2024-25. Rows include New Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures, Other Budget Impacts) and Continuing Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures, Other Budget Impacts).

^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 extends the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council by three years, until September 1, 2026. It is currently set to repeal on September 1, 2023. The bill also makes the following changes to the council:

- adds a member to the council who is a representative of a food bank;
- moves appointment authority from the governor to leadership of the four legislative caucuses;
- modifies the purpose of the council and limits the authority of the council to engage in activities not specified in law;
- requires the council to accept public comment on any research or reports for at least sixty days prior to publication;
- restores language exempting appropriations for the council from the requirements related to student financial assistance; and
- modifies council reporting requirements.

Background

The Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council within Colorado State University (CSU) is charged with increasing access to healthy food and assisting with the growth of local food systems in the agricultural sector. It is made up of 22 members and typically meets quarterly. The council is authorized to accept gifts, grants, and donations that are consistent with their purpose. Members are reimbursed for travel expenses and staff support is provided by CSU. The sunset report for the advisory council is available [here](#).

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the FY 2022-23 Long Bill appropriation for the council's fee-for-service contract between the Department of Higher Education and CSU, the council is expected to have annual expenditures of \$151,068. This covers the cost of 1.0 FTE, operating expenses, and board expenses and travel. If this bill is enacted, these current expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2023-24. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2023.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload for the council to modify procedures to align with the bill's new requirements, and may minimally increase board expenses to include the new member. Because the committee and CSU can adjust how the fee-for-service contract is spent and costs have been lower than anticipated in recent years, any new costs can be accomplished within current appropriations.

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 and includes an appropriation of \$151,068 from the General Fund to the Department of Higher Education, for use by the governing board of Colorado State University.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education