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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SUNSET COLORADO FIRE COMMISSION

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

Sunset bill. This bill continues the Colorado Fire Commission in the Department of Public Safety, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2024. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only the continuation of the program's current expenditures. The commission is continued indefinitely.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill requires an appropriation of \$247,554 to the Department of Public Safety.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1272^1

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2024-25, and Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include New Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures), Continuing Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures), and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

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 Colorado Fire Commission in the Department of Public Safety indefinitely.

Background

The Colorado Fire Commission was created in [Senate Bill 19-040](#) to develop an integrated statewide process for fire management. The full sunset report can be found [here](#).

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on recent appropriations, the Department of Public Safety is expected to have expenditures of \$247,554 to administer the commission. If this bill is enacted, current expenditures will continue for the commission starting in FY 2024-25. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2024, and state expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2024-25 by the amounts shown in Table 1 above.

Other Budget Impacts

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

As with the state impacts, continuing the commission may increase local government workload from having local government representatives serve on the commission.

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 2024-25, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$247,554 to the Department of Public Safety, and 1.0 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Safety

Regulatory Agencies

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).