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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: AIRPORT ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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

The bill requires large hub airports to ensure accessibility for travelers with disabilities. The bill minimally increases state and local expenditures and state revenue beginning FY 2024-25.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires large hub airports in Colorado to ensure accessibility for travelers with disabilities and establishes specific duties and deadlines for compliance. Individuals alleging damages from a violation of these duties may bring a civil suit against the airport and seek a court order requiring compliance and any other legal remedy.

State Revenue and Expenditures

The bill will have a minimal impact on the trial courts in future budget years to consider additional civil cases of persons alleging damages from violations of accessibility requirements. Assuming a high degree of airport compliance, civil filings are anticipated to be low. New civil cases increase revenue and expenditures in the Judicial Department from filing fees. Revenue from filing fees is subject to TABOR.

Local Government

The bill creates specific requirements and deadlines for large hub airports to ensure accessibility of travelers with disabilities. Currently, only Denver International Airport qualifies as a large hub airport. This fiscal note assumes the City and County of Denver is currently budgeting for the changes outlined in the bill. No estimate of specific costs for these efforts is available to include in the fiscal note.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and it took effect on June 5, 2024.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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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](#).