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Final Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 24-1022 June 27, 2024 Date: **Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Fenberg; Lundeen **Bill Status:** Signed into Law Rep. McCluskie; Pugliese Fiscal Analyst: Anna Gerstle | 303-866-4375 anna.gerstle@coleg.gov RECORDS OF WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS **Bill Topic: Summary of** ☐ State Revenue ☐ State Transfer ☐ Local Government **Fiscal Impact:** ☐ TABOR Refund ☐ Statutory Public Entity The bill aligns Legislative Department practices for workplace discrimination complaints with recently passed legislation. The bill minimally increases workload for the Legislative Department on an ongoing basis. **Appropriation** No appropriation is required. **Summary: Fiscal Note** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill. The bill was recommended by the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council. Status:

Summary of Legislation

The bill resolves a conflict between two bills passed during the 2023 legislative session related to harassment complaints against an elected official and aligns the Legislative Department with those bills. Specifically, the bill:

- makes the Office of Legislative Workplace Relations the designated repository of all complaints of discriminatory or unfair employment practices for all employers in the Legislative Department; and
- allows public inspection of records in the repository that pertain to sexual harassment complaints against an elected official found culpable of sexual harassment.

Background

Senate Bill 23-172 requires employers to designate a repository of complaints of discriminatory or unfair employment practices, including sexual harassment complaints, and specifies that records in the repository are not public records, except in limited circumstances.

Senate Bill 23-286 requires the custodian of a sexual harassment complaint against an elected official to make the record available for public inspection, if the investigation concludes the elected official is culpable of sexual harassment.

State Expenditures

The bill may minimally increase workload for the Legislative Department. The bill clarifies state law related to public inspection of records related to sexual harassment complaints against an elected official found culpable of sexual harassment. To the extent additional records requests are received, workload will increase by a minimal amount.

Additionally, by designating the Office of Legislative Workplace Relations as the repository for discriminatory or unfair employment practices in the Legislative Department, the bill codifies existing practice. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 6, 2024, and it takes effect August 7, 2024, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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