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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **EXTEND WILD HORSE PROJECT APPROPRIATION TIMELINE**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill extends the spending authority given in Senate Bill 23-275 to the Legislative Department and the Department of Law through FY 2026-27. This may shift the spending from the current FY 2023-24 into future fiscal years.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee.

Summary of Legislation

The bill extends the spending authority for funds appropriated in FY 2023-24 in [Senate Bill 23-275](#) to the Legislative Department for legislator per diem and reimbursements and the Department of Law for legal services provided to the Department of Agriculture. The funding authority is extended for three years through FY 2026-27.

State Expenditures

By extending spending authority for appropriations made in FY 2023-24 for three years through FY 2026-27, the bill may affect the timing of certain spending or shift spending between fiscal years, in the event these appropriations are not fully used in the current FY 2023-24. However, the provisions of the bill are not expected to affect the overall costs for the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Law, or the Legislative Department for implementing, supporting, or overseeing the Wild Horse Project, respectively, over the next three years. For informational purposes, the FY 2023-24 appropriations that are extended by this bill include:

- \$1,654 to the Legislative Department from the General Fund; and
- \$21,148 in reappropriated funds to the Department of Law from the Wild Horse Project Fund.

Technical Note

The bill extends the spending authority to the Legislative Department for reimbursements to legislators serving on the Wild Horse Working Group. While the spending authority is extended through FY2026-27, the Wild Horse Working Group is repealed July 1, 2026.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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