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**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Arndt
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Bill Status: Signed into Law

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BILL TOPIC: LIQUOR LICENSE EXEMPTION HIGHER ED BREWING PROGRAM

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates a liquor license exemption under the "Colorado Beer Code" and "Colorado Liquor Code" for state institutions of higher education engaging in manufacturing and tasting of 3.2 percent and full strength beer for teaching or research purposes. The manufactured beer cannot be sold or offered for sale and may only be tasted by qualified students, qualified employees, or expert tasters who are at least 21 years old. If an event is held at a licensed premise located off-campus, any beer manufactured by the institution must be removed from the premise at the end of the event.

Background

Of the state institutions of higher education, three offer brewing-related degree or certificate programs: Colorado State University (Fermentation Science and Technology), Metropolitan State University of Denver (Brewing Operations), and University of Northern Colorado (Brewing Laboratory Science). These institutions do not obtain liquor licenses for manufacturing and tasting beer as part of their education programs; this bill modifies statute to conform with current practice.

Assessment

As a result of the bill's exemption, the workload of both the Department of Revenue and the state institutions of higher education that engage in brewery activities for teaching and research purposes may slightly decrease. However, due to the small number of institutions that would otherwise require a liquor license, the bill does not impact state revenue or expenditures and thus, is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 18, 2016, and takes effect August 10, 2016, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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