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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. Wilson
Sen. Grantham; Garcia

Bill Status: Signed into Law

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BILL TOPIC: COUNTY AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE PIONEER TRAIL

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload impact.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal workload impact.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows a board of county commissioners to designate, by resolution, any public roads in the county as a section of a pioneer trail. A pioneer trail consists of public roads that follow original routes of travel of national historic significance.

To make such a designation, the board must identify all of the roads that make up the pioneer trail. If a county designates any portion of a state highway as a pioneer trail, the designation is not effective until the General Assembly, acting by joint resolution, also designates the portion of the state highway as part of the pioneer trail. The board may not designate a pioneer trail across public lands on a road administered by the federal government unless the road is designated as open to travel by the federal management agency.

If any of the designated roads belong to the state highway system, the board must send a copy of the resolution to the Colorado Department of Transportation. If any of the designated roads are on public lands administered by the federal government, the board must send a copy of the resolution to the appropriate federal land management agency.

The county may post, or allow to be posted, identifying and informative signs related to the pioneer trail along county roads.

State Expenditures

Under the bill, the Office of Legislative Legal Services will be required to draft joint resolutions if a county designates any portion of a state highway as a pioneer trail, and the Colorado Department of Transportation will be required to receive county resolutions when roads are designated as pioneer trails. These workload impacts are expected to be minimal and can be addressed within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

County governments that designate public roads in the county as a section of a pioneer trail will incur costs to identify routes, notify the relevant agencies, and post signs.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 15, 2016, and takes effect August 10, 2016, if no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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