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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. Rosenthal
Sen. Newell

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Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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BILL TOPIC: CREATION OF SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM

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

NOTE: This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates an international sister-state relationship program in the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). A sister-state relationship is a formal declaration of friendship between two regions, states, or nations and does not create any legal relationship. The bill defines a state as a province, administrative district, county, prefecture, or other political boundary that includes one or more cities or towns.

The program will foster relationships between the state of Colorado and states in other countries in order to promote mutually beneficial economic growth, trade, and investment opportunities; maximize collaboration; and create a forum for sustained goodwill and social, educational, and cultural exchange and cooperation. OEDIT will serve as the conduit between Colorado and the designated leader of each sister-state.

Background

Colorado currently has sister-state relationships with the Yamagata Prefecture in Japan and the Kangwon Province in South Korea. The relationship with Yamagata was established in 1986 and the relationship with Kangwon was established in 1991. Several cities in Colorado also have sister-city relationships with cities and towns around the world.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2016-17, the bill increases the workload of OEDIT to create and administer the new international sister-state relationship program. The program is expected to require approximately 4 hours per week, divided among staff in OEDIT's international division. The increased workload can be accommodated within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on May 2, 2016.

State and Local Government Contacts

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