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**HB17-1154**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0742  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Rosenthal

**Date:** February 13, 2017  
**Bill Status:** House Business  
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**BILL TOPIC:** CREATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase.	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing workload increase.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires that the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) establish an international sister-state relationship program by June 30, 2018. A sister-state 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, prefecture, administrative district, or county, 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 economic growth, trade, and investment opportunities; maximize collaboration and information sharing; provide a forum for goodwill and cooperation between elected leaders; and facilitate mutually beneficial social, economic, educational, and cultural exchange. OEDIT will serve as a conduit between the state and the designated leader of each sister state.

**Background**

Colorado has sister-state relationships with the Yamagata Prefecture in Japan and 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 2017-18, 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 four hours per week of work, divided among staff in OEDIT's international division. The increased workload can be accommodated within existing appropriations.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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