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FISCAL NOTE

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

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BILL TOPIC: MEASURABLE GOALS DEADLINES CO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase. See State Expenditures section.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing workload increase.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the state's climate change staff person to include measurable goals based on the best available science that are at least as ambitious as the goals established by the Governor's Executive Order D 004 08, with near-term, mid-term, and long-term deadlines to achieve those goals that will either reduce Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions or increase Colorado's adaptive capability to respond to climate change. The Governor or his designee must report annually to the General Assembly on the progress made in meeting the climate action plan goals, including whether the state is on track to meet the deadlines and measurable goals specified in the plan.

Background

House Bill 13-1293 directed the Governor to establish at least a part-time position with the term "climate change" in the title in order to assess climate change issues within the state. At a minimum, the duties of the position included the development and periodic update of a climate action plan with policy recommendations the state could use to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It also included collaboration with other entities regarding climate preparedness studies.

The climate change risk management specialist is located in the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The "Colorado Climate Plan, State Level Policies and Strategies to Mitigate and Adapt" was released in September 2015. The plan was developed collectively by the DNR, the Department of Public Health and Environment, the Colorado Energy Office, the Department of Agriculture, the

Department of Transportation, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, and the Department of Local Affairs. Each of these agencies has been holding public engagement sessions over the past year on climate change issues specific to their mission and activities.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase the workload of the climate change risk management specialist in the CWCB, and the other agencies that have participated in the development of the climate change plan, to develop and report on climate action goals. This workload increase will begin in FY 2017-18 and continue thereafter. These efforts can be accomplished within existing appropriations. The fiscal note assumes that any future costs to implement the new goals will be addressed during the annual budget process once the climate change goals and deadlines are determined.

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.

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