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SB17-120

FISCAL NOTE

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Gardner

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BILL TOPIC: REQUIRE U.S. CITIZENSHIP FOR CO PEACE OFFICERS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017 <i>(current year)</i>	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue			
State Expenditures	Workload and potential expenditure increase.		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing workload and potential expenditure increase.			

Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes a United States citizenship requirement for a peace officer or a certified peace officer. Exemptions from the citizenship requirements are provided until July 1, 2020, for the following:

- a person who is a legal permanent resident and employed by a law enforcement agency as a peace officer or certified peace officer; and
- a person who is a legal permanent resident and a certified peace officer who is not employed.

Between July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021, the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board is required to revoke the certification of any peace officer who fails to meet the citizenship requirement created under this bill.

State Expenditures

Beginning in the current FY 2016-17, this bill creates workload for state agencies that employ peace officers to notify the POST Board of their employees' citizenship status (see Technical Note section). It also creates workload for the POST Board to make any required revocations of certifications for peace officers who cannot meet the citizenship requirements specified under SB17-120. These workload impacts are assumed to be minimal.

To the extent that this bill causes state agencies to replace existing non-citizen staff with citizens, the bill may also result in workload and costs for recruitment and training of new personnel. This analysis assumes affected state agencies will request any required additional appropriations through the annual budget process. For informational purposes, the Departments of Corrections, Higher Education, Judicial, Law, Natural Resources, Public Safety, and Revenue employ peace officers and certified peace officers.

Local Government Impact

Similar to the state, local law enforcement agencies may experience increased workload to report citizenship status to the POST Board and may incur costs related to any personnel replacements. These impacts are assumed to be minimal.

Technical Note

The bill requires the POST Board to revoke the certification of any peace officer who fails to meet the citizenship requirements imposed by the bill but does not create a mechanism for the notification of citizenship status to occur. The fiscal note assumes that this will be the responsibility of state and local law enforcement employers.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections	Counties	Higher Education
Information Technology	Law	Municipalities
Natural Resources	Public Safety	Revenue
Sheriffs		