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Bill Topic: FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill moves the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council from the Department of Agriculture to Colorado State University and modifies its membership, purpose, and duties. It will increase state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2019-20, the bill requires an appropriation of \$100,317 to the Department of Higher Education.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 19-1202**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$100,317	\$107,619
	Centrally Appropriated	\$40,206	\$43,449
	Total	\$140,523	\$151,068
	Total FTE	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill moves the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council from the Department of Agriculture to Colorado State University (CSU) and modifies its membership, purpose, and duties. The current terms of the 15 members will end on August 30, 2019, and the 22 new members are to be appointed by August 31, 2019. The council is required to meet at least four times per year and members may be reimbursed for travel expenses. If funding is available, CSU may provide staff support to the council. The modified purpose and duties include:

- growing local, regional, and statewide food economies within which producers have access to new markets and low-income populations have access to fresh, affordable, and healthy foods;
- researching national best practices regarding food and nutrition assistance, direct and intermediated market development, institutional procurement, and farm-to-school programs as well as other priorities determined by the council;
- collaborating with, serving as a resource to, and receiving input from local and regional food policy councils in the state; and
- exploring methods of collecting and assessing statewide data relating to council activities and reporting these data to the General Assembly.

Background

The Food Systems Advisory Council was created by Senate Bill 10-106 and most recently continued by House Bill 18-1236 until September 1, 2023. Its current mission is to foster a healthy food supply, enhance the state's agricultural and natural resources, encourage economic growth, expand the viability of agriculture, and improve the health of Colorado communities and residents by making recommendations to state agencies and the General Assembly. During the most recent sunset review period, the council did not seek or receive any gifts, grants, or donations, but received administrative support from CSU and website support from LiveWell Colorado. The continuously appropriated Food Systems Advisory Council Fund has a current balance of \$1,264.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase General Fund expenditures by \$140,523 and 0.9 FTE in FY 2019-20 and \$151,068 and 1.0 FTE in FY 2020-21 in the College of Agricultural Sciences at CSU to implement the provisions of the bill. These costs are shown in Table 2 and explained below.

Personal services. By expanding the duties of the council to include conducting research, data collection, and other tasks, CSU requires 1.0 FTE. This staff will support the advisory council in meeting its duties including facilitating council meetings and preparing reports. Personal services costs are prorated in the first year to adjust for the General Fund paydate shift. Costs also include standard operating and capital outlay expenses as well as staff travel and reimbursements for citizen members of the council.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 19-1202

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Colorado State University		
Personal Services	\$80,317	\$87,619
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay Costs	\$5,558	\$950
Board Expenses and Travel	\$14,442	\$19,050
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$40,206	\$43,449
Total Cost	\$140,523	\$151,068
Total FTE	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$40,206 in FY 2019-20 and \$43,449 in FY 2020-21.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 31, 2019.

State Appropriations

For FY 2019-20, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$100,317 and an allocation of 0.9 FTE to the Department of Higher Education for the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System.

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