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HB 20-1155

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Valdez A.; Weissman Sen. Hansen; Priola	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: HIGHER EFFICIENCY NEW CONSTRUCTION RESIDENCE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill modifies the options that home builders are required to give buyers of new homes. It minimally increases workload in the Colorado Energy Office and for local governments on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill makes several changes to current law regarding electrical systems in new homes, including restrictions on those requirements. It also requires the Colorado Energy Office to develop consumer information or guidance regarding solar power installation.

Under current law, a home builder is required to offer a buyer of a new home one of the following three options:

- a solar panel system, a solar thermal system, or both;
- prewiring or preplumbing for such systems; or
- a chase or conduit for future installation of such systems.

The bill requires that a home builder offers each of these options instead. Manufactured homes are exempt from these requirements.

Additionally, this bill requires a home builder to also offer a buyer of a new home one of the following:

- an electric vehicle charging system;
- prewiring for the future installation of such a system; or
- a plug-in receptacle in a place accessible to a vehicle parking area.

Finally, this bill requires that a home builder offer a buyer an electrical heating system along with pricing and operating information.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in the Colorado Energy Office to develop guidance information for solar power installation and other consumer resources.

Local Government

The bill creates workload impacts for local governments related to code enforcement. Any additional workload is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 30, 2020, and takes effect on September 14, 2020, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Colorado Energy Office
Municipalities

Counties
Public Safety

Local Affairs
Regulatory Agencies