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**SB 20-080**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 20-0052  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Rodriguez  
Rep. Woodrow

**Date:** August 21, 2020  
**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
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**Bill Topic:** CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT DAMAGES

**Summary of  
Fiscal Impact:**

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

This bill would have clarified the amounts that may be awarded in cases filed under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act. The bill may have minimally increased state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation  
Summary:** No appropriation was required.

**Fiscal Note  
Status:** The fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

## Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that a plaintiff in an individual civil action under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act may be awarded damages equal to the sum of \$500 per violation. In a class action, any person who is found to have engaged in deceptive trade practice is liable in an amount equal to actual damages sustained. Injunctive relief and attorney fees may also be awarded.

## State Expenditures

To the extent that more individuals file claims, workload for the trial courts in the Judicial Department may increase. However, this fiscal note assumes that these cases are infrequent, and any workload increase is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Finance Committee on June 4, 2020.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Civil Or Administration      District Attorneys      Information Technology      Law

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit: [leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes](http://leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes).