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Bill Topic: SURPLUS MILITARY VEHICLE FARM & EMERGENCY VEHICLE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows surplus military vehicles to be designated as implements of husbandry and/or as an authorized emergency vehicle. It increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$8,550 to the Department of Revenue.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 20-132

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows a surplus military vehicle, defined as a self-propelled vehicle that was purchased for nonmilitary use and built for the United State Armed Forces, that has been adapted or used for agriculture to operate on roads as an implement of husbandry.

Additionally, the bill allows a surplus military vehicle to be designated as an authorized emergency vehicle, which allows the vehicle to be driven on roads. The vehicle need not be registered as a motor vehicle to receive this designation.

Background

With the implementation of Senate Bill 19-054, a surplus military vehicle is now considered and off-highway vehicle and may not be registered for on road use. Prior to Senate Bill 19-054, of the 1,399 total surplus military vehicles that were titled in Colorado, 125 were registered as farm vehicles and none were registered as authorized emergency vehicles.

State Expenditures

In FY 2020-21, the Department of Revenue requires one-time programming costs of \$8,550 to update the Driver License, Record, Identification, and Vehicle Enterprise Solutions (DRIVES) system to allow the issuance of an emergency vehicle decal to surplus military vehicles and to retain the issuance in DRIVES for reporting and law enforcement visibility and searching. Programming costs are calculated at 38 hours at a rate of \$225 per hour. Activities include development, reporting, and project administration. Additionally, any increase in the issuance of the emergency vehicle decal will increase expenditures in the Department of Revenue. This expenditure is conditional on the number of surplus military vehicles obtaining the Authorized Emergency Vehicle designation.

Finally, workload will increase in the Department of Revenue to engage in any required rulemaking and to update forms, manuals, and the department's website to reflect the change in law, as well as provide training to authorized agents, Title and Registration staff, law enforcement and other entities affected by this bill. This work can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires a cash fund appropriation of \$8,550 from the Colorado DRIVES Vehicle Services Account to the Department of Revenue.

State and Local Government Contacts

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