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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Ricks; Hooton	Bill Status:	House Business
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Bill Topic: **VEHICLE TOWING CONSUMER PROTECTION**

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 creates a new sunset review of the Public Utilities Commission's regulation of towing, moves a sunset review of the Towing Task Force up one year, and modifies the membership of the task force. It will minimally increase state workload in FY 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a new sunset review of the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC's) regulation of towing, moves a sunset review of the Towing Task Force up one year, and modifies task force membership, as detailed below.

Sunset review. The bill requires the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to conduct a sunset review of the PUC's regulation of towing carriers in 2023 and moves up DORA's sunset review of the Towing Task Force one year, from September 1, 2024, to September 1, 2023.

As part of its review of the PUC's regulation of towing carriers, the department is required to review:

- complaints against towing carriers;
- whether the towing industry and consumers would benefit from dispute resolution of complaints;
- the reasonableness of rates for recovery, towing, and storage fees; and
- the reasonableness of towing contracts that towing companies enter into with property owners.

Towing Task Force. Effective November 1, 2021, the bill changes the composition of the Towing Task Force as follows:

- adds 2 members, for a total of 11;
- requires the 2 new members to represent communities that might be disproportionately affected by nonconsensual towing, such as communities of color, immigrant communities, elderly communities, and rural communities;
- replaces a member who represents towing carriers but is not a representative of a towing association with a member who represents mobile home owners; and
- replaces a member who represents an association of motor carriers with a member who represents common interest community unit owners.

State Expenditures

The bill will minimally increase workload in DORA to conduct an additional sunset review of the PUC's regulation of towing carriers. This work will be accomplished by the Colorado Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform within existing resources.

Effective Date

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

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