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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Donovan Rep. Will; Hooton	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **SENSITIVE SPECIES DATA & PUBLIC RECORDS**

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 excludes information concerning the location of animals or sensitive plant species and habitat from requests for information under the Colorado Open Records Act. The bill increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, public records are subject to request under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA). This bill amends CORA to exclude the portion of any public record that could reveal the location of animals and sensitive plant species or habitat.

State Expenditures

Colorado Parks and Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) collects data on the location of animals and sensitive plant species and habitat as part of regular operations. Prohibiting release of this information is expected to minimally impact the number of CORA requests received by the DNR, and the workload necessary to redact portions of documents containing sensitive information or data. These efforts do not require any change in appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 20, 2022, and takes effect August 9, 2022, assuming no referendum petition is filed, and applies to records requested on or after the applicable effective date.

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources