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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Sonnenberg; Woodward Rep. Soper	Bill Status:	Senate SVMA
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Bill Topic: TWO-THIRDS VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR BILLS WITH FEES

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

This concurrent resolution refers a measure to voters to amend the Colorado Constitution to require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members in each house of the General Assembly to pass a bill that includes a new fee or authorizes a new fee, or increases or authorizes the increase of an existing fee.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This concurrent resolution refers a measure to voters at the November 2022 general election to amend the Colorado Constitution to require that a bill that imposes a new fee, authorizes the imposition of a new fee, increases an existing fee, or authorizes the increase of an existing fee, have an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house of the General Assembly, taken on two separate days in each house on final passage.

The measure requires at least 55 percent of the voters voting affirmatively for the amendment to become part of the Colorado Constitution.

State Revenue and Expenditures

If the measure passes, it will have no immediate fiscal impact. To the extent that the measure prevents the passage of bills that impose or authorize new fees, it may reduce the number of new programs created and the associated fee revenue and spending. In addition, failure to pass a bill to increase a fee that is set in statute to cover program costs may result in a decrease in services provided or an increase in General Fund expenditures in order to maintain service levels. These impacts cannot be estimated.

Election expenditure impact — existing appropriations. This bill includes a referred measure that will appear before voters at the November 2022 general election. While no additional appropriation is required, certain election costs are incurred by the state when ballot measures are referred. These include reimbursing counties for certain election costs; publishing the text and title of the measure in newspapers across the state; and preparing and mailing the Blue Book.

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