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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Snyder; Joseph Sen. Exum	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: WILDFIRE EVACUATION & CLEARANCE TIME MODELING

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires the Department of Public Safety to conduct a study investigating the integration of evacuation and clearance time modeling in local emergency management plans. The bill increases state and local expenditures in FY 2023-24.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$45,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

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

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1075**

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$45,000	-
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$6,750	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to conduct a study investigating the integration of evacuation and clearance time modeling in local emergency management plans. The study will assess the technology needed to assist with evacuation and clearance time modeling, and evaluate the feasibility of requiring developers to perform time modeling for proposed developments in a wildfire risk area. The study must be completed on or before December 1, 2023, and the DPS will report the study's findings to relevant committees during the 2024 legislative session.

State Expenditures

Department of Public Safety. The DPS will require a contractor to conduct the study at a cost of \$45,000. This estimate assumes about 250 hours of contractor time at an average rate of \$180 per hour. This figure is based on the cost of consultants from contracts currently in place in the OEM and an estimation of the total hours required to perform this study. The OEM and its contractor will identify and assess the availability of time modeling technology, and catalogue the various platforms that could potentially be used by developers. The study will also examine the practical and economic impacts of mandating developers to perform time modeling, including factors affecting developers such as the size of proposed developments, existing transportation infrastructure, geography, and land use and transportation requirements.

Department of Local Affairs. The bill states that the Office of Emergency Management may collaborate with the Department of Local Affairs in undertaking the required study, in which case the bill could have a minimal, absorbable workload impact on the department.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Local Government

Local governments and agencies that collaborate with DPS on the study will have additional workload.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 12, 2023.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$45,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Local Affairs

Public Safety

Forest Service

Municipalities

Regulatory Agencies

Information Technology

Natural Resources