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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Vigil; Bacon Sen. Winter F.	Bill Status:	House Energy & Environment
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Bill Topic:	OZONE SEASON TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY
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Summary of Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact. The bill updates the timeframe in which eligible transit agencies may designate their "ozone season" and clarifies the acceptable uses of grant money received to operate the Ozone Season Transit Grant Program. It is assessed as having no fiscal impact.
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Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.
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Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.
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Summary of Legislation

The bill updates the eligibility requirements of the Ozone Season Transit Grant Program. It allows an eligible transit agency that operates where ozone levels are typically highest during a period different than June 1 through August 31 to designate an alternate period for its "ozone season." The bill also clarifies acceptable uses for grant money, including marketing expenses and expanding free services or free routes.

Background

SB 22-180 established the Ozone Season Transit Grant Program in the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), and transferred \$28.0 million into the Ozone Season Transit Grant Program Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the CEO. The program was created to provide grants for free transit services during ozone season, defined as the period from June 1 through August 31 each year.

The CEO may provide grants of up to \$3.0 million to transit associations and \$11.0 million to the Regional Transportation District (RTD) each year. Grant funding may be used by transit associations for direct and indirect costs of establishing their own grant programs to provide funding to transit agencies. Transit associations and the RTD must submit a report to the CEO by December 1 of each year that they receive grant funding, with information about expanded transit services provided as a result of the grant funding.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill updates when and for what grant awards may be spent, but does not change the amount of grant funding in the program. This results in no change to state or local government revenue or expenditures. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Colorado Energy Office
State Auditor

Information Technology
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