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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Amabile Sen. Roberts; Jaquez Lewis	Bill Status:	House Trans. & Local Govt.
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Bill Topic: COUNTY AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT FIREARMS DISCHARGE

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

The bill expands the authority of a board of county commissioners to prohibit the discharge of firearms in unincorporated areas. The bill may increase local expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill expands the authority of a board of county commissioners to prohibit the discharge of firearms in unincorporated areas. The bill repeals the exemption in current law allowing the firing of guns on private property. Under current law, counties may prohibit firing of guns in designated areas with a minimum population density. This bill requires instead that designated areas have a minimum of 30 dwellings per square mile. A county ordinance may not prohibit the discharge of firearms in designated areas by peace officers, in indoor shooting galleries in private residences, or at a licensed shooting range.

Local Government

If counties choose to prohibit the discharge of firearms in unincorporated areas, workload and costs may increase. New ordinances may lead to an increase in enforcement, and therefore the workload for law enforcement, courts, and district attorneys; however, this increase is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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