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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Lynch; Duran Sen. Ginal; Will	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **EXTEND WILD HORSE POPULATION MANAGEMENT TIMELINE**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

This bill extends the authority of the Colorado Department of Agriculture to assist in the management of wild horse populations through December 31, 2025.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Department of Agriculture has the authority to assist the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in managing wild horse populations using fertility control management methods and supporting on-range stewardship to ensure the sustainability of wild horses. Current law repeals this authority on July 31, 2024.

This bill extends the repeal date to December 31, 2025.

State Expenditures

The bill extends spending of existing funding by the Colorado Department of Agriculture on wild horse management through FY 2025-26. The department received an appropriation of \$400,000 in FY 2023-24 to the Wild Horse Project Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the department. This funding will continue to support the Wild Horse Project Fund through the new repeal date of December 31, 2025.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 22, 2024.

State Appropriations

No appropriation is required. The Wild Horse Project Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Agriculture.

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture

Law

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit: leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes.