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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Ryden; Nordberg **Bill Status:** House Finance
 Sen. Carroll **Fiscal Analyst:** Louis Pino (303-866-3556)

BILL TOPIC: CONTINUE MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND TAX CHECK-OFF

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue	See State Revenue and Expenditure section.	
State Expenditures		
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill extends the voluntary contribution designation (or income tax checkoff) benefitting the Military Family Relief Fund from tax year 2016 through income tax year 2020. Money from the military relief fund is used for emergency grants for financial hardships to members of the Colorado National Guard or reservists and their families when ordered to active military duty. Grants are also awarded to active duty military personnel stationed in Colorado and their family members when the active duty military member is deployed to a declared hostile fire zone.

Background

The Military Family Relief Fund first appeared on the 2005 income tax form and received donations for the 2005 through 2014 tax years. The checkoff is also available for the 2015 income tax year. Of the 15 income tax checkoffs that appeared on the 2014 tax form, total collections for this checkoff were the third highest of all contributions at \$101,040 from 5,962 returns. Monies in the fund are transferred to the Colorado National Guard Foundation, a Colorado nonprofit organization. Table 1 provides a five-year history on money donated to the fund.

Table 1. Military Family Relief Fund			
Tax Years *	Number of Returns	Total Donations	Average Donation
2009	12,258	\$175,578	\$14.01
2010	12,080	163,967	13.57
2011	10,826	162,022	14.97
2012	9,870	150,521	15.25
2013	9,050	153,836	17.00
2014	<u>5,962</u>	<u>101,041</u>	<u>16.95</u>
(5-year avg.)	9,084	\$99,996	\$11.01

**Donation amounts are from January 1st to September 30th of each tax year.*

State Revenue and Expenditures

This bill does not impact General Fund revenue. Donations made to income tax checkoffs through the state income tax form are transferred from the Treasury to the fund's organization. These voluntary donations are exempt from TABOR revenue considerations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Revenue