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FISCAL NOTE

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Johnston; Sonnenberg

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BILL TOPIC: PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION & LANDOWNER AGREEMENT

Summary of Legislation

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Landowner Preference Program gives owners of agricultural land who make their property available for hunting the ability to apply for hunting licenses using a number of applications based on the acreage registered with the program. This bill clarifies that the preference program does not limit the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission from entering into an agreement with a private landowner for public hunting and fishing and including the issuance of a hunting license in that agreement.

The CPW Game Damage Program compensates landowners for damage caused by big game animals. This bill clarifies that the game damage program does not limit the commission's authority to negotiate the waiver of game damage eligibility in an agreement.

Assessment

This bill codifies current practice of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife commission when entering into certain agreements with landowners. As such it does not affect the workload, revenue, or expenditures of the Department of Natural Resources and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

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.

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