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# FISCAL NOTE

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Lundberg; Cooke	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate Agriculture
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**Bill Topic:** PROHIBIT CO INVOLVEMENT CLIMATE ALLIANCE

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

This bill prohibits the Governor from entering into a state-level climate collaboration to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. If the Governor has already entered into a collaboration, the Governor is required to withdraw from the collaboration and cease all executive branch activities in conjunction with the collaboration.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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

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## Summary of Legislation

This bill prohibits the Governor from entering into a state-level climate collaboration that attempts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions or otherwise promote the goals of the Paris Agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. If the Governor has already entered into a state-level climate collaboration, the bill requires the Governor to withdraw from the collaboration and cease all executive branch activities in conjunction with the collaboration.

## Background

**United States Climate Alliance.** In July 2017, Colorado joined the United States Climate Alliance which is a bipartisan coalition of states working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the objectives of the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change. Member states commit to implement policies to reduce greenhouse gas emission by at least 26-28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025, and promote the development of clean energy.

**Executive Order D 2017-015.** Governor Hickenlooper issued Executive Order D 2017-015, which included the following statewide goals:

- reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 26 percent by 2025, as compared to 2005 levels;

- reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the electricity sector by 25 percent by 2025, as compared to 2012 levels; and
- reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the electricity sector by 35 percent by 2030, as compared to 2012 levels.

### **State Expenditures**

This bill will impact workload and expenditures for a number of state agencies beginning in FY 2018-19, but such impacts are not estimated. Because the Governor has already joined the United States Climate Alliance, the Governor's Office will need to withdraw from the alliance, identify all executive branch activities associated with the state-level climate collaboration, and direct agencies to cease those activities. The fiscal note assumes that statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions not related to the United States Climate Alliance will continue.

The state climate change specialist, housed in the Department of Natural Resources, will have a reduction in workload and expenditures associated with the state-level-climate collaboration. To the extent that the specialist would have travel costs related to the United States Climate Alliance, those expenditures will be eliminated. Currently, the specialist's travel costs are paid by external entities and to a lesser extent, from the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund. No other state funds have been identified as being directed towards the state-level climate collaboration.

### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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