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Bill Topic: DISPLAY ORIGINAL COLORADO CONSTITUTION IN CAPITOL

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
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- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires the state archivist to provide a permanent public display of the original Colorado Constitution in the state Capitol building. This bill will increase state expenditures for one-time costs in FY 2019-20 and maintenance costs on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2019-20, the bill requires an appropriation of \$69,230 to the Department of Personnel and Administration.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-075

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund), Transfers, and TABOR Refund (General Fund).

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the state archivist to develop and implement a plan to provide a permanent public display of the original Colorado Constitution in the state Capitol building by January 1, 2020. This bill requires the plan to be approved by the Capitol Building Advisory Committee and the Capital Development Committee. The Colorado State Archives must provide for the construction and maintenance of the display along with the protection and preservation of the Constitution itself. Finally, this bill provides State Archives the authority to accept and spend gifts or grants, in addition to any state appropriations, for the display.

Background

The Colorado Constitution is a 40-page manuscript written on machine-made ledger paper and bound with a 12-page document that includes the minutes of the State Constitutional Convention. The Colorado State Archives in the Department of Personnel and Administration is the legal custodian of the original Colorado Constitution. The Constitution is currently on loan through December 2022 and available for public viewing at History Colorado in Denver. The room in which the Constitution is currently on display has temperature and climate controls, protective lighting, additional security, and requires museum archivists to periodically turn the pages to ensure the continued preservation of the document.

State Revenue

To the extent that the state receive gifts or grants for the project, state revenue will increase. No source of gifts or grants has been identified at the time of this writing. Gifts are exempt from TABOR.

State Expenditures

This bill increases state General Fund expenditures in the Department of Personnel and Administration by \$69,230 in FY 2019-2020 and by \$3,390 in FY 2020-21 and future years. These impacts are shown in Table 2 and discussed below.

**Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 19-075**

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Department of Personnel and Administration		
Appraisal of Colorado Constitution	\$5,000	-
Custom Design & Build Archival Display Case	\$53,300	-
Archival Premium Viewing Lighting	\$2,900	-
Security Cameras Installation	\$2,700	-
Permanent Installation	\$5,330	-
Annual Maintenance Costs	-	\$3,390
Total Cost	\$69,230	\$3,390

Department of Personnel and Administration. To assist in the continued preservation of the document, the Constitution display case would require UV light protection, a temperature control system, and a microclimate generator-humidity control system. The location of the display would also require special lighting. To ensure the safety of the Colorado Constitution, the display requires a security lock and alarm and the installation of three additional security cameras. These costs are expected to total \$69,230 in FY 2019-20. Ongoing annual maintenance costs are estimated to be \$3,390.

Department of Public Safety. The security measures discussed above would be in addition to the security needed whenever the document is removed from the case to turn pages periodically or transfer the document. The Colorado State Patrol in the Department of Public Safety manages Capitol security. The fiscal note assumes that additional security measures will be handled by existing security detail at the Capitol and therefore no change in appropriation is required for this agency.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$69,230 to the Department of Personnel and Administration for FY 2019-2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

Personnel and Administration

Public Safety