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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Hisey; Sonnenberg Rep. Valdez D.; Catlin	Bill Status:	Senate Agriculture
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Bill Topic: SUNSET PROCESS SEED POTATO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Sunset bill. This bill continues the Seed Potato Advisory Committee in the Department of Agriculture, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2019. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only minimal workload for the Department of Agriculture to continue the committee indefinitely.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill continues the Seed Potato Advisory Committee in the Department of Agriculture (CDA), which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2019, and implements recommendations from the Department of Regulatory Agencies sunset review. Under this bill, the advisory committee is continued indefinitely, but if Senate Bill 19-147 is passed, the committee will be included in the sunset review of the Colorado Seed Potato Act which will be scheduled to repeal September 1, 2028. The bill makes changes to the membership of the committee by replacing the CDA member with a potato grower who does not grow seed potatoes, and repealing the requirement that the sitting president of the Colorado Certified Potato Growers be on the committee.

Background

Senate Bill 10-072 created the Colorado Seed Potato Act which requires potato growers who plant one or more acres of potatoes to use certified seed potatoes, with some exceptions. The bill also created the 9-member Seed Potato Advisory Committee, and specified their duties which includes advising the Commissioner of Agriculture, assisting in the determination of the availability of potatoes, and recommending whether to grant permission to plant uncertified seed potatoes. Advisory committee members receive no compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

Continuing Program Impacts

The Seed Potato Advisory Committee has no revenue or expenditures and requires minimal workload by the CDA. If this bill is enacted, current workload will continue for CDA to attend committee meetings starting in FY 2020-21. If this bill is not enacted, the committee will end on September 1, 2019, and the CDA will have a minimal reduction in workload.

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 and Local Government Contacts

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