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Bill Topic: SUNSET PUBLIC LIVESTOCK MARKETS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" 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

Sunset bill. This bill continues the regulation of public livestock markets in the Department of Agriculture, which is scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2019. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only the continuation of the program's current revenue and expenditures. The program is continued through September 1, 2034.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB-150***

New Impacts		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-
Continuing Program Impacts		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue	Cash Funds	-	\$750,000
Expenditures	Cash Funds	-	\$750,000
	FTE	-	11.0 FTE
TABOR Refund		-	-

* Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill, and the continuing impacts from extending the program beyond its current repeal date. Because the bill continues a program without making any changes, there are no new impacts. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.

Summary of Legislation

This bill continues the regulation of public livestock markets in the Department of Agriculture (CDA) which is scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2019, until September 1, 2034, and implements recommendations from the Department of Regulatory Agencies sunset review. The recommendations include modifications to the licensing process and the repeal of the provisions that require the State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners to regulate public livestock market sanitation.

Background

The State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners (Brand Board) in the CDA, licenses public livestock markets. Colorado currently has 34 public livestock markets where horses, mules, cattle, burros, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, and alternative livestock (non-traditional animals) are offered for sale. Livestock markets pay an annual licensing fee of \$200. The Brand Board also charges inspection fees for livestock only passing through the markets and brand book assessment fees. The Brand Board is a Type 1, cash-funded enterprise, so its revenue is not subject to TABOR. The Brand Board does not explicitly segregate revenue and expenditures according to its separate tasks and operates from one fund based on all the animal inspection fees it receives from all sources. As such, revenue and expenditures are estimated for the regulation of public livestock markets.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's FY 2019-20 budget request, the Department of Agriculture is expected to have estimated revenue and expenditures of \$750,000 and 11.0 FTE to regulate public livestock markets. If this bill is enacted, current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2020-21. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on July 1, 2020, following a wind-down period, and state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2020-21 by the amounts shown in Table 1.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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