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**FISCAL NOTE**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 20-0524  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Roberts; Will

**Date:** February 21, 2020  
**Bill Status:** House Rural Affairs  
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**Bill Topic:** **SUNSET COAL MINE BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

**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.** The bill continues the Coal Mine Board of Examiners in the Department of Natural Resources, which is scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2020. 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, 2029.

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

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

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under HB-1208\***

New Impacts		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-
Continuing Program Impacts		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue	Cash Funds	-	\$2,669
	<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,669</b>
Expenditures	Cash Funds	-	\$26,174
	Federal Funds	-	\$98,464
	<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$124,638</b>
	<b>FTE</b>	-	<b>1.0 FTE</b>
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 certification and regulation of individuals working in coal mines by the Coal Mine Board of Examiners (board) in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) until September 1, 2029. The program is currently scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2020. The bill includes modifications to the program related to clarity and modernization or elimination of obsolete terms.

## **Background**

Federal law requires employees of coal mines to be certified. Colorado's certification program is administered by the board in the DNR. The board set standards for, trains, and certifies employees at coal mines to ensure safety and compliance with federal law. The board is authorized to take disciplinary actions when necessary. DNR staff work with the board to assist in carrying out its duties. If the board's authority is not renewed, individual certification would be administered by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

## **Continuing Program Impacts**

The DNR is expected to have annual revenue of \$2,669 and expenditures of \$124,638 and 1.0 FTE to support the board. If this bill is enacted, current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2021-22. This continuing revenue is subject to the state TABOR limits. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on July 1, 2021, following a wind-down period, and state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2021-22 by the amounts shown in Table 1. The fiscal note does not identify any change to TABOR refunds because the revenue is already accounted for in the LCS revenue forecast.

## **Effective Date**

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

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Natural Resources