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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Lontine; Lynch Bill Status: House Agriculture
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Bill Topic: MONEY TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURAL EVENTS ORGANIZATIONS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue (unchecked)
State Expenditure (checked)
State Transfer (checked)
TABOR Refund (unchecked)
Local Government (checked)
Statutory Public Entity (unchecked)

The bill creates the Agricultural Events Relief Program in the Department of Agriculture and provides funding for the Colorado State Fair and National Western Stock Show. It increases state expenditures for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2020-21, the bill appropriates \$9.0 million to the Department of Agriculture.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 21-1262

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Current Year FY 2020-21, Budget Year FY 2021-22, Out Year FY 2022-23. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Cash Funds, Total Expenditures), Transfers (General Fund, Cash Funds, Net Transfer), and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Agricultural Events Relief Program in the Department of Agriculture (CDA) to provide COVID-19 relief payments to agricultural events organizations and provides funding for the Colorado State Fair and National Western Stock Show. The CDA is authorized to spend up to \$100,000 to administer the relief program or contract with a third-party. The Commissioner of Agriculture will develop eligibility criteria and report on the program at the CDA SMART Act hearing. The bill makes \$9.0 million in appropriations for FY 2020-21, that are further appropriated for FY 2021-22.

State Transfers

The bill transfers \$3.5 million from the General Fund to the Colorado State Fair Authority Cash Fund in FY 2020-21.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase expenditures for the CDA by \$9.0 million between FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to provide relief to agricultural events organizations, and to fund the state fair and National Western Stock Show. The CDA will conduct a stakeholder process to inform the Commissioner's development of eligibility criteria. The funding for the National Western Stock Show will help them cover losses and the funding for the State Fair will likely be used for maintenance and projects.

Local Government

Local county fairs that are awarded grants by the CDA will have an increase in expenditures.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill appropriates to the Department of Agriculture:

- \$5.5 million from the General Fund; and
- \$3.5 million from the Colorado State Fair Authority Cash Fund.

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture Information Technology