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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Lontine; Lynch Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: MONEY TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURAL EVENTS ORGANIZATIONS

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

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 \$35.5 million to the Department of Agriculture.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted 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 \$35.5 million in appropriations for FY 2020-21, that are further appropriated for FY 2021-22.

State Transfers

The bill transfers \$5.0 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 \$35.5 million between FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to provide relief to agricultural events organizations, the National Western Stock Show, and the state fair. The CDA will conduct a stakeholder process to inform the Commissioner's development of eligibility criteria. The National Western Stock Show will receive \$25.0 million for campus construction \$3.5 million for support or aid. The state fair will likely be use its \$5.0 million appropriation for maintenance and projects.

Local Government

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

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 29, 2021.

State Appropriations

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

- \$30.5 million from the General Fund; and
- \$5.0 million from the Colorado State Fair Authority Cash Fund.

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture

Information Technology