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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Story; Danielson	Bill Status:	Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: **SKI AREA SAFETY PLANS & ACCIDENT REPORTING**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input 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

The bill updates the Ski Safety Act of 1979 and places new requirements on ski area operators for safety planning, and injury and accident reporting. It minimally increases state workload.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect..

Summary of Legislation

The bill renames and updates the Ski Safety Act of 1979. No later than September 30, 2021, ski area operators must create and maintain a safety plan that is accessible on the operator's website and must be available in printed form if requested. No later than September 30, 2022, operators of ski areas with at least 500 feet of vertical drop and at least one non-surface chair lift must produce a death and injury report for the preceding season. The bill specifies the data to be collected and presented in the report. Operators are also required to create and maintain an online accident report and make the report available to any person on request. Failure to publish a safety plan or required report or provide accident data is grounds for discipline by the Colorado Passenger Tramway Safety Board in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

State Expenditures

The bill may minimally increase workload for the Passenger Tramway Safety Board in DORA to conduct outreach and education concerning ski area operator requirements. The board will also respond to complaints when a ski area operator fails to meet the requirements. The bill may also minimally increase workload in the courts if additional data reporting leads to an increase in civil filings. Neither of these efforts requires additional appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on April 15, 2021.

State and Local Government Contacts

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