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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Donovan Rep. Hooton	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:**                   **VERSIONS OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION**

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<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<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

The bill requires the State Archivist to submit a proposal to the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee for the creation of a permanent public of the original Colorado Constitution in the state capitol building and to provide educational opportunities. The bill increases state workload in FY 2022-23 only.

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

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

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the State Archivist in the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) to submit a proposal to the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee for:

- the creation of a permanent display of the original Colorado Constitution in the state capitol building;
- an online educational exhibition of the Colorado Constitution including all amendments; and
- opportunities to provide updated physical copies of the Constitution within state offices.

The State Archivist, in partnership with History Colorado, is required to contract with an online exhibit design company to determine best practices for the display and online exhibition, and to submit the proposal by February 28, 2023. The State Archivist is authorized to solicit, accept, and expend bequests, gifts, grants, and donations to accomplish these requirements. The bill prohibits appropriations from the General Fund or any cash fund.

## **Background**

The Colorado Constitution is a 40-page manuscript written on machine-made ledger paper and bound with a 12-page document that includes the minutes of the State Constitutional Convention. The Colorado State Archives in the DPA is the legal custodian of the document. The constitution is currently on loan through December 2022, and available for public viewing, at the History Colorado Center in Denver. The room in which the constitution is currently on display has temperature and climate controls, protective lighting, additional security, and requires museum archivists to periodically turn the pages to ensure the continued preservation of the document.

The Secretary of State and the Colorado General Assembly, currently maintain searchable electronic copies of the Colorado Constitution that are available to the public free-of-charge. The links are: [https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/info\\_center/laws/COConstitution/ColoradoConstitution.pdf](https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/info_center/laws/COConstitution/ColoradoConstitution.pdf) and <https://leg.colorado.gov/colorado-constitution>.

## **State Revenue**

The bill may increase state revenue from bequests, gifts, grants, and donations however, no sources have been identified at this time. Bequests, gifts, grants, and donations are exempt from TABOR revenue limits.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases workload for the DPA and History Colorado as explained below.

The State Archivist in the DPA and staff of History Colorado will collaborate on meeting the requirements of the bill. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations. Costs to contract with an online exhibit design company, display the Colorado Constitution, and provide educational opportunities are assumed to be funded with gifts, grants and donations.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 20, 2022, and takes effect August 9, 2022, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

History Colorado  
Personnel

Information Technology  
State

Legal Services