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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Sonnenberg; Kolker Rep. Pelton	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **EQUIP WIND TURBINE AIRCRAFT DETECTION LIGHTING SYSTEM**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires the installation of aircraft detection lighting systems on wind-powered generation facilities. It may increase local government revenue and expenditures beginning in FY 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the owner or operator of any new wind-powered energy generation facility subject to land-use permitting requirements to install lighting mitigating technology, except for those used solely for research and testing. The bill authorizes a board of county commissioners to impose by ordinance a civil penalty for violations. Any contiguous counties and any municipalities in those counties may enter into an intergovernmental agreement for a shared ordinance.

Local Government

Beginning in FY 2022-23, expenditures may increase in local governments that elect to adopt ordinances, enter into intergovernmental agreements, or to inspect wind-powered generation facilities, as allowed by the bill. To the extent that violations occur, revenue will increase to local governments from civil penalties.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 8, 2022, and it took effect on August 9, 2022.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Local Affairs

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