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Memorandum***

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Assessment of Proposed Amendments L.007 and L.008 to HB 24-1174

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendments L.007 and L.008 to HB24-1174. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of these amendments only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

Summary of Proposed Amendments

Amendment L.007. Among other provisions, Amendment L.007 moves duties created by the introduced bill regarding the verification of firearms instructors from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) to local county sheriffs, and allows sheriffs to charge a fee on instructors for this verification instead of the CBI. Additionally, the amendment allows for judicial review of a sheriff's decision to deny, suspend, or revoke an instructor verification.

Amendment L.008. Amendment L.008 strikes requirements that written tests for initial and refresher concealed handgun training classes be developed or adopted by any entity, and instead only requires that written tests evaluate a student's knowledge of information specified in the bill.

Fiscal Impact of Amendments

Together, Amendment L.007 and L.008:

- eliminate the revenue and expenditures for the CDPS identified in the fiscal note dated February 9, 2024, as the CBI will no longer be required to develop concealed handgun class curriculum and implement and administer an instructor verification program;
- create new revenue and workload impacts for county sheriffs, which are funded locally; and
- create a new workload impact for the Judicial Department related to judicial review.



Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment

State Revenue and Expenditures

As amended by Amendments L.007 and L.008, the bill no longer requires an appropriation to the CDPS, nor does it tangibly impact state revenue. The addition of judicial review for instructor verification denials, suspensions, and revocations may increase revenue from filing fees and workload for trial courts in the Judicial Department. Since judicial review is already allowed for concealed handgun permits and it is assumed that most instructors will follow the law, any increase is expected to be minimal.

Local Government

Requiring sheriffs to administer instructor verification for the instructors in their counties will increase local government revenue and costs. Sheriffs may impose a fee on instructors to cover costs to process applications and renewals. This fee revenue is anticipated to partially offset workload impacts; however, sheriffs may have additional workload to revoke or suspend instructor verifications as necessary. Exact impacts will vary by jurisdiction.