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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **EXTEND WILD HORSE POPULATION MANAGEMENT TIMELINE**

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

This bill extends the authority of the Colorado Department of Agriculture to assist in the management of wild horse populations through December 31, 2025.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as recommended by the Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Department of Agriculture has the authority to assist the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in managing wild horse populations using fertility control management methods and supporting on-range stewardship to ensure the sustainability of wild horses. Current law repeals this authority on July 31, 2024.

This bill extends the repeal date to December 31, 2025.

State Expenditures

The bill extends spending of existing funding by the Colorado Department of Agriculture on wild horse management through FY 2025-26. The department received an appropriation of \$400,000 in FY 2023-24 to the Wild Horse Project Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the department. This funding will continue to support the Wild Horse Project Fund through the new repeal date of December 31, 2025.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

No appropriation is required. The Wild Horse Project Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Agriculture.

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture

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