

Colorado Legislative Council Staff

HB17-1068

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Benavidez Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely

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BILL TOPIC: PREVAILING WAGES FOR CDOT PUB-PRIVATE INITIATIVES

Summary of Legislation

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is currently authorized to enter into public-private partnerships for transportation infrastructure projects. The bill would have required CDOT to only consider public-private partnership proposals that anticipate using federal moneys if such proposals met or exceeded the requirements of the federal Davis Bacon Act.

Background

The federal Davis Bacon Act requires that locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits be paid to workers in qualifying occupations for federal construction contracts that cost more than \$2,000. The U.S. Department of Labor determines the locally prevailing wage rates. Fringe benefits include things like medical insurance and retirement plans. The Davis Bacon Act prevailing wage provisions also apply to construction projects that receive federal assistance through grants, loans, loan guarantees, and insurance. Most CDOT projects are required to meet the provisions of the Davis Bacon Act because they involve federal funds. CDOT already ensures that projects with a federal funding component, including for public-private initiatives, adhere to the requirements of the Davis Bacon Act.

Summary of Assessment

The bill would not have affected the revenue, expenditures, or workload of any state agency or local government so was assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Transportation Committee on February 21, 2017.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties Municipalities Transportation Information Technology Regional Transportation District