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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. McCormick; Caraveo	Bill Status:	House Agriculture
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Bill Topic: **AGRICULTURAL HOUSING PUBLIC HEALTH COVID EMERGENCY**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<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

This bill clarifies that protections related to housing requirements for agricultural workers apply only during a statewide public health emergency related to COVID-19. The bill also includes alternative protections related to housing as identified by the Department of Public Health and Environment. The bill may decrease state revenue beginning in FY 2022-23 and will increase workload in FY 2022-23 only.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, an agricultural employer is required to meet specific housing requirements for agricultural workers during a public health emergency. This bill clarifies that these requirements apply only during a statewide public health emergency related to COVID-19. The bill also includes alternative protections related to housing as identified by the Department of Public Health and Environment.

Assumptions

Because the bill narrows the scope of a public health emergency to one related to COVID-19, and expands protective housing options for agricultural employers, the fiscal note assumes that judicial review of administrative actions and compliance actions will be reduced.

State Revenue

To the extent the bill reduces civil and criminal case filings, state revenue from fees to multiple cash funds may decrease beginning in FY 2022-23. This fee revenue is subject to TABOR.

State Expenditures

The Department of Labor and Employment will have an increase in workload to update its outreach materials and reference materials for agricultural employers and workers regarding housing during a public health emergency. This workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

To the extent that fewer cases are filed, workload for the trial courts in the Judicial Department will decrease. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture
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Public Health and Environment

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