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Rep. Hodge**Bill Status:** Senate Agriculture**Fiscal Analyst:** Steve Tammeus (303-866-2756)

TITLE: CONCERNING LIMITED DISTRIBUTION OF RAW MILK TO CONSUMERS WHO HAVE A CONSENSUAL OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PRODUCERS.**Summary of Assessment**

This bill specifies conditions by which a person may acquire and consume raw milk from a farm or dairy registered with the Department of Agriculture. The bill prescribes the content of the registration. The bill authorizes Colorado State University (CSU) to establish advisory standards for the production of raw milk, and requires those standards to be made available to consumers by the farmer, dairy person, farm, or dairy. The bill holds CSU harmless from any liability if a person contracts any illness as a result of consuming raw milk. The bill prohibits the consumer from reselling or redistributing raw milk, and prohibits the producer from advertising the availability of raw milk or disparaging pasteurized milk. The bill will become effective upon the signature of the Governor.

The Department of Agriculture will be able to register raw milk producers, and CSU will be able to rewrite the current Grade A milk standards to specify a production process within existing budgetary resources.

This bill will not affect state or local revenue or expenditures, and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Agriculture

Higher Education

Public Health and Environment